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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."

Pinochle Group?



Is there any interest in the neighborhood for a pinochle group? Either a women's group or a mixed group. Details such as how often we would play, the time etc, will be determined after the level of interest is determined. Contact Judy Schulthes at either 728-2927 or kindredspirits@frontiernet.net.



Garden Tips

by Helen Leake



The garden is starting to wind down for the summer. When the onion tops have dried and fallen over, it is time to pull them. Let them dry for 2 weeks before you store them. If any are soft or damaged, use them before they spoil.

It is time to stop fertilizing the roses and shrubs after the middle of August. When you fertilize, the plant tends to send up new shoots. Those shoots will not have time to mature enough to survive the winter and the plant could die.

By this time of year, the bagworms have reached full size, and insecticides will not be able to get thru their bag. Pruning off the large bags and burning them will provide better control.

We still need to water the containers and try pulling the weeds. The ground is soft right now. If you can't pull them, at least cut them off to prevent them from going to seed. Creeping Charlie is sending down roots. Pull as much of it as you can. Keep garlic chives deadheaded to reduce the self-seeding. Watch for the pests in the garden and hand pick and destroy as many as possible.



Illinois officials have released some endangered dragonflies outside of Chicago. They don't want people to try to capture them or swat at them. Dragonflies can fly 20-34 miles per hour, faster than any other insect. They eat a lot of mosquitoes, catching them in the air. They hold onto their prey with their legs, but their legs aren't strong enough to use for walking.

Dragonflies are about 3-4 inches long and have extraordinary vision. They have about 30,000 lenses in each eye. They have 2 sets of wings that can flap 30 times a second, 10 times less than a normal bee, and can fly backwards and hover like a helicopter.

The female dragonflies will lay up to 800 eggs by dropping the tip of her body into shallow water. The eggs will hatch in the spring and are called nymphs. The nymphs will live in the water for about 4 years until they crawl out and shed their skin for the last time and emerge as flying adults. The adults only live 4-5 weeks between June and August, when the most mosquitoes are available.

If you have a lot of brown patches in your lawn, it could be grubs. Take a patch and cut on 3 sides of a square foot. Lift and pull the sod up. If there are more than 8-10 grubs, you need to spray for grubs. If less than 8-10, do not spray, you will be killing all of the good insects and damage the health of the soil and the environment.



Having a flower garden is only part of the enjoyment of having a yard. The other part comes from using the flowers indoors. The days are getting shorter and we need to think about drying some of our flowers to enjoy this winter. Some of your flowers from your garden can be dried, as well as grasses and weeds that you find along the road.

Dried plant materials make good floral decorations in places that you cannot have living green plants. Dried flowers also form the basis for potpourri. These items also make inexpensive thoughtful gifts.

Dried flowers last almost indefinitely and require little care.

Choose flowers at their peak. As a general rule, you should collect twice as many flowers as you think you will need, since some will be damaged in the process. It is important that they be picked at their prime and when they are full of rich color. Cut the flowers late in the day after the sun has evaporated moisture from them. It is better to cut them before they are pollinated since they are freshest at this time. Cut the stems as long as possible, but be careful about removing too much foliage from the plant. Keep the flowers fresh until you are ready to dry them, preferably in a bucket of water. Many flowers fade as they dry, so start with intensely colored flowers. Yellow flowers hold their color well, but white ones may become dull gray-brown after drying. Blue, purple, and orange will not dry true-to-color. Some plants that dry naturally include money plant, bittersweet, yarrow, cat-tails (pick while young), globe thistle, celosia, hydrangea, strawflower, etc.

The most common method is to hang bunches of flowers upside down in a warm, dry location. Remove the leaves from the stem. Then tie the stems in loose bundles with rubber bands or twist ties. Plants that tend to shatter should be placed in a brown paper bag. This works well when drying herbs such as dill and coriander. A garage or shed works best, but an attic is also good. A basement is too humid. It should take 2-3 weeks.



Labor Day is the beginning of the lawn care year. If you need to renovate your lawn, now is the time to do it. Everything done in the fall will have direct bearing on the lawn appearance next summer. If you leave clippings on the ground when you mow, you are returning nutrients to the soil. If you need to fertilize, the September application is the most important. The roots of the turf grass and trees do most of their growing in the fall and early winter. The grass has been under a lot of stress from the heat and lack of rain. By mowing at 3 inches, the blades of grass can shade the soil and keep the roots cooler. Also the longer blades will have more area to absorb the nutrients from the sun. Grass also reduces pollution and removes carbon dioxide from the air and replaces it with oxygen.

The broadleaf weeds are storing nutrients for next years growth, therefore they will absorb herbicides more readily. So now would be a good time to apply weed-killer. The ideal time to apply time released crabgrass control, is in the spring when the forsythia is in bloom. A weed killer that contains dicamba seems to help eliminate Creeping Charlie, but you will probably need to apply it spring and fall for a couple of years.

As always, follow the directions on the container. It is time to cut off your peonies and destroy the tops. You can cut them to the ground.

Indian Creek Recruiting

Are you interested in planning social events for our subdivision? Or maybe you'd like to participate more, possibly even serve on a board or other role, such as assisting with the newsletter. If so, please let Kathy Dumler (newsletter) or any of the board members know!

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Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Fundraising for Household Hazardous Waste On Track – Ecology Action Center schedules October HHW collection for McLean County residents. The Ecology Action Center's public-private partnership for an upcoming Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection event is making great progress. With 81% of the \$180,000 goal met, the EAC decided to move forward with an October HHW event for McLean County residents.

The event will be held on Saturday, October 17 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Mitsubishi Motors North America, located at 100 N. Mitsubishi Motorway in Normal. Participation will be limited to McLean County residents. Illinois regulations mandate that only residential HHW may be collected—no business or commercially generated wastes can be accepted.

