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## **Towanda HCE**

The Towanda HCE had a great turnout at their 23 Annual Spaghetti Supper on July 3. We were happy to serve approximately 300 people. Thanks for coming and making this event such a success. Income generated from the spaghetti supper help us fund community service projects in our community, county and the world.

Upcoming events include the McLean County Fair, August 3-7. On Thursday, August 4, McLean County HCE is bringing to you the Young at Heart Day at Cloverleaf Hall. Seniors age 60+ will have free gate admission until noon that includes parking. You will also enjoy musical entertainment, door prizes, refreshments and receive educational information pertaining to organizations serving seniors. Another activity at the fair includes the 4-H Alumni sponsored Bake-Off Auction on Saturday, August 6. Baked items can include cake, cookies, candy Pies, breads and all other desserts. All adults past 4-H age are allowed to enter. Each baked good will be judged unless you specify that you do not want your item judged. All proceeds from the auction will help support 4-H in McLean County.

We hope you will join us when we next meet on Monday, September 12, 7 pm at the Towanda Community Building to study, "Some day is Today – Live your Bucket List. The local leader lesson for this study will be on Tuesday, Aug 23, 1-3p at the Farm Bureau Auditorium near the Interstate Center. The public is welcome to come to the the Towanda HCE meeting and also may come to the Local Leader lesson. More details will be in the September newsletter. For questions or more information about HCE, contact Cindy Kelley, 309-663-4796 or Robin Pearson, 815-579-1650. See you at the McLean County Fair.



# YOUNG AT HEART DAY

At the McLean County Fair & 4-H Show  
Interstate Center - West of Bloomington on Rt. 9

## Thursday August 4, 2016

### 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

**Senior day at the fair features....**

**Free gate admission until noon (includes parking)  
for those age 60 and over!**

- **Educational Booths of organizations serving seniors**

- **Musical Entertainment with:**

**The Dynamics**

Followed by...

**The Illinois Rail Band**

**Refreshments & Door Prizes throughout the morning**

Young at Heart Day Committee:

Cindy Kelley, Donna LaMar, Kathleen Emery, Judy Mohr and Kathryn McNeely, Becky Toohill

**Young at Heart  
Day is presented  
by**



**McLean County Association for  
Home and Community Education**

1615 Commerce Parkway, Bloomington, IL 61704

Co-chairmen:

**Donna LaMar**

309-829-2537

**Cindy Kelley**

309-824-4797

# Gardening Tips

by Helen Leake



Continue to harvest your vegetables, fruit and herbs often. Picking them encourages the plants to produce more and it decreases the insects and diseases. Some of the vegetables have better flavor when they are smaller.

It is time to stop fertilizing and pruning the trees and shrubs. When you fertilize them they tend to send up new shoots. The new shoots will not have time to grow and mature enough for the winter cold. You can give the roses their final fertilizer by the end of July. You can use a liquid 20-20-20 fertilizer.

Remove the spent flowers or seed heads of day lilies, so they can save their energy for next year.

You can cut and remove old fruiting canes of raspberries after harvest. Usually the older canes will turn brown.

Try to control the weeds from going to seed, If you can't remove the weeds, at least cut off the seed head for fewer weeds next year.

Water deeply and less frequently to promote deeper, more drought-resistant plants.

It is mosquito time of the year and we are hearing a lot about the fear of the mosquito-borne Zika virus. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in June 2016 there were more than 750 confirmed cases of Zika in the United States. But no Zika-carrying mosquitoes had been detected in the United States. The victims got the disease elsewhere and brought it back home. Officials are warning that as more travelers return there is a good chance of more spreading of it.

In many places of the world it has shown they are spraying pesticides to kill the mosquitoes. In the past, places have sprayed in the U.S., but it had shown that spraying doesn't work that well, because it also kills pollinators as well as the insects that are food for fish, birds and other wildlife. Spraying may worsen the mosquito problem because the insects are getting resistant to the pesticide and it is killing the enemies to them, upsetting the ecosystems.

