



# The Cornpicker

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**DATE/TIME/PLACE:** Jan. 3, 2012 - 12:00 noon at Marchelloni's  
**ATTENDANCE:** 27 plus Carolynne Saffer  
**LOTTO:** Deb Moran & Kelly Kinate



**PERFECT  
ATTENDANCE**

Steve Weeks

## ***ACTION ON THE AVENUES***

### CLUB SERVICE

**Programs:**

01/10 - Becky Whitfill - (Dwight Rotary Club)  
 01/17 - H.S. Winter Sports  
 01/23 - OPEN  
 01/31 - OPEN

### ***BITS & PIECES***

Words are like diamonds. Polish them too much,  
 and all you get are pebbles. . . . Bryce Courtenay

### AREA CLUB MEETINGS

Bloomington	12:00 Noon	Thurs.	Second Presbyterian Church
Gibson City	6:45 a.m.	Wed.	The Country Kettle
Gilman	6:05 p.m.	Tues.	Gilman Lounge
Lincoln	1:50 a.m.	Wed.	Elks Country Club
Normal	12:00 Noon	Wed.	Bone Student Center

### PROGRAM

#### Spence Farm Foundation Carolynne Saffer



Carolynne is the new Director of the Foundation. She also teaches at Gardner.

"An Introduction to the Spence Farm Foundation" is attached.

Spence Farm Foundation welcomes your time, money, or ideas to support their mission of sustainability.

Visit the Website at:  
[www.spencefarmfoundation.org](http://www.spencefarmfoundation.org).

An  
Introduction  
to the  
Spence Farm  
Foundation



# Spence Farm Foundation

## Visit Our Website

School House News  
Cabin Construction Info  
Seminars for Growers  
Farm Heritage Events  
Farm Tours  
Chef Camp  
Spring Supper 2012  
Harvest Feast 2012  
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Spence Farm Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit, which means when you donate, not only are you helping build sustainability, but your donation is tax deductible.

## Mission and Goals

The Foundation's core mission of: *teaching the art, history and practice of sustainable small family farming across America* gives action to the desire to save small farms, rural communities and the emphasis on a sustainable lifestyle from disappearing forever.

## Our Programs

With a mind towards developing a niche for the sustainable grower, we have developed the following programs:

**High School Agriculture Connection**  
To increase exposure to a variety of farming practices, we have partnered with our local High School to invest in agricultural education. We purchased a hoop house which can be used to grow food in year round. We hope to cultivate the sustainable farmers of our future with this and other future projects.

**Small Farm Development Initiative**  
In order to foster opportunity for the sustainable grower, we have developed continuing education courses. Current topics offered include: using traditional equipment, bee keeping, soil amendments, cover crops and pasturing livestock.

**Culinary Arts Courses**  
In the interest of supporting the emerging trend of using sustainably grown food, we developed a course for chefs to experience first-hand where their food comes from, how it is used in cooking, and how to provide economic opportunity to growers that make this food available.

Thinking about our farm heritage and fostering sustainable lifestyles, we offer the following programs:

**Elementary School Partnership**  
Our 2nd and 5th grade partnerships emphasize sustainable living, conserving resources, and rural traditions. We offer a hands-on interpretive activities which enrich the subjects that instructors are teaching in the classroom. We also look to offer programs to students who live in cities with little exposure to where food comes from and our farming legacy.

**Our Farm Heritage Series**  
Looking into the past to shape our future, we have created programs which connect communities to sustainable farming and a rural lifestyle. Current events include: agricultural methods, self sufficiency, traditional trades and crafts, prairie restoration, and historical reenactment.

**Community Garden Program**  
This program will consist of a comprehensive educational outreach, from garden planning and planting to food preservation and use in cooking: the kind of food even kids will enjoy!

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