

INDIAN CREEK NEWSLETTER

September 2012

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Open Fires

Although McLean County has lifted the ban on open fires, please be very careful, watch wind speed, wind direction and be respectful of your neighbors if you plan to burn. It is still very dry, so keep a hose handy.

Also, continue any long term watering (**2-4 hours at at time**) on odd/even days.

The Indian Creek board members appreciate your cooperation.

"Steve Liebenow Memorial Scholarship

The Towanda Lions Club is sponsoring a \$500.00 scholarship for a 2012 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 2012 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, 2012.

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."

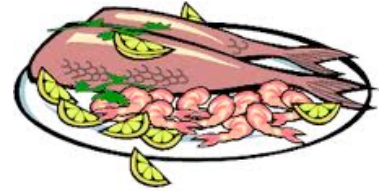
Mail to:
Steve Liebenow Memorial Scholarship
c/o Mr. Robert Hancock
7 Bent Tree Lane
Towanda, Illinois 61776

Towanda American Legion

The Towanda American Legion will have a breakfast on Sunday September 2nd from 7:30 – 11:00. Breakfast includes eggs, egg casserole, sausage, bacon, hash browns, pancakes, French toast, fresh fruit, biscuits and gravy, juice, milk and coffee for \$8.

The American Legion will have a fish, shrimp or combo dinner on Friday September 14th from 5:00 to 7:00. Dinner will include fish, shrimp or shrimp/fish combo, au gratin potatoes, cole slaw, roll, drink and dessert for \$8.

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



Towanda 4-H



The Towanda 4-H will be starting their 2012-2013 year off with a cookout on Monday, September 17th at 6pm at Boyd park in Towanda. Please bring a dish to share and new members are always welcome. The theme for 2012-2013 year will be determined at the cookout.

The Towanda 4-H is open to boys and girls from ages 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 HCE

The Towanda Home and Community Education group will be meeting on Monday, September 10, 2012 at a place to be determined. The program will be on Finding Value in a meat market. The Fact Finds for 2012-2013 will be on different herbs and spices each month. Please call Cindy at 309-663-4796 for questions or further information. Our meetings are open to visitors and we welcome you to join us to learn about new things and have an exchange of ideas with each other. We usually meet on the second Monday of each month, September through June. Towanda HCE has sponsored a July 3 Spaghetti Supper in Towanda for the past 19 years and members are involved in many community service projects. We look forward to having you join us in our pursuit of knowledge and community service.

School is in Session!

This is a reminder that school has started and children will be walking to and standing at bus stops early in the morning. The elementary school kids here in Indian creek have started 15 minutes later and now are catching the bus around 8:00. Please adjust your speed and be very watchful for the children!



Library News



Attend One of the Library's Long-Range Planning Sessions:

Thursday, September 6th or Monday, September 10th. Both sessions begin at 7:00 p.m. Linda Garbe and Dana Maughan will facilitate the Planning Sessions which will identify ways that community members wish to use the library and its services during the next 5 years.

Library Survey: Stop at the library to complete a two-minute survey which will help identify some priorities to be considered at the September Planning Sessions.

Towanda Reads: This book discussion group meets at 4:30 on Thursday, September 13th at the library to discuss the Steve Jobs biography by Isaacson. Anyone in the community is welcome to join us.

Woolly Warm @ your library: Jennifer Mullins, from the Yarn Garden in downtown Bloomington, will be here the last Monday of September, October, and November to teach knitting skills and techniques. Bring your questions and your current projects or just come to learn.

Story Hours @ your Library on Wednesday Mornings at 10:30 beginning September 5th. Making new friends and enjoying each other's company requires social skills - and that means manners. Join Candace Corkery as she spends time at each September Story Hour reading books and singing songs about manners.

