



INDIAN CREEK NEWSLETTER

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Towanda Lions 2014 Steve Liebenow Scholarship Winner Named

The Towanda Lions Club has chosen Jennie Barker as this years recipient of the Steve Liebenow scholarship.

Jennie is the daughter of Lynn and Janis Barker of 15 Fox Creek Road, Towanda, Illinois who is a junior at Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana majoring in international relations and German studies with a minor in history. After Jennie graduates from Tulane, she hopes to attend graduate school and become either an academic or policymaker. She has applied and been accepted to attend a conference in Washington, D.C. this November to present her current research project, and plans to use her study abroad experience next semester in Berlin, Germany to complete research for an honors thesis.

Congratulations Jennie!

The Towanda Lions Club is a not for profit organization whose main focus is helping individuals in need of financial assistance with eye exams, glasses or visual aids. Did you know we even help your local school and library with various programs? We consider ourselves leaders in the community by providing humanitarian services. Many of us volunteer time with the Boy Scouts, Habitat for Humanity, Food Bank, PATH, Faith-in-Action, East Bay Camp, hospitals, and other organizations.

If you are interested in becoming a member, you should consider coming to one our meetings on the 2nd Thursday each month @ 6:30 at the Towanda Community Building. Local members in your subdivision are Louie Blank, Bill Priess, and Bob Hancock.

Local Calendar Dates

November Calendar:

Nov.2 – 2:00 a.m. – DST ends (set clocks back 1-hr)
Nov.4 – 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. – VOTE
Nov.5 – One Hour Late Start – Unit 5
Nov.11 – Veterans Day program – Towanda Elementary
Nov.15 – Anniversary Event at Towanda District Library
Nov.19 – One Hour Late Start – Unit 5
Nov.26 – Early Dismissal – Unit 5
Nov.27 – Thanksgiving Day
Nov.28 – No School – Unit 5



Garden Tips

by Helen Leake - McLean County Master Gardener



The leaves on the trees have given us shade all summer and helped clean the air. Now they are telling us "goodbye" with their pretty colors. As they fall to the grass, we can run the lawn mower over them and shred them to return nutrients to the soil and also feed the earth worms. The earth worms will eat them and deposit their "castings" back to the soil and feed the turf grass roots. The earth worms will also aerate the soil.

Sometimes when you shred the leaves, it looks like too much, but as long as you can see the tips of the blades, it is O.K. The rain will settle them and the worms will eat from the bottom of the pile.

If you have a pile of wet leaves on the grass, it could smother the grass. Either rake them off, or fluff them with the rake so air can dry them.

Unless your plants have a disease, you can leave the faded perennial plants where they are, wait until spring to clean them up. The plants will collect leaves and snow around them to protect the roots and crown of the plant from the cold winter. It is best to leave the leaves that collect under your shrubs and perennials. Wait until the ground freezes before you add extra mulch.



After the first frost, you should dig your tender bulbs, such as dahlias, caladiums, cannas, and gladiolus. Cut the tops off, leaving about 4-6 inches of stem. Shake off as much soil as possible. Do not wash the bulbs, a little soil left on won't hurt anything. Store them in a cool, dark location, such as the basement. Dahlia tubers and begonia corms should be packed in peat moss. Dahlia bulbs can be stored in a paper bag.

Now that the leaves are falling and the wind is blowing them around, when they blow under the shrubs and around the perennials, leave them there. They will act as insulation for the roots when the ground freezes.

The mice are starting to look for a warm place to spend the winter. Check around the foundation and doors to make sure there are no openings. A mouse can get thru an opening as small as 1/4 inch. Don't forget to check the doors to an attached garage and around the pipes under the sink. You can fill the holes with steel wool or foam sealer.

If you put mouse traps out, be sure to place them in a place that children and pets can not get to them. Also place the traps near the walls, because the mice usually stay close to the wall when moving around.



