



INDIAN CREEK NEWSLETTER

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Towanda Lions Club Scholarship Offering

The Towanda Lions Club is pleased to announce that the scholarship amount for 2013 has been raised to \$1000.00. See guidelines below for specifics.

Steve Liebenow Memorial Scholarship

The Towanda Lions Club is sponsoring a **\$1000.00** scholarship for a 2013 High School graduate or currently enrolled college student attending classes full time from the Towanda area. This is a one-time scholarship not open to renewal.

Applicants for this scholarship must meet the following criteria:

1. The applicant must have a Towanda mailing residence address.
2. Average grade of C verified by a high school transcript.
3. In 250 words or less, submit a letter of application containing a brief biographical profile which includes your college plans, school activities, community service activities and work history. Indicate your plans for using the scholarship money and why you are deserving of the award.
4. Submit 2 letters of recommendation: one from a teacher, counselor or administrator, and one from a non-relative in the Towanda area.
5. Submit a copy of your fall 2013 class schedule of the college/university you will be attending.
6. Letter of application, recommendations, transcript, and class schedule must be received by the Scholarship Committee Chairman by September 15, 2013.

Mail to: Steve Liebenow Memorial Scholarship
c/o Mr. Robert Hancock
7 Bent Tree Lane
Towanda, Illinois 61776

The Towanda Lions Club committee will review all applications and select one scholarship winner. All applicants will be notified by mail of the committee's choice. This scholarship is offered in memory of Steve Liebenow, a long-time Lions Club member, educator, and community leader."

Towanda American Legion

Due to the Labor Day weekend, there won't be a breakfast this month at the Legion. We'll see in October.

The Legion will have a steak, shrimp or combo dinner on Friday September 13th from 5:00 to 7:00. Dinner will include steak, shrimp or shrimp/steak combo, baked potato, salad, roll, drink and dessert for \$11.

Thank you for your continued support of the Legion and our Veterans.

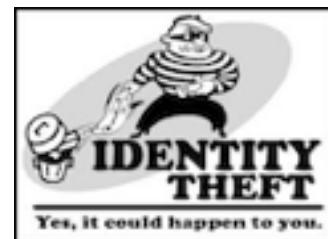
Towanda Busy Bees 4H

Towanda Busy Bees 4H members completed the 2012-13 4H year with an outing to Grady's. Bumper boats and rides were a blast! The first meeting of the Towanda Busy Bees for the 2013-14 year will be a Family Potluck to kick off the New Year! It will be held at the Towanda Community Building on Tuesday, September 17th at 6:30. The club will provide grilled hotdogs and the fixings, drinks and table service. Members will bring a dish to share.

Information about projects and club membership sign up will be available that evening. New members are always welcome. For More information contact: Martha Rients 309-728-2178 or hrients@frontiernet.net

Towanda Home and Community Education (HCE)

The Towanda Home and Community Education (HCE) will be meeting at the Towanda Community Building on Monday, September 9 at 7:00 pm. The program will be Identity Theft and the Fact Find will be on Stevia. Guests are cordially welcome!



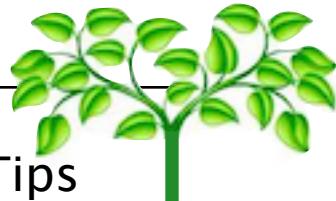
There is a cultural enrichment program offered on Monday, Sep 9, 9-12 on Card Making at the Evergreen FS Auditorium, 402 N Hershey Rd, Bloomington (formerly called the Extension Office). Participants will be making 5 different cards to take home: a recycled card; a dry embossed card; a card using fine glitter that will not come off; a 4" X 4" card like we put in the soldiers Christmas stockings; and a surprise card. The cost is \$10/HCE members and \$12/not HCE member. RSVP by Sep 1 to Barb Erdman, 309-242-6187.

There will be a Read & Share at the FS Building on Hershey Road on Monday, Sep 16, 2-3:30pm. The book *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn will be discussed. Contact LaVonne, 661-6391 for more information. All HCE programs are open to the public and visitors are always welcome.

