



# INDIAN CREEK NEWSLETTER

## October 2016

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## A Heartfelt Thanks to All Our Supporters



*We appreciate the overwhelming response supporting our efforts to put a new roof on the American Legion.*

*We plan to begin the work on Saturday, October 8-9 and hopefully complete the work on October 15-16. Volunteer help will be appreciated. Lunch will be provided for the volunteers, please let Mike or Tom know if we can count on you any of those days!*

*It's not too late to help financially too! We will continue to accept donations for the roof and to maintain our meeting place! Thanks for making our community a great place to live!*

**Please contact Mike Potts at 728-2384 or Tom Wagner 287-7861.  
American Legion Post 931  
P.O. Box 103, Towanda, IL 61776**

## Towanda American Legion



The Towanda American Legion will have a breakfast on Sunday October 2nd 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 October 14th 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 October 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.

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## October Is HCE Month!



**Towanda HCE group** will be meeting Towanda Community Building. The for people 65+". The minor lesson will Hostesses are Cindy Kelley and Linda Conder. Members and guests are asked to bring items to go into the soldiers Christmas stockings (Operation Santa project).

on Monday, October 10, 7 p.m. at the major lesson will be "Health Insurance be "History of Jack-O-Lantern".

**October is Home & Community Education month in McLean County** and Towanda HCE will have information displays at the Towanda and Hudson libraries. We will also be taking snacks to the grain elevators in Hudson and Towanda for the farmers bringing in the crops. Many activities, open to the public, are planned during HCE Month.

**International Study of Ecuador Day** is Saturday, October 8, 9am at Christ Lutheran Church, Hershey and Ft. Jesse Roads, Normal. The program will start at 9:30am with Darlene and David Weber discussing their travels in Ecuador. Food samples will be served. Free but reservations by Oct 6, 309-826-9559 or 309-828-5465.

**A Pumpkin Wreath Workshop** is offered on Monday, Oct 10, 1-4 p.m. at Extension Office Auditorium, 1615 Commerce Parkway, Bloomington. Fees: HCE member/\$8; Not HCE/&10. Supplies to bring include scissors, ruler, 1 roll orange mesh ribbon (5.5in x 30 ft). Information/RSVP/Fees due by Oct 4: 309-821-1266.

**Community Service Day** is Monday, Oct 17, 9a-3p at the Farm Bureau near Interstate Center. We will be working on Christmas stockings for Operation Santa project. Free and all invited to attend whether or not you can sew. Bring sewing machine if you have one. Bring lunch or go out for lunch. Come and go as you are able. You can also bring your own projects to work on.

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual HCE Attic Treasures and Bake Sale** will be held Saturday, Oct 22 at 8am-2pm at Trinity Lutheran Church Gym, 901 S Madison, Bloomington. Enter through the northwest and southeast doors of the gym. Treasures include christmas items, other holiday items, household items, books, small furniture, linens, crafts, special bake goods and so much more. **Sale proceeds will benefit the McLean County 4-H program.**

There is a **Fall Trip/Tour to the Beef House in Covington, Indiana** on Saturday, Oct 29. There will be a buffet meal followed by the live performance of "Driving Miss Daisy" at the Beef House Dinner Theatre. Peoria Charter Bus will depart the Toys R Us parking lot at 9:15. Cost: HCE member/\$80; Not HCE/\$85 includes bus, buffet meal, play and gratuities. Questions/RSVP by Oct 6 to Karen, 309-862-1354. If the trip is full, a waiting list will be kept.

Guests are always welcome to attend HCE meetings and workshops. Towanda HCE meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month, September through June. Come and learn with us as we hear many educational topics throughout the year. Contact Cindy Kelley, 309-824-4797 or Robin Pearson, 815-579-1650.



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## Garden Tips

by Helen Leake



Labor Day is the start of the new lawn care year. Early this month is the best time to seed or reseed your lawn. When starting a new patch of grass, be sure the seed has good contact with the soil. It doesn't hurt if you walk on it to press the seed down. Water it and lightly cover it with clean straw which will help hold the moisture. Be sure to keep the soil moist.

Now is also a good time to plant trees, shrubs, and perennials. The garden centers have them on sale, so they don't have to over winter them. By planting them now, they can put their energy into growing a good root system before the ground freezes. Be sure to water them weekly as needed. When you plant, make the hole twice as wide as the root ball. The root flare of tree trunks should be above ground. Don't dig the hole too deep.

The chrysanthemums are pretty and will bring color to the garden. When choosing a plant, try to find one that has only part of the flowers open, that way you can enjoy flowers longer.

You can cut off your peonies now. Be sure to destroy the tops so they don't leave any disease. You can cut them back to about 2 inches. It is also time to divide or transplant them. You can dig the whole plant and divide it or just dig out part of the plant. When planting it, be sure it is in full sun. Also it is important not to plant it too deep. The pink eyes, next years stems, should not be more than 2 inches below the top of the soil. They won't bloom if planted too deep or in the shade.



