



The Cornpicker

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DATE/TIME/ PLACE: June 10, 2008 - 12 noon at Marchelloni's

ATTENDANCE: 18 plus Chuck Schoop & Chuck Goodwin

LOTTO: F. Wing & T. Taylor

ACTION ON THE AVENUES

CLUB SERVICE

The Buick is outside of Marchelloni's. Come take a look.

Programs:

- 6/17 - Steve Walters - Kitwe, Zambia
- 6/24 - Barb Schlatter - Peace Corp
- 7/01 - Mark Steffen - FedEx Pilot & Turn over of Gavel by Keith to Josh



Membership:

Our year is ending June 30. Please pay up so we can close out the year.

We received a thank you from the Library.

Quips & Quotes

Storms make trees take deeper roots.

Claude McDonald, The Christian Word



Golf Outing
 June 28th at Urbana
 See Keith.

AREA CLUB MEETINGS

Bloomington	12:00 Noon	Thursday	Elks Club
Gibson City	6:45 a.m.	Wednesday	The Country Kettle
Gilman	6:05 p.m.	Tuesday	Gilman Lounge
Lincoln	11:50 a.m.	Wednesday	Elks Country Club
Normal	12:00 Noon	Wednesday	Bone Student Center
Piper City	6:15 p.m.	Monday	Azz Izz Tavern

PONTIAC FLOOD



Chuck is the Livingston Co. Zoning Admin., ESDA Director and Solid Waste Manager to name a few of his hats. What do you do in case of an emergency? Chuck passed out "Are You Ready?"

- 200 pages on how to get prepared. You can also go on the web site of FEMA and get more information. As noted in this handout, there are several things like floods, tornados, and even earthquakes. We have 15 sets of petroleum pipes running through Livingston Co. We have several hazardous materials on the railroads and by truck. This is our first flood in a number of years.

We have found that the protocol has changed since 1982. As a whole, the county did a wonderful job. On Jan 7, it was felt Pontiac was in trouble. It started in S.E. Liv. Co. and by Monday afternoon the flood was projected. Saunamin was the first to get hit. Pontiac has to notify the region first - Champaign for the state to respond for assistance. Champaign was in Watseka so we ended up with Grundy County.

Help resourses consisted of 2,000 sand bags, the Red Cross opened up a shelter, schools closed and made food available for the Red Cross. A lot of restaurants donated food. I.E.M.A. got I.D.O.T. to help with trucks and man power. Man power

came from the correctional institutes. The females worked the hardest - in return they got a hot meal. They first had to call I.E.M.A. to get a disaster assessment. Then FEMA had to come in for one. The Red Cross when called went all out. Homeland Security had funded a R.M.E.T. Unit. This was a hospital on trailers. They only had one fatality, an electrocution. Nicor gas worked with them (Bernie Anderson). The Co. Health Dept. was giving free tetanus shots. Pontiac Hwy. helped, Futures Unlimited was a staging area. Many churches and restaurants helped. The problem is you do not know what FEMA really wants. FEMA sent 2 teams, said we met the threshold area bud did not declare it a disaster? So Mayor McCoy went to Washington and finally got funding. We had to put both Livingston & Iroquois Co. together to make it work. Liv. Co. had 600 people and Iroquois 1100. \$3.5 million resident and 1 million in business along with a lot of other help. They also set up a long-term recovery team to assist the needy ones with no insurance. Churches stepped in and helped along with other groups.

Flood insurance "buy it!" In 1978 Liv. Co. adopted the flood insurance program. They are currently registered in the program as of Jan this year. Other groups helping were ILEAS and Public works Mutual Aid. You see a lot of mental Health problems and anxiety and frustration. IHR and the churches helped a lot in this area.

