

# CORNBELT BUC-ETIN



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**THE PREZ SEZ...**



Check out the Monday, December 8 Pantagraph for an article noting our chapter's award as the number one chapter in the nation for Community Service. Great to see your hard work and generosity acknowledged.

PICTURE 1

## MISCELLANEOUS

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PICTURE 2

# Names & Faces

## SECONDARY HONORS

### Rotary student

BLOOMINGTON – Joe Bevilacqua, a senior at Central Catholic High School, is Bloomington-Normal Sunrise Rotary's December Student of the Month.

He is the son of Megan and Gary Bevilacqua of Bloomington.

He is the soccer team captain and participates in track and field, basketball, swimming, science club, Interact Club, and Mu

Alpha Theta.

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## Mark Your Calendars - Regifting Party

Our annual Regifting Party has been scheduled for Thursday, January 8. Details are being worked out and will be emailed to you soon. You won't want to miss this fun event. Make sure you mark your calendars for:

Date: Thursday, January 8

Place: Home of Larry and Laurie Turilli (directions will be in the email to follow)

Time: 6:00 social hour, 6:30 food and festivities

Dick Lang

### Next Saturday Event

When: Saturday, December 20, 2014

Time: 7:00 a.m.

Place: Shannon's Restaurant

### Next Noon Meeting

When: Wednesday, January 7, 2015

Time: Noon

Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)

### Next Social Event

When: Thursday, January 8, 2015

Time: 6:00 p.m. Social – 6:30 p.m. Food

Place: Larry and Laurie Turilli

What: Regifting Party



## Bill Buchie's Babbles...



Hey, all you ramp-builders -

We're still building ramps!.. and passing out smiles in the process! The weather has changed and will certainly become a factor as we get towards the end of the year but we will still try to build a few ramps over the winter months. We've already had to put on our winter clothes, but the laughter and the smiles have certainly "warmed us up" recently.



Our first ramp was in Normal for Mr. Deal and his wife. Mr. Deal was fortunate to have a ramp section donated to him and we were talking with him over the past several weeks about a ramp for his wife, who was in a nursing home. We re-built his front porch, added a ramp section, and attached a donated ramp to make his home accessible. He was very pleased with the results and the ramp was built just in time for the holidays! Nice work, AMBUCS™!





Our second ramp was for Ms. Tina Plue in Arrowsmith. Our own Duane Wells (Alexander Lumber Company) coordinated the ramp-build with his church and the family and we were able to build a ramp for Mrs. Plue so she can get in and out of her home safely. Great looking ramp, AMBUCS™!..







We also built a ramp recently for the Hutson family in Normal. Mr. Hutson had been in a rehabilitation facility and wanted to come home, but had no way of getting in and out of his home without a ramp, so we solved that on a Friday and a Saturday morning. We had plenty of volunteers that day. We re-built his front porch, added a ramp, and finished the whole thing off with a few balusters, or course. Mr. Hutson is home and enjoying his new ramp, thanks to the AMBUCS™, his friends, and his church family. Another fine looking ramp, AMBUCS™!







I've still got ramp requests "on the books".. and we will continue to build ramps this winter.. depending on the weather. Although the Thanksgiving holiday is behind us, I am very thankful for all the volunteers that have stepped up and helped us throughout the year. Thank you! We rely on volunteer labor, voluntary donations, and working together to help make homes accessible for individuals with disabilities in our community. We certainly have made the holidays much more "accessible" for many families this year. Enjoy your holidays and I'll be in touch with more ramp-building opportunities in the near future. See ya' at the ramps!

Bill McHie

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## Notes From Al...

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### **AmTrykes®**

November was a quite month for Cornblet Ambucs™. We did order and receive an AmTryke® for Max but the bike is not scheduled to be given away until December 4<sup>th</sup> so you will have to wait until after Christmas to see his smiling face. We also are helping Danville but that bike is not scheduled for presentation until December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Jessica Wall is our new Wish List coordinator at the national office. She is doing a great job and is trying to update the Wish List daily. Unfortunately as she takes kids off the Wish List more children are added. If you want to give that special gift this year for Christmas, contact Jessica and take a child off the wish list.

Thanks and I hope you all have a Merry Christmas.

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Check out what our neighboring AMBUCS™ club is doing. Here is the link to the Pekin club's newsletter: <http://www.pekinambucs.org/newsletter.html>