

INDIAN CREEK NEWSLETTER

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Towanda American Legion

There will be a fish dinner on Friday July 15th from 5-7. Dinner will include fish, coleslaw, baked beans, roll, drink and dessert for \$9.

All dinners are open to the public. Carry outs are available. Thank you for your continued support of the Legion and our Veterans.

There will not be a breakfast this month.

Legion, Sons of the Legion and the Legion Auxiliary will have their regular meeting on Thursday July 21st at 7:00 at the Post. The Legion is available to rent for reunions, parties and meetings. For more information contact Mike Potts at 728-2384 or Tom Wagner at 287-7861.

Towanda HCE



Towanda Home and Community Education enjoyed a trip to Funk Prairie Home and the Gem & Mineral Museum on June 1. Besides learning about the contributions of the Funk family to this area and the whole world, we learned about the Gems and Minerals that Lafayette Funk collected and displayed. This local historical site is a "gem" that you should definitely visit which is by appointment only and free of charge. The Funk Prairie Home is at 10875 Prairie Home Ln, Shirley, IL 61772. funkprairiehomemuseum.com (309) 827-6792 It opens at 9:00 am.

We will start up in September with new programs presented on the second Monday of each month at 7 pm at the Towanda Community Building. Be watching for more information in the August and September newsletters.

We hope you will come to the annual July 3 Towanda HCE Spaghetti Supper that is on a Sunday this year. Tickets are available in advance but walk-ins are welcome and carry outs are available. Tickets: \$6/Adult; \$4/2-7 yrs child; Under 2 are free! Serving spaghetti, bread and salad by Avanti's; homemade desserts and drinks. Contact Pat Pulokas, 728-2118 or Cindy Kelley, 663-4796 for tickets or more information. Come preview the Towanda Flea Market and enjoy good food! See you July 3!



48th ANNUAL

Towanda 4th of JULY CELEBRATION – 2016

Towanda, Illinois 61776

(Exit 171 - on I-55; 7 miles North-East of Bloomington)

Website: <http://towandajuly4.com/>

Sunday, July 3, 2016

4:30 – 7:00 pm Spaghetti Dinner Community Building

8:00 – 11:00 pm Community Dance South Park

Music by "Sweetwater"

Miss & Master & Court Introduced

Monday, July 4, 2016

All Day Flea Market North & South Parks

All Day Food Concessions Community Bldg

And Parks

8:45-9:30 am Parade Lineup School

10:00 am Parade 'Steps Off'

Dusk Fireworks

Monday, July 4

FLEA MARKET

The Flea Market will be held all day in North and South Parks. Furniture, primitives, bottles, coins, art glass, china, pressed and cut glass, jewelry, brass and copper, handcrafted items, books, clocks, antiques, collectibles; many booths will have LOTS of items for sale.

Free admission; dealer space reserved @ \$40/space.

Linda Potts ~ 728-2384

PARADE

"OUR Citizens Make Towanda Great!"

8:45 am Registration and line up at Towanda School

9:45 am Grand Marshals Award for the float that best represents the parade theme.

10:00 am Parade 'steps off' from the school

Parade Route: Adams & East St go West; Jefferson turn North; Washington go East; Madison turn South; Monroe go East; at Taylor go South; exit at Hely & school grounds.

Participants: Grand Marshals Dollie and Steve Fincham; Tin Lizzies; Community Band; Calliope; Miss & Master & Court; elected dignitaries and candidates; floats; Towanda's volunteer firemen; antique cars, tractors, other vehicles, bicyclers & walkers.

Local flag bearers will be able to carry the U.S. flags in the parade! Plan to be a part of this spectacular and breathtaking unit!

Older youth and adults are urged to **sign up**.

The route is a little hilly and about 1 mile long.

Only 50 flags are available.

Speed Check-in & FLAGS for units that are pre-registered. Go to <http://towandajuly4.com/> to get information about parade participation and an entry form (or call). Please return your completed form as-soon-as-possible. There is no fee to participate; but **donations** are appreciated.

Gail Ann Briggs ~ 728-2187 ~ gabriggs@frontiernet.net

FIREWORKS ~ at Dusk !!

The fireworks will be set off from the Towanda Township Building about .8 miles East of Towanda on 1900 North Road. The display will be clearly visible from town.

Sunday, July 3

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Serving spaghetti, salad, and bread prepared by Avanti's with homemade dessert and beverage at the Community Building ~ 4:30 – 7:00 pm. Carry Outs are available.