The spring blooming bulbs are in the stores now. If you are looking for a certain kind, now is the time to purchase them while the supplies are available. It is to early to plant them, so store them in a cool, dark place. After the soil has cooled in late October or early November, plant them with the pointed side up. For some bulbs, it is hard to tell which end is up, so lay it on its side. You can also divide your daffodils and tulips now.

If you have a problem with the squirrels digging the bulbs up, place 3-5 bulbs in a metal suet holder and bury it. Also the deer like to eat the tulips in the spring, but they don't like the daffodils.

With all the rain we've been having, the grass and weeds have really been growing. Creeping Charlie has also been growing. If you have been spraying it, now is the time for the fall application. With the rain, the ground is soft and you can pull it rather easy. Just try to get a hold of it where it is growing in the ground and pull it. It sends out runners in several directions. When pulling on the plant, you could have 4 or 5 runners about 3 feet long. If left in the ground each leaf node would send down roots, making a lot of new plants. You can easily find the stems along a side walk, just push your finger under them and pull up.

Some garden centers have marked down perennials that have finished blooming. They may not look good now, but get them planted now and remove the spent flowers. After the ground freezes, mulch them and next year, you could have some inexpensive flowers.



The trees are starting to drop their leaves and some say they are a gift from Mother Nature. In the spring when they leaf out on the trees, they tell us that warmer weather is on it's way. They get busy right away cleaning the air by absorbing the pollution in the air and returning it as oxygen. They even block some of the noise and release moisture into the air.

Now that the leaves are falling they turn into a kind of slow release fertilizer, that with a little processing can be a great amendment to even the poorest of soils. A light layer of leaves can easily be mowed, broken into smaller pieces and left on the ground to feed the earthworms. They will return it in rich castings into the soil.

If you have a lot of leaves and you think it will smother the grass, bag some and save them for next year. Or you can spread it as mulch around the trees and shrubs. You can also spread it on the garden and work it into the soil. You can put it 4-6 inches deep. You can also water it to keep it from blowing away.

When the leaves blow in around the shrubs and perennials, leave them alone as they make good mulch to protect their roots. It will also be a good place for insects to lay their eggs. The eggs will hatch next spring and provide food for the birds. The birds need the insects and larva to feed their young. They need thousands of larvae to feed a family of young birds. We like to see and hear the birds.

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## IC Bible Study

Please join the Indian Creek ladies as Jill Doubet leads a Bible Study group on "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World" by Joanna Weaver.

"With Joanne's fresh approach to the familiar Bible story on Mary and Martha she shows how all of us can draw closer to the Lord: deepening our devotion, strengthening our service, and doing both with less stress and greater joy."

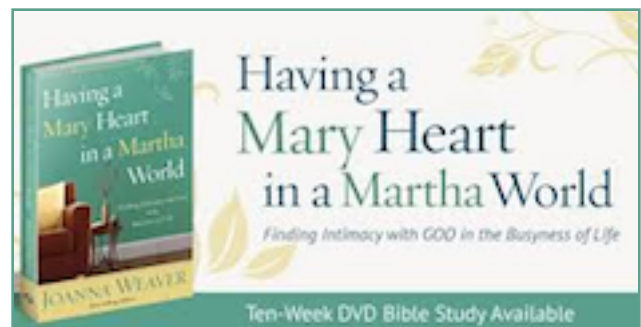
We'll begin the study on Thursday, October 20 at 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM at the home of Judy Schulthes, 16 Bent Tree Lane.

Plans are to meet at this time every other Thursday and completing the study by April 20 at the latest. Judy and Kay Liebenow will host the Bible Study in their homes.

The book "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World" by Joanna Weaver is available on Amazon for under \$10. Judy has Amazon Prime and can get the book within 2-3 working days with free shipping.

Please contact Judy at 728-2927 or at [kindredspirits@frontiernet.net](mailto:kindredspirits@frontiernet.net) by October 13 if you would like for her to order the book for you and/or to let us know if you plan on attending the study.

At this time there are five ladies that have committed to this study and we look forward to seeing you!





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## Library News for October

**Tuesday Tunes on Tuesday, October 4 at 2:30:** Music therapist, Miss Janel, leads kindergarten, first, and second graders in singing, dancing, playing musical instruments, and other literacy-based activities. Snacks are served. Pre-registration required. (Note: November date is November 1<sup>st</sup>.)

**LEGO Club on Wednesday, October 5 at 2:30:** LEGO Lady, April Fisher, brings hundreds of LEGO sets along with literacy-based inspiration for building projects. Third, fourth, and fifth graders need to pre-register to attend.

**TOWANDA READS Book Discussion on Tuesday, October 11 at 5:00:** Belle Cora by Phillip Marguillies is this month's selection. Discussions are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of even-numbered months. Joining a book discussion adds a whole new dimension to your reading!

