



# The Cornpicker

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**DATE/TIME/PLACE:** June 14, 2011 - 12:00 noon at Marchelloni's

**ATTENDANCE:** 17 + Shane Cultra and Robert Walter

**LOTTO:** R. Stevens and G. Huston

**PERFECT  
ATTENDANCE**

**Mike Petersen**

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

### CLUB SERVICE

**Programs:**

06/21 - OPEN  
 06/28 - Jason Barickman

### Quips and Quotes

We learn best from experience, but we never directly experience the consequences of many of our most important decisions.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

We received a thank you from the Library for our donation to the summer reading program.

Becky gave Leroy a fire badge from 40 years ago to put in the display case uptown.

We will be honoring Nathan Nylander on the 19th.

### 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

# 53rd Senate District

## Senator Shane Cultra



Shane had been with the House of Representatives for 8 years. When Rutherford moved to Treasurer, Shane moved up to his seat in the Senate. It is a lot different. The House is like a zoo where the Senate is more orderly and the staff is outstanding. With the new mapping, the Senate Dist. will remain the same as the 53rd but the house will become the 105th in 2013. The main legislature is the reauthorization of the Capital Budget Bill. They are trying to balance the revenue and expenses but it does not address any old bills we haven't paid. The Governor has put 54,000 construction jobs on the line if they don't get this passed.

Another big issue is the State Health Insurance. They kicked out Health Alliance and are forcing the people to change doctors. This basically affects people south of I-80. The feeling is we aren't important. The House wants to balance the budget but the Senate wants to spend more. The pension is changing for new hires to 67 and 60% of their wages or capped at \$106,000. The problem with pensions is they haven't put money in it, they bumped their salary the last few years for higher retirement pay and people are living a lot longer. If we keep up 1/2 of the state income will go for pensions. Other problems, 80% of our nursing homes are paid by medicaid. In 10 years we will need a 30% increase. Our Worker's Comp is one of the highest. We would need to cut doctors fees by 30%. Only 5% of the injuries claimed actually happen at work. The concealed weapon bill fell short by 4 votes. The Governor would not have signed it anyway. We are only one of two states that do not have some form of concealed weapon law.

