



# The Cornpicker

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**DATE/TIME/ PLACE:** February 3, 2009

**ATTENDANCE:** 24 + Bruce & Chad Weber, Brad Crave, Darin Bazzell & Daton Kuperschmid

**LOTTO:** Chad Weber and Charlie McDonald

**PERFECT ATTENDANCE**

**Linda Weber**

Oops - Louis Retter would have won but not present!

## ACTION ON THE AVENUES

### CLUB SERVICE

**Programs:**

- 2/10 - Josh Bartallazi (Prairie Thunder Hockey)
- 2/17 - Terry Casson - Brian Barnhart
- 2/24 - CARES Clowns & H.S. CAPTAINS
- 3/03 - OPEN
- 3/10 - P.C. Music
- 3/17 - 3/31 - OPEN



Josh thanked us for allowing him to serve another term as President.

### Quips & Quotes

*Between saying and doing there is a long road.*  
*Spanish Proverb*

### 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



# Hawk Fever

Brad Crane, Daton & Darin



Twenty years ago P.C. Hawks fever was on with Charlie Strausberger and Brad Crane as coaches. This was our state finals team. The fans packed the gym for each game. Gary showed part of a video with Charlie talking about the team at State. As Brad said, Charlie ran 100% all the time. Brad kidded about Charlie being the Elmer Fudd from Kentucky.

The community backed the team as the members testified to them standing in freezing rain to get tickets. As Brad said, you may beat us but you'll have bruises and pains and you'll be tired.

*I just laid my pen down and listened. You had to be there! - Leroy*



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# Bits & Pieces

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For Margaret, this holiday season just didn't have the magic of previous years. Her grandchildren were busy with college and rarely called; her children were busy with work and rarely visited. For the first time since the death years ago of her husband George, Margaret felt lonely.



She went into the attic to get the Christmas ornaments, hoping the act of decorating would lift her mood. She noticed an old shoebox in the corner that she hadn't seen in years. Inside were the letters

she and George had written to each other during the war - long before they'd gotten married and raised a family. Reading those letters brought back the many wonderful years they'd spent together.

Then Margaret thought of a journal someone had given her last year that she'd never used and an idea came to her. She pulled out a bunch of old photo albums packed away in a box and searched for the journal on a bookshelf. She took everything to the kitchen table, including the shoebox of letters.

Margaret began pasting the letters into the journal along with pictures of George from his military service. She sifted

through the photo albums, choosing special photographs of "firsts" - their wedding, their home, each child, vacations - and ordinary moments caught on camera. Among these were the day she taught her daughter to bake a cake and the time her son wanted to help with the laundry but added too much soap powder to the washer.

Margaret started to laugh. Next to those pictures she wrote funny captions: "Lopsided but tasty," "Prince of Suds." She continued her work on the journal and pretty soon a real story began to develop from the photographs and the captions she gave them. Had she simply written in the journal a year ago as expected, her story could never have been as rich as it was right now.

Before she knew it, Margaret was out of pages and still had many more pictures to go through. Where had the time gone? Hours and hours had passed. That initial sorrow that had nearly consumed her earlier was long gone. She began planning how to spend the rest of the week with her boxes from the past.

Margaret had discovered that precious memories should never be packed away in a dusty attic. They're meant to be relived often - to remind us that we are never alone.

## CONFIDENTIAL MEMBERSHIP NOTICE Date 02/03/09

The following individual(s) has(ve) been proposed for membership into the Fairbury Rotary Club and is/are hereby being published as required by Article XI, Section 1,(5) of the Fairbury Rotary Club By-Laws. Written objections to membership admittance, stating reasons, must be received by the Club Secretary not later than 10 days following publication.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Proposed Classification</u>	<u>Membership</u>	<u>1st/2nd Publication</u>	<u>Proposed by</u>
Josh Smith	Physical Therapy	A	2nd	Leroy McPherson

Leroy McPherson, Secretary