Library Manners! Teach children to care for books & respect others in the library

Author Mo Willems uses his humor to teach children to share

'Suppose You Meet a Dinosaur' teaches "Please" and "Thank You"
'Sugar Cookies — Sweet Little Life Lessons' helps us be considerate
'Froggy Eats Out' introduces the topic of table manners



Preschoolers socialize, listen to books, enjoy interactive games, create crafts, and share a snack. Open enrollment allows children to enter the Story Hour group any time during the year - when they turn 3-years-old. Younger siblings are invited to play -- while parents visit nearby during the Story Hour. Making a commitment to visit the library weekly is one of the best ways to raise your child to be a reader!

Free Pen & Ink Class provided by McLean County Arts Center: Tuesday, September 18 @ 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Funded by Illinois Prairie Community Foundation Mirza Arts and Culture Fund

Read 2 Dogs: This popular program returns on Tuesday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30 beginning September 4th.

Voter Registration @ Your Library: Registration for the November 6th Election Closes October 9th. Our library offers voter registration.

A Cup of Christmas Tea: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm This an Artist and vendor shopping event. Profits go to FRIENDS library projects.

Library News continued

Apply for a LINK Card from 1:30 to 3:30 on September 25

Staff from the Peoria Area Food Bank will be available to assist with SNAP (Food Stamp) application and to answer questions about the SNAP (Food Stamp) application process.

September events at the library:

September 4 @ 5:30 — 6:30 pm = Read 2 Dogs (by appointment)

September 5 @ 10:30 am = Story Hour (Manners @ the Library)

September 6 @ 7 pm = **Long-Range Planning**

September 10 @ 4 pm = Regain Your Financial Footing

September 10 @ 5 pm = Knitting, Crocheting, Felting Group

September 10 @ 7 pm = **Long-Range Planning**

September 11 @ 5:30 — 6:30 pm = Read 2 Dogs (by appointment)

September 11 @ 9 am = Library Display at RSVP Recognition Event

September 12 @ 10:30 am = Story Hour (Manners Making Friends)

September 13 @ 4:30 — 6:30 pm = TOWANDA READS - Book Discussion about Steve Jobs Biography by Isaacson

September 17 @ 5 pm = Knitting, Crocheting, Felting Group

September 18 @ 4 pm = Pen & Ink Drawing by McLean Co Art Center

September 18 @ 5:30 — 6:30 pm = Read 2 Dogs (by appointment)

September 18 @ 7 pm = Library Board Meeting

September 19 @ 10:30 am = Story Hour (Table Manners)

September 24 @ 4 pm = Woolly Warm @ your library with Jennifer

September 25 @ 1:30 - 3:30 pm = Apply for a LINK Card

September 25 @ 5:30 — 6:30 pm = Read 2 Dogs (by appointment)

September 26 @ 10:30 am = Story Hour (Manners Words)

Nominate Towanda Library!

Support those unsung heroes of story time!

The winning library receives \$5,000. The top 200 get innovative early literacy toolkits.

Nominations accepted through Oct. 1, 2012.

Here's the link to vote, just enter the city/state and library to cast your vote!

<http://www.readbuildplay.com/>

Worthy Quote

When freedom does not have a purpose, when it does not wish to know anything about the rule of law engraved in the hearts of men and women, when it does not listen to the voice of conscience, it turns against humanity and society.

Pope John Paul II



Welcome New Neighbors!

Mike and Jan Duvall would like to introduce the new "kids" on the block at 6 Bent Tree Lane. They are Dan Duback and Val Beguin. They will be moving in after September 1st and are anxious to meet the neighbors. When you see them outside stop and say "Hi" and welcome them to the neighborhood.

Towanda Area Garage Sales

Dates are September 6-8 (Thu.-Sat).

To be included on the list of area sales, please provide ~ by Wednesday, August 29:

- 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)
 - \$7 fee (for flyers, Pantagraph ads), checks payable to Gail Ann Briggs
- Email info to rgbriggs@frontiernet.net (preferred) or Send to 112 Hunt St; Towanda IL 61776
Call (728-2187) with questions.