Tickets are \$6/adult; \$4/child 2-7; under 2 - FREE (both advance & at the door); Cindy Kelley ckek71@frontier.com, 663-4796 or Pat Pulokas, 728-2118, palp@mchsi.com;

COMMUNITY DANCE

The FREE dance in South Park is from 8:00 – 11:00 pm with music provided by "Sweetwater"

Miss/Master winners announced. Concessions.

Donations appreciated. Bring lawn chairs.

Monday, July 4

FOOD CONCESSIONS

Towanda Scouts ~ pork chop and BBQ sandwiches, hot dogs, chips, desserts, and drinks, at the Community Bldg.

Other items ~ will be available from vendors in both parks: fried vegetables, ribbon potatoes, tenderloins, corn dogs, elephant ears, shake-ups, Kettle Corn, & more!

Plan NOW to join us in Towanda for the Annual 4th of July Celebration ~ July 3 and 4, 2017

Towanda Busy Bees 4H Club

The Towanda Busy Bees 4H club would like to thank the Towanda Community for supporting our annual blood drive. Special thanks to the Towanda HCE for helping co sponsor the drive this year.

The Busy Bees 4H club will meet at 6:30 pm on Tuesday July 19 at the Towanda Community Building. There will be a short business meeting and members will give talks and demonstrations. Members will also share projects they are preparing for the McLean County Fair that will be held at the McLean County Fairgrounds August 3-7.

For more information about the Towanda Busy Bees 4H club contact: Martha Rients, 728-2178.

Towanda Library

Monday, July 4th: Library is closed for the holiday.

Monday July 11, 4:30: Fun and Games: Make your own catapult! You'll also be outside, protecting your bucket from invading beanbags.

Wednesday July 13, 10:30: Play Angry Birds! You'll also get the opportunity to knock over some pigs in the library yard.

Monday July 18, 4:30: Angry Birds & Mini-Golf : Can you follow the instructions to help your team stop the pigs from invading? Play a new version of golf in the library yard.

Wednesday July 20, 10:30: Join the Ecology Action Center as you focus on helping the Lorax to save the Earth!

Monday July 25 at 4:30 or Wednesday July 27 at 10:30: 2016 LIBRARY-LYMPICS. Maneuver through some of the most challenging feats of the summer...an obstacle course? Afterwards, you'll enjoy pizza and win prizes. Please make sure you pre-register for one of the final sessions.

Each session of the summer includes reading aloud to your child and snacks.

Adult Summer Reading BINGO: Adults read at their own pace to complete squares on a BINGO card and enter to win weekly prizes, plus a \$20 Kroger gift card as Grand Prize on August 15.

Teen Reading Program: Weekly prizes for entering an in-the-library contest, as well as a grand prize drawing for Teen BINGO row completion. BINGO grand prize is a book and DVD combo of "Pride and Prejudice."

Crochet and Craft Group: Meets each Tuesday from 5:00 to 7:00

TOWANDA READS: The next book discussion is Tuesday, August 9th at 5 pm. The group is currently reading "Deep, Down, Dark" by Hector Tobar. This is the story of 33 men buried when the San Jose mine collapsed in Chile in 2010. Join the group whenever the title interests you!



Garden Tips

by Helen Leake

People complain when the temperature climbs and we get hot and turn on the air conditioner. Trees, shrubs, and plants cannot do that. On hot, windy, low humidity days, corn and tomato leaves curl and plant leaves droop. The plant is losing water faster than the roots can absorb it. Plants with large leaves and shallow roots will lose moisture faster. If the soil is moist, the leaves will recover when the sun sets and the temperature drops. If when you lift the container that the plant is in, and it is light weight, it needs to be given water.

When you water trees, shrubs and tomatoes, don't just water at the trunk, there aren't many feeder roots there to absorb it. Go out farther to just before the "drip line" and give it a long, slow stream of water, giving the water time to soak in. If you can't water all the way around under the tree, water at the same spot each time. That will keep some of the roots moist all the time. Trees and shrubs planted in the last 5 years need more water because their roots haven't developed enough.

To run the irrigation for 15-20 minutes will only keep the grass roots close to the surface and they will dry out fast. Place a cat food or tuna can out and when it gets full, you know you have given it 1 inch of water. Check to see the time it takes, so you know you have to add more time when it is dry.