The Asian multi colored lady beetle was brought to the United States to eat the aphids on the soy beans. Now that the weather is cooler the beetles are wanting to get inside where it is warm. When they get inside, vacuum them up and empty the bag outside. The beetles do eat aphids, soft scale insects and mealy bugs, so you can slide a piece of paper under them and put them with your house plants.



It is the time of year that we are seeing more deer moving around. Individual trees can be protected from the deer rubbing their antlers on the tree trunk by placing a woven wire cylinder around the tree trunk. The wire should be at least 4 feet high. Deer Away Repellent is registered to use on fruit trees and ornamentals. Also it can be used on Christmas trees. Ro-Pel is reported to repel the deer because it has a very bitter taste. As always, follow the directions on the container.

It is not too early to put a woven wire cylinder around your small, young trees and shrubs to keep the rabbits from chewing on them when the ground is covered with snow. Be sure to stake the wire cylinder to prevent the wind from blowing it away. It should be at least 4 feet tall, so the rabbits can't stand on their hind feet on the snow and reach over it.

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FROM SURVIVAL TO REVIVAL 2014

LIVE SIMULCAST
November 7 (6PM-8PM) and November 8 (8AM-3:30PM)
Cross Pointe Church of God
3101 Airport Road, Bloomington, IL
Doors will open one hour prior to simulcast.

SPACE IS LIMITED. REGISTER TODAY.

For more information and event registration:
colehartman@hotmail.com or cpcog.org

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Towanda American Legion

The Towanda American Legion will have a breakfast on Sunday November 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.

There will be a pork chop dinner on Friday November 14th from 5:00 to 7:00. Dinner will include pork chop sandwich, French fries, baked bean, dessert and drink 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.

Legion, Sons of the Legion and the Legion Auxiliary will have their regular meeting on Thursday November 20th at 7:00 at the Post. The Legion is available for rent for reunions, parties and meeting. For more information contact Mike Potts at 728-2384 or Tom Wagner at 287-7861.



CaringBridge Site for Marilyn Blank

Marilyn Blank is undergoing treatment for acute leukemia and thoughts and prayers of support are welcomed at her CaringBridge site. Also at that site, updates are posted almost daily. The site can be found by clicking on: [Visit Marilyn's site](#)



Towanda Home and Community Education

Towanda Home and Community Education unit will be meeting on Monday, Nov 10 at 7pm at the Towanda Community Building. The program, BUZZ on BEES will be presented by Bev Hornickel. She will also present the fact find on the vanilla bean. Mary Lu Payton and Cherry Trent are hostesses. Guests are cordially invited to attend. Call Cindy Kelley for more information about this meeting at 309 663-4796.

Members are preparing to participate in the HCE "Attic Treasures" and Bake Sale on Sat, Nov 1, 8am to 2pm at the Evergreen FS Building, 402 N Hershey Rd, Bloomington.

McLean County HCE have many programs and workshops as follows -

Monday, Nov 10, 1-4p, Decorated Tree Napkin, set of 4 workshop, you will make a set of 4 napkins to take home. Supplies to bring include: sewing machine if you have one; scissors, ½ yard of two kinds of coordinating fabric, thread for sewing machine to match fabric. Costs: HCE member/\$2; NOT HCE member/\$4. RSVP by Nov 3 with fees to Edna, 309-662-5520.

Tuesday, Nov 11, 9a-12n, Card Making workshop, call for more info to Barb-309-242-6187.

Monday, Nov 17: 9a-12n-Comfort Quilts, Eileen-309-533-1135; 1-4pm-hats, scarves & gloves for children workshop, Barb-309-242-6187; 2-3:30-Read & Share, the book, "*Marmie & Louisa*" by Eve LaPlante, info-LaVonne, 309-661-6391.

On Nov 24, 1-3p, Pam Atkinson, Family & Consumer Economics Educator, will present a free program, "Where do I want to live when I grow up" Joann-309-310-9205.

