



The Cornpicker

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2009 - 2010 Officers

President Josh Clemons
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DATE/TIME/PLACE: April 6, 2010 - 12:00 noon at Marchelloni's

ATTENDANCE: 20 + Darren Ropp, Samantha Ropp,
 Micah Zehr, Trent Kilgus and Lyle Schaffer

LOTTO: Bob Nussbaum & Becky Whitfill

**PERFECT
ATTENDANCE**

Mark Steffen

Sorry Phil - you have to be present to win!

ACTION ON THE AVENUES

CLUB SERVICE

Programs:

- 4/13 - OPEN
- 4/20 - OPEN
- 4/27 - Prairie Central #8

Quips & Quotes

*The distance is nothing. It's only the first
step that's important.*

Marie Anne DeVicky-Chamrond

Perfectionism is self-abuse of the highest order.

Anne Wilson Schaefer

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Voted to give \$50.00 to Library for Summer Reading program.

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

FFA Dairy Judging Team

Darren Ropp & Team



This team is the National Champ of Dairy Judging. Darren feels the strength of this program lies in the stability of the P.C. program. He has been

here 25 years and hired Kyle and Greg. They have seen no turnover. The first competition was the Dairy Expo. The forage team won first place, production 7th and dairy judging 6th. They have several projects going like the home show. It has 82 booths and ran out of food with 650 meals served. The Ag power class rebuilt Max Armstrong's tractor and 2 others, thanks to Jon Goembel setting this up. Max came to the Auction with his T.V. crew. The Hog Roast was a big success. Micah Zehr is in the top 5 in the Nation with Dairy Placement. They receive great support. They went to Sectional with Mechanics Management, Dairy and Livestock. The Ag Dept. has 485 kids in it of which 80 are in FFA. This year they won the Nationals by 40 points which is huge. Trent

Kilgus is our National Champion. He explained that in January they start preparing for Sectionals. You have to win this to go to State. At State they won in 6 classes and a couple odd numbers. For the Nationals they worked hard with the U of I and visited 15 farms on Saturdays. Micah Zehr took individual tests and analyzed them. They had to analyze herds and answer 15 questions and compare herds. They had multiple choice questions, team problems, barn sheets. They had records and had to break them down. Lyle Schaffer was over pedigree, sire and linear of the cow. Linear is the size, the feet, etc. of the cow. The sire is the bull's and pedigree - the production and butter fat. Samantha Ropp - over judging of cows. They have 3 rings of 4 cows and 12 min. to judge and memorize reasons. They then go before 3 judges and give the reasons. Their worst wait is not knowing overnight. They have a banquet in the morning and announce bronze, silver and gold, then top team. Samantha was #2 in the individual with Trent #1. Each member gets a \$1,000 scholarship for winning.

This year they get to go to Scotland for 3 days, then London, Paris, Luxemburg, Germany and the Air Shire College.

