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Towanda Lions, Steve Liebenow Memorial Scholarship



The Towanda Lions Club is again pleased to announce that we will be offering a **\$1000.00** scholarship for 2015. See guidelines below for specifics.

"Steve Liebenow Memorial Scholarship"

The Towanda Lions Club is sponsoring a **\$1000.00** scholarship for a 2015 High School college bound senior and/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 2015 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, 2015.

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

The Towanda American Legion will have a rib eye steak dinner on Friday August 14th from 5-7. Dinner will include steak, baked potato, salad, roll, drink and dessert. Cost is \$12. Carry outs will be available. All dinners are open to the public.

The Legion is need of a couple of high chairs that fold down for storage. If you have one you no longer need please contact Mike Potts at 728-2384.

Indian Creek Flooding

The 4-5 inch rains we had July 8 and 9 on already saturated ground was more than the banks of Money Creek could hold. The photos below from Fred Walk show the flooding that occurred near and surrounding the creek.



Entry to our main trail.



Near the entry to the trail, our new picnic table floats in place thanks to a smart workday crew who tethered the table to a tree.



The common area.



The creek at the bridge overflowing it's banks.



Garden Tips

by Helen Leake



The lilies are really pretty this year. You can add them to an arrangement, or use them alone. As soon as you bring them into the house, cut an inch or so off of the stem. Use a sharp knife and make a diagonal cut so it can have more surface to absorb water. Remove all leaves that could be under water. The submerged leaves can produce a bacteria that will shorten the vase life of the flowers.

As the blossoms wither and the leaves turn yellow, remove them. Change the water every few days. With all the rain and the cool nights, we are seeing more powdery mildew on the plants this year, especially phlox, lilac, cone flower, and bee balm. If the leaves turn brown, you can remove them and destroy, not compost, them. It should go away once the sun shines more and they have better air circulation. It should not kill the plants, just takes away from their pretty beauty.

We don't hear a lot about using coca-bean mulch. It is a good, attractive, sweet chocolate smelling mulch, but it can be dangerous for your dog. Chocolate contains a compound that is toxic to dogs.



With all the rain we have been getting, the plants are beginning to show they have had enough. The lower leaves on some plants are turning yellow. The roots of the plants need to be able to get air and oxygen to breathe, the ground is so full of water that they can't breathe and the roots will rot if it lasts too long. If possible, try to drain the water away. If the pot has a saucer under it, be sure to empty it right after the rain stops. If needed, you could pull the mulch back from the plant, so the soil can dry faster.

One good thing about the rain, it is easier to pull the weeds. Creeping Charlie has been sending out runners, some 2-3 feet long. It is time for it to start developing roots. At each place there is a leaf, the plant will send a bunch of roots down into the ground. If it is creeping into your flower bed, now is a good time to pull a lot of it out. Each plant could have 4 or 5 runners and a lot of leaves.

The garden centers are having sales now, it is a good time to go shopping. Sometimes the plants in containers don't look the best; broken stems etc., but once you get them into the ground, they will perk up and start to grow.



We have more visitors to our garden than just the pollinators. There are bats, mostly the little brown bat, that are flying mammals who cruise thru the neighborhood trying to control beetles, moths and mosquitoes. They come out about dusk. Bats do not build nests, they live in attics, wall space, basements, chimneys and under siding. They roost in hollow trees, under the bark of trees and in caves. Their young are born in May to July and are weaned in July to August.

Toads, frogs, and salamanders feed on insects, snails and worms. They live under rocks, decaying logs and fallen leaves. Don't be so neat, and leave some leaves for them to live under.

Dragonflies can be in a range of colors. They are voracious eaters of insects and mosquitoes. They lay their eggs in water, so watch for them around your pond. They like to stay near the water and watch for prey and are interesting to watch.



Summer Jewelry Show

Come out for a look at our new creations!

Saturday, August 15 - 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Uniquely Eclectic (Marcia Hirst & Marylynn Meredith)

Hidden Treasures (Sue Necessary)

Grace Notes (Karen Monhardt)

Karafelts (Kara Kirchner)

Hostess Kay Liebenow lives at 33 Candle Ridge Road in the Indian Creek subdivision north of Towanda.

If you need directions or are lost, feel free to call any of us!

