

INDIAN CREEK NEWSLETTER

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Towanda Area Fall Garage Sales

The fall sales will be held **Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 8, 9, and 10.**

If you would like to be included, please provide, by **Wednesday, August 31:**

- 1) the sale **location** and your **contact information**,
- 2) the **days** and **times** your sale will be open (it is not necessary to be open all days),
- 3) **list of items** to advertise (as space is available) on the flyer that is distributed with the map of locations, and
- 4) **\$7.00** (check made payable to Gail Ann Briggs)

Emailed lists are preferred (you will receive a response that it has been received):

rgbriggs@frontiernet.net ~ 112 Hunt ~ 728-2187.

Directory of Area Organizations

Is your group or organization interested in new members?

An updated directory is 'in-the-works'. Please provide, as soon as you are organized, the following information for your group or organization to be included in the list:

- 1) **name** and **title** of person to be listed,
- 2) **location** of meetings/events,
- 3) regular **meeting time and day**, and
- 4) whether meetings are **weekly, monthly, or periodically**

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Towanda Area Historical Society

A mini-cemetery walk is scheduled for Sunday, September 11 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Smith Grove Cemetery. Inclement weather date is Sunday, September 25. You are invited to visit the cemetery and learn something about this site that is the subject of a paper written by Dorothy Jones ~ <http://www.towandahistory.org/Detail.cfm?id=690>

Smith Grove is the final resting place of many of the area's family members. The only cemetery in Towanda Township, it is located in Section 10 of the township, ¾ mile South of 1900 N Road (turn onto 2150 E Road from 1900 N Road and follow the curves...cemetery is on the right).

The Society will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, September 27, 7:00 p.m. at the Towanda Community Building and the public is invited to attend.

Questions? Contact Gail Ann Briggs rgbriggs@frontiernet.net ~ 112 Hunt ~ 728-2187



George L. Evans Junior High School ~ Dedication and Open House

The school, located at 2901 Morrissey Dr., Bloomington, will hold an open house for the public from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 18. The dedication program will begin at 2:00 p.m. Attending will be Harriet Evans, the widow of Mr. Evans, and other family members. Visit the school's website for a rolling slide show of the building. <http://www.unit5.org/ejhs/index.php>

Towanda American Legion

The Towanda American Legion will have a breakfast on Sunday September 4th from 7:30 to 11:00. Breakfast will include scrambled eggs, egg casserole, sausage, bacon, hash brown potatoes, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, fruit and drink for \$8. Carryouts are available.

There will be a pork chop dinner on Friday September 9th from 5:30-7:30. Dinner will include pork chop sandwich, french fries, green beans, drink and dessert. Carryouts are available.

We are continuing to collect donations for our troops overseas. If you know of a service person you would like to receive a package, please let us know. Thank you for your continued support of the Legion and our troops.

Towanda HCE



Towanda Home and Community Education group will meet on Monday, Sept. 12, 2011, 7:00 pm at the Towanda Community Building. The program "Jams, Jellies and Marmalades" will be presented.

Towanda HCE meets once monthly, September through June for educational and social opportunities. We invite you to join us for up to date information on a variety of topics. HCE used to be known as Home Bureau and Home Extension. It's always been about education and the exchange of ideas. Call our membership chair, Robin Pearson to learn more about Towanda HCE at 815-579 1650.

The McLean County Association for Home and Community Education is offering workshops on Monday, Sept. 12, at the Extension Office at 402 N. Hershey Rd, Bloomington from 1-2pm on Writing Your Memoirs, presented by Henrietta Crain and 2-4 pm on Genealogy II, presented by Bill Ditmers. Please RSVP by Sep. 6, 309 379 3141. Also on September 19, 2-3:30 is Read & Share at the Extension Building when the book *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett will be discussed. The movie from this book came out in theatres August 17. Contact LaVonne 309 661 6391 for more

Steve Liebenow Memorial Scholarship

The Towanda Lions Club is sponsoring a \$500.00 scholarship for a 2011 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 2011 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, 2011.

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 who passed away.

Classified



For Sale:

Small couch for sale, \$50. Mark & Barb Ulbrich 728 2932.

For Hire:

Looking for Houses to Clean in Indian Creek or Towanda Area
Not enough time to clean? Give me a ring!
*Experienced *Affordable *Reliable *References
Call Michele King 309-287-5491

Towanda Library



Library Story Hours begin on Monday, September 12th for children 3 years or older. "Fun with Fingerplays" is the theme for the September sessions which are held each Monday morning at 10:30. Join "Miss Tommie" for stories, crafts, and snacks. Younger brothers and sisters are invited to play in the toddler kitchen or to enjoy animated TumbleBooks on the computer. Moms may find a minute or two to visit with each other during the hour. Everyone takes home lots of books to read during the week.