When the temperature is above 85 degrees, do not apply herbicides. The drift from it could kill plants and shrubs you don't want killed. Also do not fertilize when it is hot, it causes too much stress to the turf grass.

Now is the time you can sow seeds of perennials directly into the soil for next years flowers. You can also start seeds for broccoli, cabbage and cauliflower for a fall harvest. In late June, you can plant bush beans for fall harvest. You can place the seeds a little deeper in the soil and be sure to keep the soil moist.

It won't be long until the male Japanese beetles will start emerging from the soil. Shortly afterwards the females will emerge. They will start looking for food. When they find a good place, they release an odor to tell others they found food. If you watch for them and kill them early, you might not have a lot later. By putting out a trap, you could attract more beetles than without a trap. It will draw them and they could also stop and feed on the way.

You can kill them if you put a few drops of dish soap in a can and add water. In the morning and evening, when the beetles are the least active, hold the container under the beetle and touch its back with your finger or a stick. The beetle will fold its legs and fall into the water. The soapy water will coat its wings making it unable to fly right away.

It seems like every year when the old fashion peonies are at their prime, it rains. Then the large, pretty flower fills with water and falls over to the ground. The petals have all fallen off, so it is time to cut that stem off, back as far as you can. That will make the plant look much better. The leaves are storing the energy from the sun for next years flowers. You can cut them off in September or October. If any of the leaves have black spots, remove them and put them in the garbage. You can also dead head the Fern Leaf Peony. Cut the flower stem off of the tree peony, so it doesn't put its energy into making seeds. If that stem has turned black, cut it back also.

If your old fashion petunia is getting long and not looking good, cut it back to about 4 inches. It will soon send our new shoots and bloom again.

The bag worms are starting to hatch. The only time you can kill them is when they are out of the bag. Also pull off any bags and put them in the garbage. If you throw them on the ground or compost pile, they can hatch and go back up the tree.

If you are trying to keep the size of your evergreens under control, now is the time to trim the candles. The candles are this years growth, and it can be cut back or off. They are usually lighter in color.

It is time to raise the lawn mowing height to 2 1/2 - 3 inches for summer. That way the grass can shade the soil, so it won't heat the roots so much. The taller grass will also make it harder for the weed seeds to reach the soil.

It is time to plant the pumpkin seed early in this month so you can have Jack-o-laterns for Halloween. If you cover pumpkin squash, and cucumber rows with row cover, that could prevent the moths from laying eggs that will produce larvae that eat the plants. Be sure to remove the row cover when the plants bloom so the bees can pollinate them. The plant row cover will let the rain and sunshine thru, but not the insects.

Begin control for apple maggot flies. Spray the trunks of peach tree and other stone fruits for peach tree borers.

On hot, dry, windy days, you need to check flower containers daily to see if they are dry. If it is a small container, you might need to check it twice a day.

Do not fertilize the lawn in summer, it could burn the roots and damage the plant. Wait until fall to fertilize.

Harvest your herbs in mid-morning after the leaves have dried and before the heat of the day.

Thin your apples and peaches so that they are about 6-8 inches apart.. That will take some of the weight off of the branch, so it does not break. It will also allow the remaining fruit to grow to a nice, big size. It will also allow the tree to store some energy for next years crop.

It is time to mulch tomatoes, peppers, and eggplant. Also set up a trellis or cages to keep the plant off of the ground. Be sure the support is strong enough to support the mature plant and its produce.

Remove the dead flowers from plants growing in containers. That will encourage the plant to continue producing more flowers.



SHS state title only one of Mogill's great moments



Tim Mogill was a complex man, but with one extremely simple goal in life: to help young people become the best that they can be. Dr. Alexis Timothy Mogill, a native of Evanston but a lifelong educator, coach and volunteer in the Streator area, passed away at the age of 77 on Saturday June 4, 2016 at his residence in downstate Towanda.

He was perhaps best known in north central Illinois sports circles for coaching the Lady Bulldogs softball team to a state championship in 1983. At that time, in the early years after Title IX in one-class IHSA softball (started in 1975-76), Streator was one of the first dominant teams. It won its fourth consecutive regional title at Varna Mid-County in '83, but didn't stop there. It won the Bloomington Sectional and made it to state, where it defeated Burbank Reavis 4-0, two-time defending state champ Quincy Notre Dame 2-1 and, for the championship, Rich Central 6-2. It remains the only state championship in the school's 140-year history. After losing just three seniors from that team, the Lady Bulldogs nearly repeated the next season, but fell in the quarterfinals 1-0 to Marissa.

