



# The Cornpicker

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**DATE/TIME/PLACE:** Aug 30, 2011 - 12:00 noon at Marchelloni's

**ATTENDANCE:** 23 plus Judge Paul Lawrence & Bill Caisley (Normal Rotary)

**LOTTO:** Becky Whitfill & Steve (Dean) Weeks

## ACTION ON THE AVENUES

### CLUB SERVICE

Next Week!



Take a stroll down the old streets of Fairbury as Dean gives you a glimpse of Fairbury from 1857 through 1960.

Programs:

- 09/13 - Eric Luedtke
- 09/20 - UE/JH/HS Music
- 09/27 - H.S. Fall Athletics
- 10/04 - Prairie Land Designs
- 10/11 - John Capasso - P.C. Finance
- 10/18 - OPEN
- 10/25 - OPEN

Membership

- D.G. Ron sent a thank you.
- Who is going to be our Pres-Elect?
- Sept. 13 - be here!



Carl Borngasser - 9/24  
 Bud Gerber - 9/11  
 Joan Smeltzer - 9/11

### INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Deb's Minutes: The Red Cross is there for Hurricane Irene. Marabeth Meis went to New Jersey. They have 9 locals that have gone to North Carolina, Mass. etc. 8,000 + helpers there. They put 48,000 up overnight, served 30,000 meals! They have 260 feeding vehicles there. The Red Cross and several other organizations are working together.

### 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





## **Circuit Judge Paul Lawrence**

Paul is a Circuit Judge from Bloomington. He is a Bloomington resident. Paul graduated from U of I in accounting, then got his C.P.A. and went to the University of Missouri and acquired his Law Degree. He came back to Bloomington to practice law with his Dad who was an Attorney for 50 years. He practiced law for 17 years in private practice before becoming a Public Defender. He handled 77 felony jury trials. In 2002 he became an Associate judge. Paul also was the President of the Bloomington Kiwanis Club and then the Lt. Gov. for one year for Illinois and East Iowa. He also was in the Young Men's Club, YMCA, Indian guides and coached, presently softball. He has been a judge for 8 1/2 years. A judge from the Supreme Court retiring recommended Paul for Circuit Judge and started this career. This is the position he will be running for today in the Civil Division 11th Dist. of McLean, Livingston, Woodford, Logan and Ford. They

currently have 20 judges, 11 in Bloomington and the other 9 spread out over the other counties.

His wife is a Divorce Lawyer. They have 5 kids, the oldest at the University of Missouri in Law School. John is a Junior at U of I, Tom is in high school along with twin girls at Bloomington High. In 2007 he attained a 98% approval rate to be retained. Paul told of the days when he was a Public Defender and was kicked in the head by his client. Civil court has a lot of foreclosures, medical malpractice, etc. Three out of four cases are criminal. You see a lot of bad people acting good, while in divorce court, you see a lot of good people acting bad. March is the Republican Primary. His term is up in 2012. This is a 6-year term for 5 counties. If he wins the next election you would vote rather to retain him. It takes 60% to stay.