



The Cornpicker

Bulletin of Fairbury, IL Rotary Club

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2010 - 2011 Officers

President Becky Whitfill
 Pres. Elect
 Vice President
 Sec/Treas/Editor Leroy McPherson

DATE/TIME/PLACE: Nov 29, 2011 - 12:00 noon at Marchelloni's


ATTENDANCE: 25

LOTTO: Fred Wing and Kim Ernst

ACTION ON THE AVENUES

CLUB SERVICE

Programs:

 **Next Week (12/06) is our evening Christmas party. No noon meeting!**

- 12/13 - J.H. Student Council
- 12/20 - OPEN
- 12/27 - John Rich

Rotary Christmas Party
December 6 at 6:30 p.m.
"The Magic of Joel Shoemaker"
Magician

Call Leroy if you're attending.



COMMUNITY SERVICE



Salvation Army Kettle
 Sign up sheets - Dec. 1, 9 and 16.
 Call Leroy or sign up at next meeting.

AREA CLUB MEETINGS

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| 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 |

Prairie Central Giving Tree

Spencer Homan



This is the sixth year for the Prairie Central Giving Tree Community Ministry. This ministry provides children of low income families with Christmas Gifts that they may otherwise not receive . . . and to share the true meaning of Christmas to

those in need. The program is for newborns through 18 or still in high school. Each family member receives a new shirt, pair of pants and one fun gift. There's a \$50 spending limit per child.

The Presbyterian women include a \$25 Dave's gift card for every single family. Marchelloni's includes one free buffet for every kid in the family. Dave's includes one free meal for every family. Connie Rich and Becky Webster are helpers.

Registration for eligible families is at the Food Pantry and Food Pantry's guidelines are used to establish eligibility. In 2006 they helped 5 children, in 2007 they helped 70 children, in 2008



they helped 97, in 2009 they helped 116. Between 2009 and 2010, 5% moved out and the number dropped to 96. They expect to help 114 children in 2011.

Anyone can sponsor a child. Here's what you do . . .

Go to the Presbyterian Church and pick an ornament on the tree that says "boy" or "girl", age, shirt size, pant size, and toy. Then they give you a number, like "Family 5", boy A, next child would be 5-B, etc. Take the ornament and shop. Wrap the presents and put the "5-B" stickers on each box but leave that blank so the parents can sign it from them or Santa.



When you take the presents to the church basement, they will be sorted by family. The entire Presbyterian congregation helps with the sorting process. Then everything goes to a delivery team table. On Dec. 21, everything will be delivered by Teams Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen and Rudolph of course.



6th Annual ~ Prairie Central
Christmas Giving Tree
Providing Christmas Gifts for Families in Need Since 2006



The First Presbyterian Church of Fairbury is once again sponsoring our Christmas "Giving Tree" mission outreach. If your family could use assistance with Christmas presents for your children, please contact Pastor Homan (info below). If you would like to help by purchasing gifts for a child, contact Pastor Homan or stop by our church.

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