A main cog in that success was Mogill's daughter, ace pitcher Alexandra "Zami" Mogill, who was the '83 state tourney MVP, set innumerable records at SHS and at Eastern Illinois University, where she earned all-American status. She went on to play on many nationally prominent teams, even participating in the first ever softball trial for the Olympic Games. "We had a good run at the time," said Mogill, now Mogill Hay, a teacher now living with husband and two children in Schererville, Ind. "It was a good group of girls. We were all friends and Streator Youth Softball was a big part of that."

In a way, that championship was the fruit of Mogill's earlier labors. He was instrumental in helping Joy Ozretich and others in the forming of Streator Youth Softball, doing everything from helping to establish the diamonds and buildings at Bodznick Park to serving as both a member and president of its board for many years. Many members of the championship team and the outstanding squads that surrounded that season were not only graduates of the SGS program, but friends since kindergarten, according to Hay.

"My dad had a love for the game of softball, but it wasn't necessarily that way in the beginning," Hay said. "He was actually a swimmer and a coach of swimming, I believe the second coach of Streator's swim team ... but he had played sandlot ball growing up in Chicago, so he knew the game, but my mom was actually the first softball coach I had, before my dad was even involved in it. He came in around the time it formalized at Bodznick and coached my sister, Teri, and I. "One season, my coach took a vacation in the middle of the season and we needed a coach, and he stepped in to help. Later when the high school needed someone, he stepped in there, too ... It became a passion, but one he sort of stumbled into." But softball was not all encompassing and the state title was not the pinnacle for this very intelligent man of diverse interests, and a remarkable history.

He was proud of the fact that his grandfather, surnamed Mogilnitsky, was an actual saint, so honored for continuing to run religious services in secret during the Russian revolution. His father escaped to the United States and shortly thereafter had the name shortened to Mogill to ease the transition. After retiring from SHS, Mogill continued to teach in college, at Illinois State (where he earned his doctorate), Illinois Wesleyan, Millikin and Eureka, while also writing curriculum for the textbook publisher, Addison-Wesley. He was also a library board member and while a teacher, was a active member of the teachers union.

He was also an avid and accomplished photographer, with his own dark room in their family home in Streator. Many of his photographs have been donated to the Streator Historical Society. Hay remembers a wall in the house covered top to bottom with a variety of black-and-white family and artistic photos born of his creative eye.

He was also very proud of his trademark beard, one that Hay said he grew on a bet for a contest held in conjunction with the nation's Bicentennial of 1976. He won, and the family still has the "Best Beard" trophy.

Mogill is survived by Hay and Teri, now Corcoran of Marengo, who played softball too, but focused more on her love of horses and showing them competitively. His wife, Helen, passed away nearly three years earlier to the day in 2013. "There was really so much more to his life," Hay said. "While winning the state championship and all the community support was amazing and a special moment for all of us, the most important thing was that it was an experience we all shared together ... It was not a moment that he repeated every day of his life. It was a moment in his life and he had so many other great moments, too. He was an amazing man... It's sad and we will miss him, but he was at peace with the life that he lived."

Tractor Shelter Stained

We missed our calling! Good to get this finished. Special thanks to Linda, Mary Ann, and Kathy Nelson.



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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).

Justin (16) and Jairon (17) Schwamberger are available to help with yard work or other maintenance jobs. Call 728-2857.

Need help mowing and trimming your lawn this summer? Joe Kaufmann (4 Eastwood Ct) would be glad to mow for you! Prices vary depending on lawn size and use of your equipment or his. Call 309-824-1027 (Joe's cell) or 309-728-8095 house phone

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

"Looking for someone to help you with yard work? Need help taking care of your pet while you are away or while you are at work? Call Avery Hartman, 728-2093. I have experience and references."

Want to prevent the "summer slide" or the loss of knowledge over summer break. Feel like your kid needs more education? Have your son or daughter come down to 5 Fox Creek Road for a summer tutoring program. Twelve-year-old Tyler Allen can just help you with what you need for math, writing, and science. If you want to enroll your child or want to become a tutor for reading and/or social studies, and are open on Mondays or Tuesdays, contact me at 309-684-1567 or email me at baseballtylerallen@gmail.com. When you enroll, I will provide you with the schedule.