Composting Workshop on Wednesday, September 7th at 5:30 p.m.

Did you spend too much money on bags of soil and fertilizers for your garden this year? Want to save? Randy Pearson shares tips about growing a fabulous garden by re-using the scraps from your kitchen and yard waste. It may be simpler than you think. Do it for yourself! Do it for your planet!

Teacher Open House on Tuesday, September 20 at 3:15

Towanda library staff host the elementary teachers and discuss cooperative ventures for this school year.



Towanda 4-H Club

The Towanda 4-H Club will kick-off the 2011-2012 4-H year on Sunday, September 25 at 4 p.m. @ Wesley Boyd Park. Information will be given out on meeting times and planned activities for the year. Towanda 4-H is providing drinks, hot dogs and buns. Please bring a dish to pass. 4-H is open to any boy or girl that is 8 years old by September 1 or older to eighteen years. Those interested in the Cloverbuds are welcome also. Cloverbuds are ages from 5 to 8 years old. Come join the fun and hear what is coming up for the year. For more information, contact Kathy Schultz at 728-2137 or Jeanie Wager at 728-2852.

The Towanda 4-H club ended the 2010-2011 year with a pool party at the Lexington Public Pool on Sunday, August 14, 2011. All members and their families were invited. A records workshop was held on Tuesday, August 23rd at 6:30 p.m. to complete the records for the year. Records are due by August 31. For more information, contact Kathy Schultz at 728-2137 or Jeanie Wager at 728-2852.



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PRESS RELEASE

State Budget Cuts Continue to Prevent Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events

Neither McLean County nor any other Central Illinois community will be the site of an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection event this year. On July 15, 2009 Illinois Public Act 96-0044 swept the Illinois Solid Waste Management Fund, effectively removing all funding for IEPA sponsored Household Hazardous Waste Collection events. These funding cuts continue into the current fiscal year.

The Ecology Action Center has had an application on file with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for a HHW collection event since 2008; however, this application will not even be considered until IEPA funding is restored. In order to meet our community's needs, efforts have begun to explore alternative funding of a local HHW collection event in case the resumption of state funding is delayed for an extended period.

While Household Hazardous Waste collection events are a very important and useful resource, the Ecology Action Center encourages community members to reduce the amount of hazardous waste items acquired in the first place. Purchasing appropriate quantities of chemicals, oil based paints, etc. will reduce or eliminate leftover amounts that require disposal. For safer homes and a healthy environment, reduced usage of hazardous chemicals will benefit everyone.

Safe alternatives to many common household chemicals do exist. For example, the Ecology Action Center's Yard Smart program promotes sustainable lawn and garden strategies; numerous resources on alternatives to conventional synthetic fertilizers and pesticides may be found on the Ecology Action Center's website at <http://www.ecologyactioncenter.org/yard-smart/>. Some suggestions for other alternatives to some other common household chemicals may be found at the IEPA's website at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/p2/less-toxic-products.html>.

Alternately, there are a few permanent HHW collection sites in Illinois, located in Naperville, Rockford, Chicago, and Gurnee. Contact information for each of these facilities is located on the IEPA website at: <http://www.epa.state.il.us/land/hazardous-waste/household-haz-waste/hhwc-schedule.html>.

Fortunately there are increased options for residents for recycling some items locally that previously required disposal at a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event. For example:

Compact fluorescent lamp (CFL) bulbs may be recycled of at the following collection sites:

- Town of Normal, Facilities Management Parking Lot, 207 S. Linden (across from Vitesse Cycle) accessible 24 hours a day
- City of Bloomington Public Service - Drop Off Facility Blue receptacle located in compound at Jackson Street and East Street (behind Bloomington Public Library). Hours vary seasonally; consult www.cityblm.org or call 309-434-2220 for current hours of operation.

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- Springfield Electric, 902 Four Seasons Road in Bloomington Monday - Friday from 7 am to 5:30 pm, and Saturday 8 am to 3 pm.
 - Home Depot, 795 Veteran's Parkway, Bloomington. You can bring the light bulbs to an associate in the electrical department during business hours.
 - Menards, 900 Greenbriar Drive, Normal. You can bring CFLs in during store hours.
- Residents are asked to wrap CFLs in newspaper or replace in original packaging before recycling to reduce breakage.