Flyers with Map and List of locations will be available at FS, Library, Kicks and the Village Office by Tue.Sep.4

Walking At NCHS – In the Morning

Beginning in late September, the 'before school walking program" will resume at NCHS. If the specific date isn't timely for publication in newsletters and on websites, please look for posters at the Post Office and the Village Office, or call (309) 728-2187.

Calendar

Friday, September 14 – Homecoming at NCWHS

Tuesday, September 25 – Towanda Area Historical Society, 7:00 p.m. at the Community Building (or look for sign on the back door).

Classifieds



For Hire:

Lauren Smith, age 12 and Myles Smith, age 14 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!



Half Marathon, Fundraising Opportunity Comes to Bloomington–Normal

Normal – It's been almost a decade since there has been a half marathon in the Twin Cities. That's about to change with the addition of the *We Care Twin Cities Half Marathon* coming to Bloomington-Normal on September 29th. The race benefits the Ecology Action Center's Household Hazardous Waste Fund.

The *We Care Twin Cities Half Marathon* cares about the community and the environment

The *We Care Twin Cities Half Marathon* affords runners the unique opportunity to use the race as a fundraising vehicle for the charity of their choice. Runners can have their charity of choice included in the list of organizations receiving funds by contacting the race director (racedirector@wecaretwincitiesmarathon.org). Any runner can then select that organization and get supporters to sponsor their race by donating to their chosen organization. Additionally, proceeds from the race will be donated to the Ecology Action Center's Household Hazardous Waste Fund. As another way to support the community, there will be optional prayer focus points. At every mile marker, there will be a prayer focus which runners may choose to pray for as they run.

The *We Care Twin Cities Half Marathon* cares about their runners The *We Care Twin Cities Half Marathon* wants its runners to be successful. The course is relatively flat. Links to beginner training programs can be found at the race website (www.wecaretwincitiesmarathon.org). An additional unique feature of the race is the "Barnabas Runner." Barnabas was known as the Great Encourager. Barnabas Runners will be available to run the last few miles with race participants to help them to the finish line.

In addition to the half marathon, there will also be a 5k, 10k and 1/2 mile kids run. The kids run and 5k will take place on Friday, September 28th. The 10k and half marathon will take place on Saturday, September 29th. Runners who volunteer to help with a race get a \$5 registration discount for their race. All race participants receive a shirt and post-race food. 10k and half marathon participants will receive technical shirts. Half marathon finishers all receive medals. Sponsors include Eastview Christian Church, The Ecology Action Center, Smoothie King, Casey's Garden Shop, Town of Normal, Heartland Bank and Trust, Solid Ground Gardening, Trunk Bay Construction, Accelerated Rehabilitation Centers, ISU Credit Union, HealthSource, Bloomington-Normal Marriott, Bridgestone Firestone, and Meenu Bhaskar – Prudential Snyder Real Estate.

For more information about the *We Care Twin Cities Half Marathon*, including registration information, visit www.wecaretwincitiesmarathon.org or <http://www.facebook.com/WeCareTwinCitiesHalfMarathon>.



EAC Announces First-Ever Locally Funded Household Hazardous Waste Collection for McLean County

The Ecology Action Center is excited to announce that a McLean County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event (HHW) has been scheduled for September 29, 2012 at the Interstate Center in Bloomington. To hold this one-day event will cost approximately \$150,000, nearly 75% of which has been raised. Having this event would not have been possible with the support of numerous generous individual supporters, Home Sweet Home Ministries, Radio Bloomington, Allied Waste, State Farm, WGLT, Midwest Fiber, the Pohlmann Family, COUNTRY Financial & GROMARK, Connoisseur Media, Springfield Electric, the City of Bloomington, the Town of Normal, McLean County McLean County Regional Planning Commission, the U of I Extension-McLean County, and the McLean County Farm Bureau. The EAC continues to solicit financial support from the local community in order to meet the HHW Fund goal.