Kay Liebenow-728-2427

Marylynn Meredith 242-8959

Marcia Hirst 532-4546

The image used here is a reproduction of one of our favorite artist's paintings: Karen Fields

Towanda Busy Bees



The Towanda Busy Bees would like to thank the community for supporting our annual American Red Cross Blood Drive in June. A total of 28 pints of blood were collected during the 4 hour drive!



The Busy Bees are preparing projects for the McLean County 4H Fair which will be taking place from August 5th through the 8th. Be sure to visit Cloverleaf Hall as well as the animal barns to see all the many things 4Hers can do. The Busy Bees will be exhibiting rabbits, cats, dogs, legos, ceramics, candles, sewing, quilting, leatherwork, scrapbooking, gardening, woodworking, baking and cooking projects just to name a few.

For more information about the Towanda Busy Bees 4H club contact Martha Rients Hrients@frontiernet.net or 728-2178.

Towanda Library

Adult Summer Reading Program Bingo runs through Friday, August 14th. Turn in your completed Bingo card for a chance to win the grand prize – a sampler of fine oils and vinegars from *The Olive Bin* or a gift from Perfectly POSH by Abbie Rikenberger.

TOWANDA READS discusses *The Husband's Secret* by Liane Moriarty at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11th @ the library. This book appeals to who-done-it fans and romance readers.

FRIENDS of Towanda District Library meets at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11th @ the library to plan the *November 7th Artist/Vendor Holiday Sale and Christmas Tea*. The group welcomes new members at any time – as long as you love your library!

Pre-School Story Hours resume the first Wednesday after Labor Day at 10:30 a.m. on each Wednesday morning – through Memorial Day.

4th & 5th Grade Book Club will be held 14 times during the upcoming school year – on each Wednesday that Unit District #5 has “Late Starts”. Children will be escorted from Towanda Elementary to the library right after school - with parent pick-up at 4:30. Written permission from parents is required. Stop at the library to fill out a permission form and pick up a calendar of events for this group.

Read to the Rhythm Summer Reading for Youth ended their musical summer with a Pizza Party courtesy of Fast Stop and a Cupcake Walk courtesy of Towanda 4-H. Gift certificates were awarded to readers courtesy of Carl's Ice Cream, Grady's, Farmer's State Bank, Texas Roadhouse, Great Harvest Bread Company, Avanti's, Wal-Mart, and Meijer's. Towanda LIONS, Towanda Ladies Night Out, Country Financial, Home Extension, Ed Anderson Trucking, Fast Stop, FRIEND Kathy Wade, Brandt Consolidated, McLean County Retired Teachers, and Towanda PTO provided funding for plentiful reader prizes. FRIENDS of the Library provided some weekly snacks and volunteered at each session. Teen volunteers Sarah Kraft, Sarah Hopt, and Sam Clement loyally helped at the three-per-week Summer Reading sessions. Circulation at the library was 150% of previous summers! Eighty-eight students participated to read more than 400 total hours.

Knitters/Crocheters meet at the library every Tuesday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Several completed 6' X 4' sleeping mats made of plastic grocery bags. These will be donated to the homeless. Susie Shoemaker leads this group. New members are always welcome.

Facebook Photos: View all of the summer's fun. Go to the library website www.towandalibrary.org and click on our Facebook page in the right-hand column. You can see our Facebook page – even if you do not have your own Facebook account.

ROVER Artists who participated in the June and July sessions hosted at our library will see their art work exhibited at the McLean County Art Museum beginning with the Opening Reception on Friday, August 14th. Refreshments will be served. Families are invited to the 5:00 to 7:00 event. We'll see you there!

Dates for your calendar

McLean County Fair Wed.-Sun., Aug.5-9 <http://www.mcleancountyfair.org/>

1st Full Day of School in Unit 5 ~ Wed.Aug.19 - For Information about registration and more – see <http://www.unit5.org/>

Annual FALL Towanda Area Garage Sales: Thu-Sat, Sep.10-12;
To be included on the list of area sales, please provide ~ by **Wednesday, Sep2:**

Sale location

Contact information (phone & email)

Days and times of your sale (you do not need to have your sale each day)

List of items (include as much as you like, in priority order, and depending on space available, they will be listed on the flyer and by category in the Pantagraph ad)

\$7 fee (for flyers, Pantagraph ads), checks payable to Gail Ann Briggs

Email sale information to rgbriggs@frontiernet.net (preferred) or Send to 112 Hunt St; Towanda IL 61776; Call (728-2187) with questions.