The Towanda HCE meets once monthly on the 2nd Monday of the month, September through June for educational programs and an exchange of ideas. Lessons are presented and discussion of those present makes the meetings timely and informational. At certain times during the year, our county organization offers cultural enrichment classes, trips and tours that enlarge our ideas of our world around us while having fun. If you'd like to know about Home and Community Education, contact Robin Pearson at 815-579-1650 or rbnprsn@mchsi.com or Cindy Kelley at 309-663-4796 or cke71@frontier.com.



Towanda Home & Community Education



Garden Tips

by Helen Leake - McLean County Master Gardener



If you are thinking about getting a new hummingbird feeder or need to replace your old one, try to select one with red on it. Also be sure that it is easy to take apart to clean. Hang it in a shady, open place, so the birds have space to fly around it. To make your own sugar-water, boil 1 part sugar to 4 parts water for 30 seconds to prevent fermentation and mold. Let it cool before putting it into the feeder. Do not use honey or artificial coloring. Change the nectar every 3 - 4

days, and clean the feeder with a bottle brush, hot water and a little vinegar each time you refill.

Hummingbirds use a lot of energy, so they consume twice their body weight in nectar. They are constantly looking for food. An adult female can consume up to 2,000 insects a day.

Seeing an insect on your plant doesn't mean you need to kill it. It could be eating another insect. Picking insects off and removing diseased leaves can help control bad insects. Birds, snakes, frogs, spiders and some other insects naturally feed on some problem insects. Soil microbes work with the plant roots to increase their resistance to disease.

Time to stop fertilizing perennials, trees and shrubs so they can harden off before cold weather.

It is time to divide or move your iris. That should be done every 3-5 years. Also check the rhizomes for iris borer caterpillars.

Queen Anne's lace Money Plant



We have all had or seen invasive plants, plants that spread all over and are hard to control or kill. The money plant and Queen Anne's lace are 2 attractive plants, but can really spread. If you want to enjoy them, be sure to remove the spent flower before it goes to seed. If the plant spreads by roots like mint, cut the bottom out of a deep container, maybe 4 feet deep, place it in the ground and place your plant in it.

You can use herbicides to remove a plant, but there is a more environmentally safe way. Smother it. Cut the plant off as short as you can. Place 6 - 8 sheets of newspaper or cardboard over it and cover it with organic mulch, or simply sit a plant container over it. By shutting off the light, the plant won't grow.

Once the above ground portion of a potato plant dries, it is time to dig them. Wait until the soil temperature drops below 60 degrees to dig the sweet potatoes.

It is time to plant your lettuce, arugula, onion, turnips, radish, beets and spinach. Keep the soil wet. This is one time it is best to water in the evening, so it stays wet over night.

If you don't have time to remove weeds now, be sure to remove seed heads to prevent so many weeds for next year as possible.



Late August to early September is the ideal time to cut off the herbaceous peonies and destroy the tops. If you don't trim or prune, the tops could cause the plant to have disease later. I cut them down to 3 - 4 inches and then mow over them when mowing the turf grass.

Early September is the ideal time to divide them or plant new ones. To divide them, take a sharp shovel and remove a portion of the old plant. Do not dig up the whole plant and divide. Peonies like to stay put.

When planting a Peony, choose a sunny location that drains well. Plant them only deep enough that the "eyes" (little red buds on the crown) are only 1 - 2 inches below the soil line. If they are planted in too much shade or too deep they will not bloom. They must have at least 3 eyes when planted. They are slow to recover from being transplanted and may not bloom the first year.

When they come up in the spring, you might want to use a support ring or put a short fence around them to keep them from falling over because of the weight of the flowers.

Herbaceous peonies die back in the fall and come up again in the spring. Tree peonies are more like a shrub and grow to about 5 - 6 feet tall. Tree peonies have ornamental value throughout the year. The leaves are more decorative and the woody stems add to the winter landscape. The flowers can be 6 - 10 inches across. A mature plant could have 50 or more flowers.

