



The Cornpicker

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DATE/TIME/PLACE: March 30, 2010 - 12:00 noon at Marchelloni's

ATTENDANCE: 20 plus Scott Vogel & Lyn Hruska

LOTTO: Bill Fugate & Scott Vogel

ACTION ON THE AVENUES

CLUB SERVICE

Programs:

- 4/06 - Prairie Central #8
- 4/13 - OPEN
- 4/20 - OPEN
- 4/27 - Prairie Central #8

Happy Birthday

- April 07 - John Rich April 28 - Tracy Taylor
- April 17 - Bill Orth April 30 - Jim Schahrer
- April 19 - Ed Palen April 30 - Louis Retter

Quips & Quotes

*The biggest reward for a thing well done
is to have done it.*

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Thank you from the After Prom Committee

S.L.C.P.S. Pancake & Sausage
at Fairbury Country Club

American Red Cross Evening of the Stars - 4/29/10
with Cal Ripken, Jr. as the guest speaker.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

The Red Cross is teaching Health Class at P.C.H.S.,
First Aid & CPR. They had a blood drive at the high
school sponsored by FCCLA and had 96 pints given.
The Life Skill Class is putting together Clean Up Kits.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Red Cross Volunteer Banquet had 250 show up.

Red Cross



Scott is the Director of Support. He noted that in 1943 March was dedicated as Red Cross month. This year they have done 40 blood drives, 100 health & safety classes and home shows. The Evening of Stars is their biggest fundraiser. They get no federal or state funding. It is all fundraisers and gifts. "Disasters Happen"! Their goal is to communicate to people to prepare for a disaster. The best time to prepare is now. They have a 3 step kit for disasters and weather issues (see insert). 1) Build a kit; 2) Make a plan; 3) Be informed.

The Red Cross offers several classes like F.A. - CPR - AED, babysitting for ages 11-15. They teach AED & CPR together. When giving CPR

remember the tune "*Another One Bites The Dust*" it has 100 beats per minute or "*Staying Alive*" has 100 beats. For every minute you lose for CPR you lose 10% survival rate.

The American Red Cross is the "Disaster Service" for Fairbury.

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It's important to prepare for possible disasters and other emergencies. Natural and human-caused disasters can strike suddenly, at any time and anywhere. There are three actions everyone can take that can help make a difference ...

Be Red Cross Ready Checklist

- I know what emergencies or disasters are most likely to occur in my community.
- I have a family disaster plan and have practiced it.
- I have an emergency preparedness kit.
- At least one member of my household is trained in first aid and CPR/AED.
- I have taken action to help my community prepare.

1.0

Get a kit



At a minimum, have the basic supplies listed below. Keep supplies in an easy-to-carry emergency preparedness kit that you can use at home or take with you in case you must evacuate.

- Water—one gallon per person, per day (3-day supply for evacuation, 2-week supply for home)
- Food—non-perishable, easy-to-prepare items (3-day supply for evacuation, 2-week supply for home)
- Flashlight • Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if possible)
- Extra batteries • First aid kit • Medications (7-day supply) and medical items
- Multi-purpose tool • Sanitation and personal hygiene items
- Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, proof of address, deed/lease to home, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies)
- Cell phone with chargers • Family and emergency contact information • Extra cash • Emergency blanket • Map(s) of the area

Consider the needs of all family members and add supplies to your kit. Suggested items to help meet additional needs are:

- Medical supplies (hearing aids with extra batteries, glasses, contact lenses, syringes, cane)
- Baby supplies (bottles, formula, baby food, diapers)
- Games and activities for children
- Pet supplies (collar, leash, ID, food, carrier, bowl)
- Two-way radios • Extra set of car keys and house keys • Manual can opener

Additional supplies to keep at home or in your kit based on the types of disasters common to your area:

- Whistle • N95 or surgical masks • Matches • Rain gear • Towels • Work gloves • Tools/supplies for securing your home • Extra clothing, hat and sturdy shoes • Plastic sheeting • Duct tape • Scissors • Household liquid bleach • Entertainment items • Blankets or sleeping bags

2.0 Make a plan



- Meet with your family or household members.
- Discuss how to prepare and respond to emergencies that are most likely to happen where you live, learn, work and play.
- Identify responsibilities for each member of your household and plan to work together as a team.
- If a family member is in the military, plan how you would respond if they were deployed.

Plan what to do in case you are separated during an emergency

- Choose two places to meet:
 - Right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency, such as a fire
 - Outside your neighborhood, in case you cannot return home or are asked to evacuate
- Choose an out-of-area emergency contact person. It may be easier to text or call long distance if local phone lines are overloaded or out of service. Everyone should have emergency contact information in writing or programmed into their cell phones.

Plan what to do if you have to evacuate

- Decide where you would go and what route you would take to get there. You may choose to go to a hotel/motel, stay with friends or relatives in a safe location or go to an evacuation shelter if necessary.
- Practice evacuating your home twice a year. Drive your planned evacuation route and plot alternate routes on your map in case roads are impassable.
- Plan ahead for your pets. Keep a phone list of pet-friendly hotels/motels and animal shelters that are along your evacuation routes.

3.0 Be informed



Learn what disasters or emergencies may occur in your area. These events can range from those affecting only you and your family, like a home fire or medical emergency, to those affecting your entire community, like an earthquake or flood.

- Identify how local authorities will notify you during a disaster and how you will get information, whether through local radio, TV or NOAA Weather Radio stations or channels.
- Know the difference between different weather alerts such as watches and warnings and what actions to take in each.
- Know what actions to take to protect yourself during disasters that may occur in areas where you travel or have moved recently. For example, if you travel to a place where earthquakes are common and you are not familiar with them, make sure you know what to do to protect yourself should one occur.
- When a major disaster occurs, your community can change in an instant. Loved ones may be hurt and emergency response is likely to be delayed. Make sure that at least one member of your household is trained in first aid and CPR and knows how to use an automated external defibrillator (AED). This training is useful in many emergency situations.
- Share what you have learned with your family, household and neighbors and encourage them to be informed.

Emergency Contact Cards for All Household Members

Get your cards online at <http://www.redcross.org/prepare/ECCard.pdf>.

- Print one card for each family member.
- Write the contact information for each household member, such as work, school and cell phone numbers.
- Fold the card so it fits in your pocket, wallet or purse.
- Carry the card with you so it is available in the event of a disaster or other emergency.

Let Your Family Know You're Safe

Tell your loved ones about the American Red Cross Safe and Well Web site available through RedCross.org. This Internet-based tool should be integrated into your emergency communications plan. People within a disaster-affected area can register themselves as "safe and well" and concerned family and friends who know the person's phone number or address can search for messages posted by those who self-register. If you don't have Internet access, call **1-866-GET-INFO** to register yourself and your family.



For more information on disaster and emergency preparedness, visit RedCross.org.