All these county programs are held at Evergreen FS Inc, 402 N. Hershey Rd, Bloomington and are free except the Napkin Workshop on Nov 11. The public is welcome to all meetings. Call the representative for more information.

Towanda HCE meets on the 2nd Monday of the month, September through June, usually at the Towanda Community Building. We are an educational group that also participates in many community service projects. We invite you to attend one of our programs to learn more about our world. Contact Robin Pearson for information about Towanda HCE at 815-579-1650 or rbnprsn@mchsi.com.

Towanda Home and Community Education Sale

Saturday, November 1

The McLean County Home and Community Education group is having an "Attic Treasures" and Bake Sale on Saturday, Nov 1, 2014, 8am-2pm at Evergreen FS, Inc, 402 N Hershey Road, Bloomington. Items for sale will include: decorating, kitchen, dishes, books, crafts, children's, jewelry, small furniture and appliances, holiday items and more.

Also available for purchase will be items from a special holiday ornament collection (some antique) of the late Margaret Esposito. To top it off, will be many delectable bake sale items.

Proceeds from this sale will benefit three areas: NVON Water Around the World project; HCE Scholarships for 4-H members; HCE Soldier Projects. For more information, 309-829-2537.

Towanda Library

ARTIST/VENDOR FAIR November 1 from 10 am to 2 pm

Get your holiday shopping lists ready! Plan to attend the FRIENDS of Towanda Library "*Cup of Christmas Tea*" holiday shopping event with proceeds benefiting the library. FRIENDS provide warm drinks and home-made cookies as you shop and browse. Each vendor/artist provides a Door Prize - so you may be one of the lucky winners!

These local artists and vendors offer their works and wares for you shopping pleasure:

Stan and Janetta Bauer's Alpaca Wool Art / FELT by Kara Kirchner / NORWEX / Pampered Chef by Annette Hancock / Original Bead Work by Betsy Thompson / 31 Gifts with monogrammed items / Tastefully Simple / Stella and Dot / Scentsy Candles / Origami Owl Jewelry

You are invited to the

75th Anniversary of Library

25th Anniversary of library Building

Saturday, November 15 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

1:30 Presentation by Linda Garbe

The People Who Made It Happen: The History of Towanda Library

Library Board Members will be honored in this local history presentation and powerpoint. Refreshments will be served.

Story Hours:

November 5: Who Is In Your Family?
November 12: Gift for Grandparents
November 19: What Do Families Do Together?
November 26: Thanksgiving

Read to Dogs - Tuesday Evenings @ 5:30 to 6:30 in October and November for elementary students. Call library to pre-register for your 15-minute appointment of one-on-one time with a certified therapy dog and its owner.

Read-Aloud Time - 6:00 Tuesday Evenings in October and November for elementary students. Hear a librarian read chapters from Rebecca Caudill Nominee *Saving Zasha* by Randi Barrow in which a young boy finds a dog after World War II when it can be dangerous to keep the dog.

4th & 5th Grade Bulldog Book Club meets right after school on Wednesday, November 12th. The book for this month is *Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to NOT Reading* by Tommy Greenwald.

TOWANDA READS Adult Book Club meets at 5:30 on Tuesday, November 11th. The book this month is *The Hundred-Foot Journey* by Richard Morais.

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Business:

Need some new recipes for Thanksgiving or gift ideas for family or friends?
Contact Annette Hancock to plan your own cooking show or catalog party.

Visit her booth at the Holiday Vendor Show at the Towanda Library on
November 1st from 10 am - 2 pm.

Call Home - 728-2990
Text Cell - 309-242-1802
Email - oldcars@frontiernet.net
Website - <http://new.pamperedchef.com/pws/annettehancock>



For Sale:

96 - 7 1/4" x 12' MaxiPlank Lap Siding for sale. MaxiPlank is a fiber-cement exterior lap siding. It will not rot or deteriorate. \$5.00 per board - Contact Bob Hancock @ 7 Bent Tree Lane, 728-2990

For Hire:

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!