Tree peonies do well in full sun or partial sun and well drained soil. Plant in spring or fall, working up the soil deep. The crown should be about 4 inches below the soil line. Wood-chip mulch helps conserve moisture and heat. Remove dead wood and little pruning is required. You can cut back in the fall to encourage more dense growth.



It is Labor Day already, and that tells us it is the beginning of turf grass care season. The soil is warm and with a little rain, the grass seed will soon germinate. If it doesn't rain, water it and cover it lightly with clean straw. It will help to walk on it to make sure the grass seed has good contact with the soil. Now is the time to apply lawn fertilizer, if needed. If you leave the grass clippings to fall on the ground when you mow, your lawn has already received enough nitrogen saving you money and time.

After the grass comes up, leave the straw in place. It will help shade the soil. The straw will break down in time. If you have over 1/2 inch of thatch, you can de-thatch now; less than 1/2 inch helps keep the roots cooler and also helps prevent the weed seeds from reaching the soil.

Now is also a good time to propagate and divide some perennials. Also note which perennials need to be divided or moved next spring. You can also gather seed to plant next spring.

Check your houseplants that you will soon be bringing inside. If they have insects, now is the time to treat them.

Continue watering newly planted trees, shrubs, and perennials. Water deeply to encourage good root growth. The roots will continue growing until the ground freezes.

Remember it is still illegal to move fire wood across the county line. Emerald Ash Borer seems to mostly show up near camp grounds. Buy your fire wood at the camp ground and leave what you don't use there.

Towanda 4-H

The Towanda 4-H will have a meeting on Tuesday, August 27th, at 6:30 to help members finish up their records from the 2013 McLean County 4-H Fair. We will have our annual cookout to kickoff the 2013/2014 4-H year on Sunday, September 22nd at 5pm at the Wesley Boyd park. Please bring a dish to share. Our club will provide the hot dogs, drinks and dinnerware.

The Towanda 4-H is open to boys and girls from 8 - 18 by September 1st. Clover Buds are for kids ages 5 - 7. For more information, contact Kathy Schultz at 728-2137 or Jeanie Wager at 728-2852.

Towanda Library

September Story Hours each Wednesday morning at 10:30 - beginning September

4th: Preschoolers learn ways to enjoy and care for books - at each of the four September sessions. Little brothers and sisters gather in the library "play area" while big brothers and sisters hear stories and make crafts. Moms are invited to socialize and/or have a cup of coffee. All ages share snacks before checking out their favorite books and DVD's.

TOWANDA READS Book Discussion on Tuesday, September 10th at 6:00 pm: We invite any interested adult to join the discussion of Running the Rift by Naomi Benaron. Running the Rift follows the progress of Jean Patrick Nkuba from the day he knows that running will be his life to the moment he must run to save his life. A naturally gifted athlete, he dreams of becoming his country's first Olympic medal winner in track. TOWANDA READS meets the 2nd Tuesday of alternate months from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Towanda District Library. See upcoming discussion books on the library website.

Book Club for 4th and 5th Graders Begins Wednesday, September 11th at 4:00 pm: Library staff and Junior High teacher Sue Bittner invite 4th and 5th Graders to join a book club! It meets twice a month and chooses a new book monthly. The name of the club is up to YOU! Meet right after school at the Towanda Library to discuss "Close to Famous" by Joan Bauer and have a snack of.... what else?! Cupcakes! **Wednesday, September 25th:** We will finish the book chat and make crafts. Girls iron decals on American Girl aprons. Boys decorate and ice the cupcakes for everyone to enjoy! *How They Croaked* is the book for October. From that point forward, the group will select the monthly books.