HHW thrown out with regular trash ends up in a landfill and contributes to the contamination of our drinking water supply. When dumped illegally down drains, storm sewers, and ditches, it directly pollutes our drinking water. The EAC receives many inquiries from residents on a daily basis that want to do the right thing. In response, the EAC created the McLean County HHW Fund in December of 2011 in order to meet the local need for safe disposal of HHW. The public response has been tremendous. \$109,000 has been raised to-date towards the \$150,000 goal. According to EAC Executive Director Michael Brown, "We are right on track to meet our target for the September 29 event; we launched this campaign with the knowledge that there was strong support for Household Hazardous Waste Collection. We fully anticipate that the community will continue to follow through and help us raise the funds needed to pay for this critical service."

The September 29 HHW event will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event is restricted to McLean County residents; proof of residency will be required to participate in the event. Additionally, only residential HHW can be collected – no business generated wastes will be accepted.

Items that will be accepted include oil based paints, yard care chemicals, electronics, mercury containing items, CFLs and Fluorescent Tubes, asbestos, harsh household cleaners, poisons, spray paint and other aerosols, corrosives, and related items. Items that will not be accepted include latex paints, tires, radioactive materials, explosives, and biohazards.

Contributions to support the HHW Collection Event are now being accepted by mail or at www.ecologyactioncenter.org. As a registered 501(c)(3) organization, any donations made to the Ecology Action Center are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. More information is available by contacting Michael Brown at (309) 454-3169 or mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org.

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.





MIDWESTERN NIGHT IN THE GARDEN OF {NOT SO} GOOD AND EVIL

SEPTEMBER 7, 2012

THE HORTICULTURE CENTER'S 2012 THEME, **GARDENS OF ILL-REPUTE: SHOWCASING WICKED PLANTS AND THE VILE ACTS THEY COMMIT**, culminates with a visit from Amy Stewart, the author of the 2009 *New York Times* bestseller *Wicked Plants: The Weed that killed Lincoln's Mother and other Botanical Atrocities*. Stewart will share her knowledge and passion for the dark side of Mother Nature's botanical creations.

4-6 p.m. Garden Soiree with Amy Stewart at the Horticulture Center

Feature ticket price \$50 (\$25 tax deductible)

Amy Stewart will join us for this exclusive event. Learn about wicked plants that are commonly found in your backyard as well as those that you may not be familiar with in our Gardens of Ill-Repute. Stroll through the gardens where you will view the mysterious ambiance of our annual theme beds, the dark side of our permanent gardens, and our collection of insect sculptures. You will have the opportunity to meet Stewart, and docents will be available to answer your questions. Enjoy wickedly decadent appetizers and a cash bar as you meander through the gardens. Each guest will receive a garden corsage, garden memento, and an autographed copy of *Wicked Plants: The Weed that Killed Lincoln's Mother and Other Botanical Atrocities*.

6-7 p.m. Garden of Ill-Repute Market Place

Free

Visit artisan booths and wicked plant displays at the Illinois State University Alumni Center.

7-8 p.m. Wicked Plant Presentation by Amy Stewart at the Alumni Center

Feature ticket price \$25 (\$15 tax deductible)

Amy Stewart confronts Mother Nature's most nefarious botanical creations. Learn about the plants that have offended, maimed, intoxicated, and killed. Stewart's own personable wicked sense of humor combines with her knowledge of the history, medicine, science, and legend of these atrocious plants. Learn which plant was responsible for Abraham Lincoln's mother's death, which shrub ignited global war, and which plant has killed millions of people. A sinful dessert will be served with coffee and tea. Attendees receive a botanical souvenir of the evening's presentation.

Combined event purchase price \$65 (\$30 tax deductible)

For ticket registration go to Alumni.IllinoisState.edu/HorticultureCenter. To learn more contact Jessica Chambers, Horticulture Center director, (309) 438-3496 or (309) 438-5654, email Horticulture@IllinoisState.edu, or visit HorticultureCenter.IllinoisState.edu



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