**Drone Discovery Day on Saturday October 22 at 11:00:** Join the Towanda Busy Bees 4H Club as they present a program on Drones. The program is will be a hands-on discovery of drones including remote sensing, drone safety and aeronautical science. For more information: Martha Riets at 728-2178

**Bulldog Book Club on Wednesday, October 26 at 2:30:** Fourth and Fifth Graders discuss The Crossover by Kwame Alexander and A Time to Dance by Padma Venkatraman.

**Read 2 Dogs Every Tuesday from 5:30 to 6:30:** Whether your child is a reluctant reader who wants the attentiveness of a dog to listen to him/her read or if your child just loves dogs, set up an appointment for a one-on-one session. Call the library to register.

Crochet, Knit, and Chat Every Tuesday from 5:00 to 7:00: Susie Shoemaker leads the weekly group.

**Story Hours Every Wednesday at 10:30:** Oct. 5 – Firemen and the fire truck visit our library; Oct. 12 – Fall; Oct. 19 – Apples; and Oct. 26 – Pumpkins.

**Library Trustee Election:** Petitions may now be circulated for the three 4-year seats and the one 2-year seat that is up for election in the April 4, 2017 Consolidated Election.



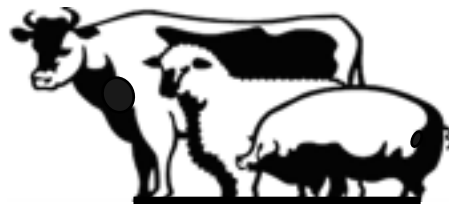
### Safe Driving in our Neighborhood

School is back in session and children are by the roadsides waiting on school buses in the mornings. We would like to ask that drivers SLOW DOWN if you are leaving the subdivision at that time and make it safe for school age children to wait for and get on their bus. The speed limit in most subdivisions is around 25 mph. Please watch for children and bus stops and slow down to avoid endangering children. Kids are kids and even though they are told to watch for cars, they are still kids and run out onto the road. Also, there are many 'walkers' in our neighborhood; a lot of those with dogs. So let's make our neighborhood a safe one and please drive 25 (or slower!). Thanks!

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## Towanda 4-H

The Towanda 4-H Club celebrated the kickoff of the 2016-17 4-H year with a cookout at Boyd Wesley Park in Towanda on Sunday, Sept. 11 at 5:30 p.m. 4-H members played a bingo game to help us get to know each other better. Everyone introduced each other and learned about programs and activities that are planned for the coming year. The theme for our club this year is animal science. Anyone from the ages of 8-18 by Sept. 1 can join 4-H. There is also a Cloverbud program for kids ages 5-7 years old. Towanda 4-H meets every first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Towanda Community Building. Sign up is still going on for new members until April 15 and for returning members until Dec. 1. Attend a meeting or contact the University of Illinois Extension in McLean County for more information.



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## Local News

- **Information requested about Area Organizations**

The “[Greater Towanda Area Directory](http://villageoftowanda.org/index_files/AreaDirectory.pdf)” of organizations is in the process of being updated. Please see the information on the Village Website [http://villageoftowanda.org/index\\_files/AreaDirectory.pdf](http://villageoftowanda.org/index_files/AreaDirectory.pdf) It is also posted at the Library and the Towanda Post Office.

Needed are changes to:

- 1) NAME of the organization
- 2) NEW unlisted organization
- 3) Name of PERSON to contact for information and TITLE
- 4) Meeting DAY, LOCATION and TIME.

Or....if the information is correct, please CONFIRM.

Email: Gail Ann Briggs [rgbriggs@frontinet.net](mailto:rgbriggs@frontinet.net)

Or Mail (USPS) to: 112 Hunt St; Towanda

Thank you!!

- **Homecoming** for Normal Community High School is Friday, October 21, 2016

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## Towanda Busy Bees 4H Club



The Towanda Busy Bees 4H held the first meeting of the 2016-17 year on Tuesday, October 20th. The club welcomed 5 new members. The club will celebrate national 4 H week with a family gathering at



Rader Family Farm on October 7th. The club is also hosting a Drone Discovery event on October 22nd at the Towanda District Library at 11 am. The club holds regular meetings on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Towanda Community Building. 4H is open to all youth ages 8 to 18. For more information contact Martha Rients 728-2178.

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# Classified

## 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  
7 Bent Tree Lane  
Call Home - 728-2990  
Text or call- 242-1802  
Email - [oldcars@frontiernet.net](mailto:oldcars@frontiernet.net)  
Website - [www.pamperedchef.com/pws/annettehancock](http://www.pamperedchef.com/pws/annettehancock)  
Pinterest - [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 junior at NCHS and can be contacted at 728-8088 (home) or (309) 830-7721 (cell).

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

Need help taking care of your pet while your away, call Bailee Harmon at (309) 530-5360. "I love animals and have been volunteering at the Humane Society for almost six months. I would love to help take care of your animals".

"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."

Lauren Smith will provide pet care - call 728-2930.

Are you looking for someone to watch your pets when you are gone or walk them while you are at work? If so, call Sami Hartman (30 Candle Ridge Road). I am responsible and LOVE pets. I have experience and references. My number is 728-2093.