They have found the best way is to eliminate mosquitoes breeding sites and to protect yourself with clothing and repellants. The mosquitoes can lay eggs in small amounts of stagnant water, including gutters, children's toys, plant saucers and bottle caps. Get rid of those things or be sure to empty them after a rain. If you can't get rid of the water, such as water gardens or a pond, treat it with a larvacide, such as natural soil bacterium, also called mosquito dunk.

Change water in bird baths every few days. Add a pump or fountain for back yard pond. Adult mosquitoes and larve are on the menu for a lot of wildlife, from birds and bats, frogs, lizards and dragonflies. Take steps to support the wildlife,

Wear long sleeves and long pants when you go outside. ""Also use insect repellants containing deet, picardin or lemon Eucalyptus.

We propagate soft stemmed plants, you can also propagate woody ornamentals such as roses, holly, etc.. Sometimes we want to share or add another shrub, that we really like, but can't find one like the one you have. You can do it by "rock rooting" in mid summer, officially known as layering.

Some plants do better on old wood, and some do better on new wood,. Some people think roots seem to form better near the junction between new and old wood. Find a low branch of the plant you want to duplicate, Strip the leaves from the part of the stem that will be placed under

ground. Slightly injure the bottom part of the section that will be underground with a pocket knife, in 2 or 3 places. Be careful not to cut through it. You can omit that part if you are uncomfortable doing it.

Put the wounded stem in a trench about 2 - 3 inches deep. Cover it with some rich soil, leaving a light depression to allow water to collect. Place a heavy rock or brick over the springest part to keep it in place. Also place another rock where the stem comes out of the trench to direct the plant to grow in a vertical pattern. Keep the soil moist to encourage the root growth.

It should be well rooted by the end of September.. Gently tug on what will be the new plant. if there is resistance, there should be well-formed roots. Over winter, protect it with a bit of mulch.

In the spring, snip the rooted end and carefully move it to a pot. Baby it for about a month and then it can be planted in the ground.

Helen J. Leake

## **Towanda Busy Bees**

The Towanda Busy Bees are gearing up for the McLean County Fair which will be held August 3 through August 7th at the Mc Lean County Fair grounds. Members of the club will be taking over 50 projects to the fair. For more information about 4H contact Martha Rients Club Leader at 728-2178.

## **Towanda 4H**

# **Bakers Needed for the 4-H Alumni Sponsored Bake-Off Auction at the McLean County Fair**

**Check-in will be from noon to 1 p.m. in Cloverleaf Hall on Saturday, August 6.**

**Judging will take place from 1-2 p.m.**

**Presentation of Awards and Auction begin  
immediately following the Sr. Fashion Revue.**



**All adults past 4-H age are allowed to enter.**

**Each baked good will be judged unless  
you specify that you do not want your item judged.**

## **CATEGORIES**

**Cake**

**Cookies – one dozen**

**Candy – 12 pieces**

**Pies – Cherry, Apple, All Other Fruit**

**Breads – yeast bread loaf, all other yeast breads, quick breads/muffins  
(no yeast)**

**All other desserts – Buckles, Cobblers, Crisp, Bars**

***Please Note:* All entries should be placed in a disposable container.**

**All entries will be auctioned off. No cheesecakes or dairy needing refrigeration.**

**All money raised from this event helps to support 4-H in McLean County.**



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EXTENSION



The McLean Co 4-H office has reviewed their Aug 3-7 fair project classes and assessed their needs. They have NOT notified people who have signed up to help at the fair so if you have already signed up to help be aware of that fact.

There are three areas they need HELP: 1) Assistants/Secretaries; 2) Superintendents 3) Judges.

Lists go way down on this email page!!