In the past, state-sponsored HHW collections were a legal, safe, and reliable way of disposing of HHW in Illinois, but budget cuts resulted in the loss of state funding for five years. In 2012, the EAC decided that the community needed to take matters into its own hands. They developed a public-private partnership to cover the costs of holding a one-day collection. The unprecedented turnout at that event led local government partners to increase support for the 2015 collection. HHW collections are expensive; this year's will cost \$180,000. The City of Bloomington, Town of Normal, and McLean County have provided \$140,000. Private donations and sponsorships have contributed an additional \$5,000. Current sponsors and event partners include Home Sweet Home Ministries, Midwest Fiber, WGLT, McLean County Health Department, and McLean County Regional Planning Commission.

The Ecology Action Center needs support from private individuals to make this a success. Donations to the McLean County HHW Fund may be made online at HHWmclean.org or by sending a check to the Ecology Action Center at 202 W College Avenue, Normal, IL 61761. The EAC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization; contributions and sponsorships are tax-deductible to the extent allowable by law. Fundraising efforts will continue through the date of the HHW collection.

More details including what materials can and cannot be accepted at this event are available at HHWmclean.org. Volunteers are needed to help with traffic control at the event; sign-up is also available online.

The Ecology Action Center is a not-for-profit environmental agency with a mission to inspire and assist residents of McLean County in creating, strengthening and preserving a healthy environment. The EAC acts as a central resource for environmental education, information, outreach, and technical assistance in McLean County.

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Participate In Your Local Household Hazardous Waste Roundups

Towanda Library



Pre-School Story Hours on Wednesdays @ 10:30: September 9 = Making Friends plus Tumblebooks Introduction; September 16 = Shapes and making Play-Doh; September 23 = Colors/Shapes; September 30 = Colors/Shapes and making puppets.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten (1KB4K): Families are invited to join the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program at the Towanda District Library. The program challenges parents and caregivers to regularly read aloud to their children.



By reading just one book a night, families reach the 1,000-book goal in three years - or 3 books per night to reach the goal in one year. This provides essential early literacy skills.

Bull Dog Book Club Starts September 16: The library welcomes 4th and 5th Graders to read and discuss award-nominated books, form friendships, enjoy snacks, and engage in book-related activities. The group meets immediately after school on the "Late Start Wednesdays" of Unit #5 Schools. There will be 14 Book Club sessions this school year. Parents must sign a permission form at the Towanda Library by September 15.

Read to the Dogs Open House on Tuesday September 29: Beginning at 5:30 parents and children will meet all of the dogs that will be available for reading sessions each Tuesday during October and November. Parents may select appointment times at the Open House.

Save the Date: Saturday, November 7th is the 6th Annual Artist/Vendor Christmas Tea sponsored by the FRIENDS of our library. Shop for holiday gifts while enjoying complimentary cookies and hot drinks supplied by the FRIENDS. Support local entrepreneurs/artists, as well as the library.

Annual Fall Towanda Area Garage Sales

Thursday – Saturday, September 10–12

To be included on the list of area sales, please provide by **Wednesday, September 2:**

- 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.



Local Dates

Unit Five

- Monday, September 7 – Labor Day – No School
- Tuesday, September 8 – Institute – No School for Students
- Wednesday, September 16 – 1-hr late start
- Friday, September 18 – NCHS Homecoming
- Wednesday, September 30 – 1-hr late start



Tentative

Monday, September 28 – 4th of July Wrap up and Planning mtg; 6:30 p.m. at Community Building

Towanda American Legion

The Towanda American Legion will have a breakfast on Sunday September 6th from 7:30 – 11:00. Breakfast includes eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns, pancakes, French toast, fresh fruit, biscuits and gravy, juice, milk and coffee for \$9.

There will be a pork chop dinner on Friday September 18th from 5:00 to 7:00. Dinner will include pork chop sandwich, french fries, baked beans, applesauce, 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 September 18th 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.

Towanda HCE



The first meeting of the 2015-2016 year of the Towanda HCE unit will meet on Monday, September 14 beginning at 7 pm at the Towanda Community Building. The program will be given by Bev Hornickel on "Essential Oil." The fact find will be about "gardens winding down" given by Jeanie Wager. Our meetings are open to the public and all are cordially invited to attend.

Towanda HCE meets on the second Monday night of the month, September through June, usually at the Towanda Community Building. Sometimes people have identified us an adult 4-H as we are about educating ourselves on the latest information on every aspect of the home and community. We have different "programs" every month, presented by one of our local members who has gone to a special class. As a local citizen, you might enjoy keeping yourself up to date on important issues regarding health, community, government, public services, home furnishings, crafts, community service, gardening and many more topics. Above all, we have FUN and learn at the same time!

Join us on Sep 14 for an interesting program. For more information contact Cindy Kelley, 663-4796 or Robin Pearson, 815-579-1650

Classified

For Sale:

Couch for sale. In excellent condition. Made by Smith Bros in Indiana. Hunter Green, burgundy and creme plaid. From a non-smoking, no pet home. \$150 or any reasonable offer. Contact prior to 9/3/2015 if interested. Thanks.

Businesses:

Are you tired of that 4 o'clock question of "What do I make for dinner?" What if you could prepare 7 freezer meals and not mess up your kitchen?

I am having a Pampered Chef Freezer Meal Workshop at my home at 7 Bent Tree Lane on Wednesday, September 9th from 1-3pm. Contact me if you want to attend to see if I still have space for you. Also, let me know if you would be interested in future workshops or if you would like to order any Pampered Chef Items now.

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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? 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