Discussion with the New Principal, Scott Vogel, on Monday, September 16th at 4:00 pm:

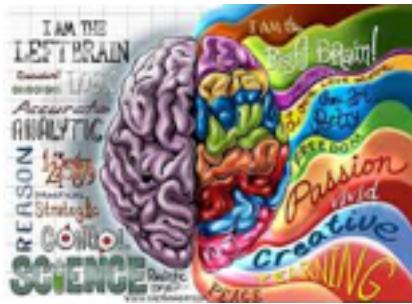
pm: Parents please join a discussion with Mr. Vogel about the new Common Core Standards for reading and writing. Towanda Library received a \$2,500 grant to provide books to support homework assignments related to the new standards. View the books and learn from the principal about the important connection between your child's reading and writing. **Session repeated at 4:00 pm on Monday, September 23rd.**

Deana Branaman Returns on September 17th at 5:00 pm: Yes, Deana is the one who "packed the house" at our library - with the scarf and necklace workshops last winter and spring. September 17th at 5:00 pm learn how to make a double thickness hot pad. Bring a skein of cotton yarn at least 2 oz and an H crochet hook. Variegated colors look best. The unique stitch we will use guarantees a perfect square with bias stripes. Every time! A second class with Deana is scheduled for November 12th at 5:00. Learn the afghan stitch.

Adults Reading Kids Stuff - Parent Book Discussion of New Homework Items on Monday, October 21 @ 4:00: Parents will select and read one of the books purchased to support the Common Core Standards – either a children's biography, a book about a career, graphic novel, or mythology. Then parents will share with the group whether they would recommend this book for homework. If so – to what age child?...for what kind of assignment? Learn about several books for your child's homework assignments – while reading only one! **Session repeated on Monday, October 28th at 4:00 pm.**

Annual Halloween Party on Thursday, October 24th at 5:00 pm: Candy Corn Bingo, games, spooky stories, costume contest, prizes, and treats. New costume categories this year: best home-made, best-purchased, best combo, and best book character.

Third Annual Artist/Vendor Fair – Sponsored by FRIENDS of the Library on Saturday, November 2nd from 10:00 to 2:00: Browse for holiday gifts as you enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, along with a sweet treat home-made by the FRIENDS. Local artists and vendors offer jewelry and hand-crafted items, along with cookware, cleaning supplies, books, candles, Tupperware, monogrammed bags, and more. Proceeds benefit the library and support local artists and vendors.



Right Brain Retreat

Explore your
creative side!

Description: Escape the world of work and responsibilities and spend time exploring your creative side. Whether you are an artist or an accountant you will enjoy a break from being logical and sticking to the established structure.

Linda Garbe will be your creative catalyst as you explore the question: *Was I ever....am I now...can I be more creative?* Come reclaim your right brain.

Class Format: Hour-and-a-half sessions beginning at 6:00 pm on three consecutive Wednesdays – October 2, 9, and 16 at the Towanda District Library. There will be a list of questions participants need to answer before the first session. Between each session there will be homework.

Class size: Limited to 10 (No children) Register today by calling 309-728-2176. First come – first served. **Fee:** \$25.00

Session 1: Define Creativity

Session 2: Develop Metaphor Muscle

Session 3: Make a Plan for Using Creativity

Classified



For Sale:

Hutch - Has four drawers, cabinet space below and glass doors with light in hutch. We are asking \$125 for it. Contact Ben or Nicole at 309-728-2093

For Hire:

Are you going on vacation this summer? Joe Kaufmann would be happy to mow your lawn while you're gone. A great job for a great price! Call him at 728-8095

Lauren and Myles Smith, will provide child care and pet care - call 728-2930

Grace Rients and Emma Rients will babysit for you! Both would be willing to babysit while you run errands, mow the lawn or have a date night. Both are certified by the Red Cross and have CPR training too! Grace and Emma Rients are also experienced pet caretakers. Please call them at 728-2178. In addition to dogs, we have experience with hermit crabs, hamsters and rabbits too!

For Hire: MLP Painting and Power Washing. - Interior and exterior painting, power washing, cleaning and sealing decks, and more. If interested call 309-242-1068.



Household Hazardous Waste Collection Returns to McLean County: Illinois EPA and Mitsubishi Motors make October 2013 event possible

On October 5, 2013, McLean County residents have the second opportunity in two years for safe disposal of their Household Hazardous Wastes (HHW). The Ecology Action Center has received notification of funding from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for a fall HHW collection; Mitsubishi Motors North America is generously providing their parking lots as a venue for the public event. Proper disposal of HHW items is crucial for the protection of local water supplies.

