



# The Cornpicker

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**DATE/TIME/ PLACE:** March 3, 2009, 12:00 noon at Marchelloni's

**ATTENDANCE:** 23 plus 5 guests

**LOTTO:** D. Moran and Willa Virkler

## ACTION ON THE AVENUES

### CLUB SERVICE

Programs:

3/10 - P.C. Music  
 3/17 - 3/31 - OPEN

### Quips & Quotes

None of us are responsible for our birth.  
 Our responsibility is the use we make of life.  
 Joshua Henry Jones

### 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

### VOCATIONAL

Larry Vaupel - G.L.C.E.D.C. is the first C.E.O. He started on Monday. This E.D.C. is a county wide effort of private and public effort. Their goal is to bring in new business and employment. They would like to incorporate work force training.



### Rotary Student of the Month

**Student:** Josh Waldron  
**Parents:** Jim & Vicki Waldron  
**Department:** Special Education

Josh has come such a long way since starting at PCHS. he has shown great effort and is a wonderful student.



**Student:** Micah Zehr  
**Parents:** Nelson & Amy Zehr  
**Department:** Agriculture

Micah was on the National Champion Dairy Products team. He recently won his area in record books at the section level. Micah serves as an FFA Officer and is very active in all FFA activities.

# SYRUP HOUSE

Will Travis



What do they add to their syrup? Nothing. They take the sap and boil it down and syrup is left. Early spring is when they harvest. The temperature needs to be above freezing then back down at night forcing the sap up and down. The taps used to be wooden with holes in them to let the sap out. They drill just below the larger limbs. They start with trees 10' to 20' in diameter up to several taps in larger trees. The Indians used to use shoots that dripped.

They would collect it and try to boil the water off over hot rocks. Will now has an evaporator that takes 12-16 hours to produce 2 to 3 gallons of syrup. He started with doll rods with holes drilled in them & milk jugs collecting them. Ten years ago Will started, later asking Adam Roberts to help. They will spend

from two weeks to two months in the woods. They were able to build a new building through a grant. Also, they purchased an evaporator for \$4,500 and a finisher for \$800.00. Everything is now stainless steel. They had 123 trees tapped last year and made 6 gallons in two months. This year they bought metal buckets and covers and metal taps that they could hang the buckets on 300 of them. They can boil down 18 to 20 gal. It takes 40 gallons of sap to equal 1 gallon of syrup. Will said it is just a lot of fun.

