



# The Cornpicker

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**DATE/TIME/PLACE:** August 17, 2010 - 12:00 noon at Marchelloni's

**ATTENDANCE:** 28+ Andy Schoendienst, Sherrie Schmidgall, Todd Webster & Craig Monson

**LOTTO:** Terry Casson & Louis Retter

## **ACTION ON THE AVENUES**

### **CLUB SERVICE**

**Programs:**

8/24 - Charlie  
 8/31 - Dist. Gov. Ray Ropp

Open dates for programs - Oct. 19 & 26, Nov. 9, Dec. 21 & 28, Jan. 4 & 11 - then to Feb. is all Open.

### **Bit's & Pieces**

**Whatever you want to do, do it now. There are only so many tomorrows.**  
 .....Michael Landon

### **AREA CLUB MEETINGS**

Bloomington	12:00 Noon	Thurs.	Elks Club
Gibson City	6:45 a.m.	Wed.	The Country Kettle
Gilman	6:05 p.m.	Tues.	Gilman Lounge
Lincoln	11:50 a.m.	Wed.	Elks Country Club
Normal	12:00 Noon	Wed.	Bone Student Center

Deb shared the following information:



### **HELP THE CHILDREN OF HAITI**

On January 12, 2010, a series of earthquakes ranging from magnitude 6.5 - 7.3 struck the island nation of Haiti, killing an estimated 200,000 people, and forcing 3 million Haitians to cope with the loss of loved ones, homes, schools and livelihoods. The earthquakes and their aftershocks, which repeatedly hit just outside the country's capital city Port-au-Prince, reduced most buildings to rubble and left an estimated 1.2 million people instantly homeless. It is a monumental catastrophe, inflicting massive damage and suffering in Haiti—already the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere.

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# Fairbury Fair



**The Fair Board:** Jim is President! They have an outstanding relationship with the board, community & Luehr Rides. Todd Webster is V.P. He has been on the board for 11 years - 3 years on the race track and currently runs the beer stand. Craig Monson is Secretary. He's been on the board for 9 years running the grandstands, pop machines, etc. The same board runs the Saturday Night races. Sherry Schmidgall has been on the board 10 years- first starting as Fair Manager, then on the board. She used to show sheep and her kids did also. She wanted to keep the tradition going. This is why the fair is 134 years old. They put in a lot of hours behind the scenes with 5 days of Fair and the races bringing in revenue to our community.

The Fair is a Not-for-Profit organization. Their goal is to bring in good wholesome family entertainment. Wednesday is the Demo Derby. This brings in a good start for the fair. These people come no matter the time, day or night. Thursday is the Talent Show. This year they have 27 acts. Friday is the Shot Gun Red Show with Steve Hall making a trio. It is a lot of country acts and humor. Also Friday is the Eucher tournament. Saturday night is race night. Several of the tracks

around are closed - Farmer City, Lincoln, etc. Attendance has been up. Sunday is the Truck & Tractor Pull. This year the commercial displays are up.

Andy is the President of Luehr Rides. As he said, he becomes a citizen of Fairbury for one week. The fair business is alive and well. They have 28 events this year. Some of the large fairs are starting to



go away. The economy is very difficult. They have been in the business for 60 years. People are scared to spend money but are staying home. He has seen the ride business increase by 20% and turn around and lose 40% due to weather. New rides for this year - Beach Party & Wiggle Worm. Their prices have not changed. People demand quality. They employ 89 people and with their family, they travel with 100 total. They begin in March in Florida and end in October in Little Rock, Arkansas. He thanked the community especially the Baptist Church for their hospitality of Tuesday Night Pot Luck.



The need goes on...

The American Red Cross of the Heartland RED CROSS ROCKS! Youth club is partnering with the Haitian Relief Task Force of Miami to collect items for Haitian children. These children live in the mountains of Haiti, where it can be cooler and are in need of warm clothing, school supplies and formula.

Please donate BY SEPTEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>, any of the below supplies to be collected, driven to Miami where they will be shipped to Haiti by the Task Force. Monetary donations to defer the shipping costs are gladly accepted:

- Warm clothing (not coats) for children ages birth to 15
- Baby formulas
- Child size blankets and sheets
- School supplies (paper, pencils, crayons)
- Cash or checks to American Red Cross of the Heartland (for Haiti Relief)