The October 5 HHW event will be open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is free and open to all Illinois residents. Per state regulations only residential HHW can be collected – no business or commercially generated wastes may be accepted. Residents may enter the event via the main entrance at 100 N. Mitsubishi Motorway, in Normal.

For an efficient event and to minimize wait times, residents are encouraged to follow these guidelines:

Items that will be accepted include oil-based paints, household batteries, paint thinners, used motor oil, herbicides, drain cleaners, insecticides, lawn chemicals, pesticides, solvents, old gasoline, antifreeze, pool chemicals, hobby chemicals, cleaning products, aerosol paints and pesticides, mercury, fluorescent lamp bulbs, double bagged and wetted asbestos, old and outdated medicines and pharmaceuticals, and electronics.

Items that will not be accepted include agricultural chemicals, propane tanks, business/commercial sector wastes, smoke detectors, explosives, farm machinery oil, fireworks, fire extinguishers, lead acid batteries, institutional wastes, medical wastes, sharps, needles and potentially infectious medical wastes.

Latex paint is not hazardous and may be disposed of in household trash once it has been completely dried to a solid. This is easily accomplished by pouring the latex paint out onto several layers of newspaper or other disposable material in an appropriate amount and letting it air dry. Once it is dry and solidified it may be safely and legally thrown in the trash. This technique is only applicable to latex paints; oil paints are always considered hazardous and should be used up for their intended purpose or disposed of at a HHW event.

Materials should be kept in original labeled packaging and containers - **do not mix materials together.**

To reduce excessive traffic and waiting time at the event, **residents are strongly encouraged to work with their neighbors and friends, especially in**



helping the elderly, to bring HHW materials from multiple households in one vehicle.

Materials will only be accepted during the event hours – **dumping of materials before or after the event is illegal**.

Volunteers are needed to help with traffic control at the event – please sign up at www.ecologyactioncenter.org.

Improper disposal of household hazardous wastes pollutes our local water supplies and environment. Whether it is thrown out with regular trash going to a municipal waste landfill, dumped illegally down the drain, storm sewer, or in a ditch, these actions compromise the safety of drinking water thereby threatening the health and well-being of area residents. The Ecology Action Center, a local leader in recycling and solid waste management efforts, receives inquiries daily from concerned residents who wish to dispose of materials properly. HHW collection events are the primary means for safe disposal of many of these materials.

Freecycle Free-For-All

The Ecology Action Center announces the semi-annual Freecycle Free-For-All on Saturday, September 7 from 9 am – noon at Anderson Park in Normal. This is a Freecycle event open to the public where unwanted household items may be given away or obtained for free. Ultimately, the goal is to prevent useable items from ending up in the landfill.

The rules are simple – individuals may bring used, unwanted items in good condition and take what others have brought. One does not have to bring items to take items, nor take items to bring items. All items must be small enough to be easily carried; large furniture or appliances are not accepted. Additionally, no firearms, animals, foods, medicines or other consumables are permitted. Items will be accepted for donation from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. only.

More details are available at www.ecologyactioncenter.org or by calling (309) 454-3169.

The Ecology Action Center is a not-for-profit environmental agency with a mission to inspire and assist residents of McLean County in creating, strengthening and preserving a healthy environment. The EAC acts as a central resource for environmental education, information, outreach, and technical assistance in McLean County.



Greater Towanda Area Directory

- Organizations are gearing up for their new year. Contact the listed individual(s) below, and get involved!
- Corrections to the 'Greater Towanda Area Directory' are requested to: Gail Ann Briggs, rbriiggs@frontiernet.net