If you see a spot you could work in or fill the position, please contact: Carolyn at The ext office, 663-8306 or at her email [cshansen@illinois.edu](mailto:cshansen@illinois.edu)

**AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!**

## 1) ASSISTANTS/SECRETARIES

Area:	Secretary or Assistant
Cake Decorating	Assistant
Cooking 101 Cookies and Cakes	Secretary
Cooking 101-401 Displays	Secretary
Cooking 201-301 Quick Breads	Secretary
Cooking 301 Cakes	Assistant
Cooking 301 Cakes	Secretary
Cooking 401 Cakes, Pastry, Candy	<b>Assistant (need 2)</b>
Cooking 401 Cakes, Pastry, Candy	<b>Secretary (need 2 or 3)</b>
Cooking 301-401 Party and Celebration Planning	Secretary
Public Presentations	<b>Secretary (need 1 or 2)?</b>
Public Presentations	<b>Assistant (need 1 or 2)?</b>
Theater Arts	Assistant
Theater Arts	Secretary
3-D Mixed Media	Assistant
3-D Mixed Media	<b>Secretary (need 2)</b>
Bicycle Safety Rodeo	<b>Assistant (NEED 4)</b>
Leather/Metal/Nature	<b>Secretary (4 OR MORE)</b>
Outdoor Meals and Meat	<b>Secretary (NEED 2)</b>
Video Filmmaking	Assistant
Video Filmmaking	Secretary
Garden & Small Fruit	<b>Assistant (400 entries)</b>
Garden & Small Fruit	<b>Secretary (need 2)</b>
Legos	<b>Assistant(5 OR MORE!)</b>
Photography	Secretary
Flower Arranging	<b>Secretary (need 2)</b>
Interior Design	Secretary
Natural Resources	Secretary
Natural Resources	<b>Assistant (need 2)</b>
Sewing Division IV	Secretary
Sketching	<b>Secretary (need 2)</b>
Flower Gardening	Secretary
Sketching	Secretary
Computers	Assistant
Computers	Secretary
Greeting Cards	Secretary
Greeting Cards	Assistant
Basketry	Secretary
Garden & Small Fruit	Secretary
Forestry	<b>Secretary (need 2)</b>
Forestry	Assistant
Other Carbon, Chalk, Pigment	Assistant
Food Preservation	Secretary
Food Preservation	Assistant
Ceramics	Assistant
Gardening Indoors	Secretary
Gardening Indoors	Assistant
Food Science	<b>Assistant (need 2)</b>
Food Science	<b>Secretary (need 2)</b>
Clothing Decisions	Secretary



Crops	Secretary
Outdoor Meals and Meat	Assistant
Outdoor Meals and Meat	Secretary
3-D Mixed Media	<b>Secretary (need 1)</b>
3-D Mixed Media	<b>Assistant (need 1)</b>
Wearable Art	Secretary
Natural Resources	<b>Assistant (need 2)</b>
Flower Arranging	Secretary
Watercolors	Secretary
Scrapbooking	Assistant
Other Carbon, Chalk, Pigment	Secretary
Geology	Secretary
Geology	Assistant
Shooting Sports-Posters	Assistant
Printing, Stenciling	Secretary
Ceramics	Assistant

## 2) Superintendents

Director Area	Superintendents Area
<b>4-H Activities</b>	<b>Royalty</b>
<b>Community Involvement/Global C/I/G</b>	
<b>C/I/G: Awareness/Visual Arts</b>	<b>3-D Mixed Media</b>
<b>C/I/G Awareness/Visual Arts</b>	<b>Citizenship &amp; Service Learning</b>
<b>C/I/G Awareness/Visual Arts</b>	<b>Clay</b>
<b>C/I/G Awareness/Visual Arts</b>	<b>Duct Tape Artistry</b>
<b>C/I/G Awareness/Visual Arts</b>	<b>Duct Tape Artistry</b>
<b>C/I/G Awareness/Visual Arts</b>	<b>Latchhook/ Macrame</b>
<b>C/I/G Awareness/Visual Arts</b>	<b>Stitchery &amp; Fleece</b>
<b>C/I/G Awareness/Visual Arts</b>	<b>Watercolors</b>
<b>Engineering &amp; Technology</b>	<b>Tractor Operator Contest</b>
<b>Foods, Nutrition &amp; Health</b>	<b>Cake Decorating</b>
<b>Personal Development</b>	<b>Photography</b>
<b>Personal Development</b>	<b>Video Filmmaking</b>
<b>Plant Science</b>	<b>Flower Arranging</b>