Towanda HCE

The Towanda HCE wishes to thank the community for the tremendous support showed to us by attending the 22nd Annual Spaghetti Supper on July 3. We served over 320 people. Your support of this annual event enables us to address community service in the community and through out the county to include the Towanda Elementary School and the library. This was the third year in a row we had beautiful weather and wonderful fellowship of those attending the supper.

Upcoming events include the McLean County Fair "Young at Heart Day" on Thursday, Aug 6, 8:30-11:30 am in Cloverleaf Hall. Seniors age 60+ have free gate admission and parking until noon, enjoy musical entertainment, win door prizes, and receive educational information pertaining to organizations serving seniors.

Another popular fair activity is the Bake-Off Auction on Saturday, August 8. Check-in your baking delights from 12n-1p.m. in Cloverleaf Hall. Judging will take place 1-2pm. Presentation of Awards and the auction begin immediately following the Senior Fashion Revue. All adults past 4-H age are allowed to enter. All entries will be auctioned off with the money raised to help support 4-H in McLean County. Bring your baked goods AND stay to bid on those wonderful foods. Many local people from Towanda area have won awards.

Thank you Towanda area residents and we hope you will join us when we next meet on Monday, September 14 at 7pm at the community building to study the use of "essential oils" and about gardens "winding down". More details will be given in September newsletter. Contact president, Cindy Kelley, 309-663-4796 or membership chair, Robin Pearson, 815-579-1650 with any questions. See you at the McLean County 4-H Fair and in September for our first meeting of the year.

McLean County Fair



YOUNG AT HEART DAY

Interstate Center West of Bloomington on Rt. 9

Thursday August 6, 2015
8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Senior Day at the fair features...

Free gate admission until noon (includes parking)
for those age 60 and over!

Musical Entertainment with:

The Dynamics
followed by...

The Pitiful Pickers

Door Prizes throughout the morning

Organizations serving seniors with educational information

Young at Heart Day Committee:

Cindy Kelley, Donna LaMar, Kathleen Emery, Judy Mohr and Joann Hart

Young at Heart Day is sponsored by:



**McLean County Association for
Home and Community Education**
1615 Commerce Parkway, Bloomington, IL 61704

Co-chairmen:
Donna LaMar
309-829-2537
Cindy Kelley
309-824-4797

Bakers Needed for the 4-H Alumni Sponsored Bake-Off Auction at the McLean County Fair

Check-in will be from noon to 1 p.m. in Cloverleaf Hall on Saturday, August 8.

Judging will take place from 1-2 p.m.

Presentation of Awards and Auction begin immediately following the Sr. Fashion Revue.



All adults past 4-H age are allowed to enter.

Each baked good will be judged unless you specify that you do not want your item judged.

CATEGORIES

Cake

Cookies – one dozen

Candy – 12 pieces

Pies – Cherry, Apple, All Other Fruit

Breads – yeast bread loaf, all other yeast breads, quick breads/muffins (no yeast)

All other desserts – Buckles, Cobblers, Crisp, Bars

Please Note: All entries should be placed in a disposable container. All entries will be auctioned off. No cheesecakes or dairy needing refrigeration.

All money raised from this event helps to support 4-H in McLean County.



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The August Host Special is any ONE item or set at 60% Off.

I am planning a Freezer Meal Workshop at my home in August. It's so easy to prepare a week's worth of meals in 2 hours! I am limited to 4-6 attendees for each workshop at my home. One lucky person will be my guest host for this workshop! Please contact me for more details if you are interested.

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For Hire:

Do you need a babysitter? Do you need your house cleaned? Or, just an extra set of hands to help out around the house? Anna Kraft is willing to help! She is a sophomore at NCHS and can be contacted at 728-8088 (home) or (309) 830-7721 (cell).

Need help mowing your lawn or weed-wacking this summer? Even if you just want someone to mow for a week while you're on vacation, give Joe Kaufmann a call. Joe's cell # 824-1027

Jairon and Justin Schwamberger (Senior/Sophomore at NCHS) are available for mowing/lawn care or other outside labor. Will be willing to take on summer long jobs, help with special projects, or mow while you're on vacation. Contact information: 728-2857, 830-9544.

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