GREATER TOWANDA AREA DIRECTORY

August 31, 2013

GOVERNMENT		YOUTH		FRIENDS of the LIBRARY / Book Club	
POST OFFICE	728.2132 Officer-in-Charge: Suzy Foltz			Contact Library	728.2176
Lobby:	Mon.-Sat. 6:30 am - - 7:00 pm				
Window:	Mon.-Fri. 7:30-11:30 & 1:30-3:30 Saturday 8:30-10:30				
DISTRICT LIBRARY	728.2176 Director Karen Stott Bersche			HISTORICAL SOCIETY (TAHS)	728.2187
Monday & Wednesday	10:00 - - - 7:00			President Gail Ann Briggs	
Tuesday	1:00-7:00			4 th Tuesday Jan-Oct	
Thursday & Friday	1:00-5:00			CB	7:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 - - - 3:00				
DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD	President Martha Jane Foster 728.2157 3rd Tuesday ea month			HOME/COMMUNITY EDUCATION (HCE)	
Library	7:00 pm			President Cindy Kelley 663.4796	
TOWNSHIP BOARD – Towanda	728.2633 Supervisor Mark Kraft 728.2692 2nd Tuesday ea month			2 nd Monday: Sept-May	
Township Building	7:00 pm			CB (usually) 7:00 pm	
Township Roads - Towanda	Commissioner Mike Fish 275.5289			LADIES NIGHT OUT GROUP	
TOWNSHIP BOARD - Money Creek	Supervisor Brian Cox 865.8633 2 nd Monday ea month			Contact Carol Myers 728.2749	
Township Building	7:00 pm			1 st Thursday: Sep-Jun. 6:00 pm	
Township Roads - Money Creek	Commissioner Scot Grunion 275.7914			LIONS CLUB	
VILLAGE of TOWANDA	728.2811 Village Office: Mon-Fri 9:00-12:00			President Dick Jurgens 728.2194	
Clerk Becky Domkuski				2 nd Thursday ea month	
Maintenance Building	728.2800			CB / TBA 6:30 pm	
ESDA Director Tom Wagner	287.7861				
Mayor Tom Wagner	287.7861 3 rd Monday ea month			RED CARPET CORRIDOR GROUP	
Community Building	7:00 pm			Contact Sharon Arteman 728.2169	
GROUPS / ORGANIZATIONS					
AMERICAN LEGION Post 931	Commander Tom Wagner 287.7861 3 rd Thursday ea month			SENIOR CITIZENS Group (Lunch Potluck)	
Legion Hall	7:00 pm			Contact Beverly Meginnes 728.2769	
LEGION AUXILIARY Unit 931	President Debbie Kinsella 728.2216 3 rd Thursday ea month			2 nd Wednesday, CB 12:00 N	
Legion Hall	7:00 pm				
SONS OF THE LEGION	President Paul Dabbs 376.3351 3 rd Thursday ea month			VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT and POLICE	
Legion Hall	7:00 pm			Emergency 911	
First BAPTIST CHURCH	Pastor Adam Wilson 531.4794 Sunday School 9:30 am			Fire Dep't Office (non-emergency) ~ 728.2121	
Church	10:10 am			Fire Chief: Brett Lueschen 728.2353	
4th of JULY PLANNING COMMITTEE	Committee ~ Deb Kinsella 728.2216			Asst Chief: Jeff Showalter 981.4871	
Flea Market ~ Linda Potts 728.2384				2 nd & 4 th Wed. ea month	
Parade ~ Gail Ann Briggs 728.2187 4 th Monday: Jan-July & Sept.				Officers: 1 st Wed. ea month	
CB 7:00 pm				EMT Squad: 3 rd Wed. ea month	
COFFEE GROUP	Jim Arteman 728.2169			Fire Station, all meetings 7:00 pm	
FRIENDS of ROUTE 66 ~ TOWANDA	Fred Walk 728.2188 Carol & Rick Myers 728.2749			Sheriff's Office (non-emergency) 888.5034	
UNIT 5 SCHOOLS					
TOWANDA ELEMENTARY	557.4426				
Principal Scott Vogel					
PTO Pres. Nicole Mackinson 830.8619					
PTO / Open Meetings 7:00 pm					
1 st Monday usually: Sept-May					
Evans Junior High School	557.4406				
Normal Community High School	557.4401				
BOARD of EDUCATION	557.4400				
2 nd & 4 th Wednesday ea month					
1809 W Hovey, NL 7:00 pm					
Website: www.unit5.org					
Information / Corrections: Ph/Fax – 728.2187					
e-mail – rgbriggs@frontiernet.net -- 8.31.13					



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