Fluorescent Tube Bulbs may be recycled at the following collection sites:

- Home Depot, 795 Veteran's Parkway, Bloomington. You can bring the light bulbs to an associate in the electrical department during business hours.
- Menards, 900 Greenbriar Drive, Normal. You can bring CFLs in during store hours.

Household batteries (alkaline & rechargables) may be recycled at the following collection sites during regular business hours:

- Batteries Plus 2109 N. Veteran's Parkway, Bloomington
- Interstate Battery Center 1400 E Lafayette. St. Bloomington

Latex paint (but not oil paints) are NOT hazardous and can be disposed of in the garbage safely if you first allow the paint to dry completely. The best way to do so is to pour your latex paint into thin layers on old newspaper or cardboard, allow it to dry, and roll it up and throw it away.

Usable paints, chemicals, cleaners, and other items can often find new homes through McLean County Freecycle. Sign up to use this free online network and post your offerings for someone else to claim and simply make arrangements for them to pick up your items.

Unused or expired pharmaceuticals can be dropped at:

- Eastland Pharmacy in OSF Eastland Medical Plaza I, 1505 Eastland Drive in Bloomington
- Atrium Pharmacy at BroMenn Regional Medical Center, 1304 Franklin Avenue in Normal
- Merle Pharmacy, 203 E Locust Street in Bloomington
- Chenoa Pharmacy, 209 S Green Street in Chenoa
- Doc's Drugs, 304 Sunset Drive in LeRoy

Bloomington and Normal police departments are accepting drop-offs of all medicine, including **controlled substances/narcotics** (strong painkillers like morphine, codeine, hydrocodone, and oxycodone) and other prescriptions.

- Bloomington Police Department, 305 S. East Street, Bloomington
- Normal Police Department, 100 E. Phoenix Avenue, Normal
- Illinois State University Student Services Building, 201 N. University St, Normal

Computers, phones, radios, VCRs, microwaves, blenders, CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes, audio cassettes, and other electronics may be recycled at the Normal Public Works Garage Electronics Drop-off at 1301 Warriner (off Adelaide), Monday-Friday from 6am to 1pm.

In addition, Morris Tick Scrap Metal now recycles many **electronics and small appliances**. Goodwill Industries will recycle your old **computer or computer accessories** and Best Buy will recycle many **consumer electronics** for a small fee that is offset by a free gift card of equal value.

Used motor oil, antifreeze, and other automotive fluids may be disposed of at many of the local oil change facilities or other automotive service centers.

Please note: many of the above listed programs (such as CFLs, batteries, electronics) are intended for residential waste only, not waste from businesses. The funding for these programs is extremely limited; similar programs may exist for businesses but may require that the business pay for the services directly.

Other household hazardous waste items not listed above (including oil-based paints, paint thinner, herbicides, insecticides, fertilizers, drain cleaners, cleaning chemicals, pool chemicals, and mercury containing items such as old thermostats and thermometers) all still need to be disposed of at a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event.

Please contact the Ecology Action Center for more information on recycling, waste reduction, composting, and household hazardous waste disposal, at (309) 454-3169.

The Ecology Action Center is a not-for-profit walk-in information and environmental education center with a mission to inspire and assist residents of McLean County in creating, strengthening, and preserving a healthy environment.

Contact: Michael Brown
Phone: (309) 454-3169

Welcome New Neighbors

Welcome to new neighbors, Lane and Barb O'Connor, who recently moved into the Jurovic home at 9 Bent Tree Lane. Lane tells us:

"Barbara and I celebrated our 36th wedding anniversary the day after we moved here. We have two children - Erin O'Connor Fabrizio and Ryan O'Connor, each of which lives in the Chicago area. They are both thrilled with the idea of visiting us here. We do not have grandchildren yet, but our daughter and her husband have children in their near plans. We do not have pets, but we hope to get a dog.



I work at State Farm, Barbara works for Dr. Atwater at McLean County Orthopedic. I have coached high school volleyball for the past 12 years and played competitively at national tournaments. After a severe knee injury two years ago, I've ramped up my participation in club bridge tournaments to spend competitive energy.

We lived in Normal for 26 years. Barbara is the driving force to move here. I'm more of an in-town kind of guy. But as much as I dragged my feet, I am convinced that our move will prove to be yet another great life experience into which Barb has led us.

To everyone who has stopped by during our first two weeks: we thank you for your kind welcome!"