## 3) JUDGES

Judging Area
Cartooning (Need 2)
Ceramics
Jewelry
Legos (Need 2)
Sketching
String Art & Weaving
Recycled Garment
Sewing Division III
Sewing Division IV
Sewing of Non-Wearable Items
Style Review
Photography

Public Presentations
Read and Write-A-Book (Need 2)
Crops
Garden & Small Fruit (need 2)
Cats
Veterinary and Animal Science

## Legion News

The Towanda American Legion will have a breakfast on Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 – 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 August 12<sup>th</sup> from 5-7. Dinner will include a pork chop sandwich, fries, green beans, 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 August 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

## Calendar

### Annual FALL Towanda Area Garage Sales

Want to share advertising cost (and benefit from a 'built-in' crowd)? Sales dates are September 8-10 (Thursday-Saturday)

To be included on the list of area sales, provide ~ by **Wednesday, August 31, 2016:**

- 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



- Please email sale information to [rgbriggs@frontiernet.net](mailto:rgbriggs@frontiernet.net) (preferred) or
- Send to 112 Hunt St; Towanda IL 61776
- Call (728-2187) with questions.

You'll get a response by email when I have your information!

Anyone with items they particularly want to sell may want to take out an individual ad as well.

### **First Day of Student Attendance ~ FULL day ~ Wednesday, August 17, 2016**

Specifics, including online registration information, can be found at: <http://www.unit5.org/>

Changes for the 2016-2017 year include **School HOURS:**

- 1) Elementary day is 7:45-2:30,
- 2) High School day is 8:30-3:30, and
- 3) Junior High School day is 8:45-3:45.

Please be alert to children and buses before and after these hours.

### **RAAB ROAD CLOSURE**

Raab Road will closed to all traffic between Normal Community High School and the entrance to the Apostolic Christian Church located just west of Towanda Barnes Road until future notice..... according to City Engineer Gene Brown. "We're looking at probably mid-September now for completing the roadway, under best-case scenario." Access to NCHS will only be from Airport Road. Through traffic will be detoured to Fort Jesse Road. This road closure is for the reconstruction of Raab Road from NCHS to Towanda Barnes Road.

## **Tree Services**

With all the tree losses our neighborhood is experiencing this tree service resource may be useful.

Paul L. Patterson  
 Oak Ridge Farms, Tree Sales and Transplanting  
 4799 N. 1625 East Rd.  
 Heyworth 61745  
 309.533.2450 (c)  
 309.473.3505 (h)

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## Businesses:

Pampered Chef features Cooking Shows, Catalog Parties, Freezer Meal Workshops, Bridal Showers & Fundraisers!

Contact your local Indian Creek consultant for these events.

Annette Hancock

Call Home - 728-2990

Text or call- 309-242-1802

Email - [oldcars@frontiernet.net](mailto:oldcars@frontiernet.net)

Website - [www.pamperedchef.com/pws/annettehancock](http://www.pamperedchef.com/pws/annettehancock)

Pinterest Recipes - [www.pinterest.com/ahancock0935](http://www.pinterest.com/ahancock0935)



## 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).

Pampered Chef features cooking shows, catalog parties, freezer meal workshops, bridal showers & fundraisers! Contact your local Indian Creek consultant for these events.

"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."

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

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](mailto:baseballtylerallen@gmail.com). When you enroll, I will provide you with the schedule.