# Indian Creek Newsletter

June 2012

### Water News

"With the summer temperatures rising, it is important that we conserve on our water use. Effective immediately, please only do any long term watering on odd/even days based on your street number. Long term watering referring to watering a couple of hours at a time. Established trees should do just fine in the heat. Exception to odd/even days would be recently planted items; however, restrict watering to morning or late evening watering. Running a sprinkler all day or night long is not good for your lawn or the Indian Creek water system.

The Indian Creek board members appreciate your cooperation.

Also, included with the next water bill will be a cross connection survey that needs to be completed and returned. More information to come!"



# "Steve Liebenow Memorial Scholarship

The Towarda 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.

#### 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 who passed away."

### Towanda American Legion



The Towanda American Legion will have a breakfast on Sunday June 3rd 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 Sons of the American Legion will have a steak, shrimp or combo dinner on Friday June 8th from 5:00 to 7:00. Dinner will include steak, shrimp or shrimp/ steak combo, baked potato, salad, roll, drink and dessert for \$10.

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 meet next on Tuesday, June 5th at 6:30pm. Ariana S. is in charge of recreation. The Myrvold's will bring snacks and Malisa Kraft will provide drinks. Talks will be given by Ryan K., John R., Wharton, Jasmine D., Emma F and Avery W. Also demonstrations will be given by Sarah Kraft and David S.

At our last meeting we toured a wind farm. After the tour we had our own version of "Learn and Fun day". We had workstations on Rocks & Minerals, Cake decorating, Sewing and How to Make things with Duct Tape.

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.

### School's Out!

This is just a reminder that school is out and kids are outside playing. Remember to slow down and watch for the kids and families taking walks.

# Area Meetings

Mon.Jun.25 – 7:00 p.m., CB  $\sim$  4<sup>th</sup> July Planning Tue.Jun.26 – 7:00 p.m., CB  $\sim$  Towanda Area Historical Society

### Towanda Route 66 Trail

Volunteers have been tending the gardens along the Route 66 trail, and they would welcome others that have an interest in making this community asset look even better. Wednesday mornings are the usual work time, and the goal is to work no longer than 1 to 1 ½ hours on any one day. Digging out weeds is the activity attacked most often. Contact Carol Myers at 728-2749 or clmyers@frontier.com to learn more. This does not need to be a full-time commitment. Volunteers merely help as their personal schedules allow.





### Towanda Busy Bees 4H Sponsor June 19 Blood Drive

The Towanda Busy Bees 4-H Club is sponsoring the 19th Annual Red Cross Blood Drive on **Tuesday, June 19** at the Towanda Community Building. Donation appointments can be scheduled between **3:00 PM and 6:45 PM**. If you donated blood on or before April 26, 2011 (March 1, 2011 for double red cell donation), you may be eligible to give blood again on June 19. A blood donation takes approximately 45-60 minutes.

Eligible donors must be in good health; feel well the day of the donation; weigh between 110-350 lbs; be at least 17 years old (16 year olds may donate in Illinois with the approved consent form signed by a parent.); have vital signs within criteria. Remember to bring IDENTIFICATION or your Red Cross donor card so you can donate!

Every two seconds, someone in this country needs blood. There is fewer than ten percent of the eligible population actually donating each year. There are 10-12 pints in our bodies and a single pint can help save three lives

Call Pat Pulokas, 728-2118 or Martha Rients, 309-728-2178 to make an appointment. Walk-ins will be accepted.

### Towanda HCE

The Towanda Home and Community Education are planning another special outing for Monday, June 11, 2012. The group will meet at the Olive Garden at 6:00 pm to eat supper. Following the meal, programs will be presented by Sharon Joplin on "Maintaining Healthy Family Relationships" and Jeanie Wager on "Wreaths for All Seasons." For questions or information about car pooling, call Cindy at 663-4796.

McLean County HCE also has a Cultural Enrichment workshop on "Sewing a Pillow Cover" led by Sheila Wells, instructor. Meeting at the Extension Auditorium on Tuesday, June 12, 1-4 pm, participants should bring the following supplies: 1 yard of fabric, thread, buttons, Velcro and average 14" square pillow. Class fees are \$5/HCE member; \$7/not HCE member. RSVP by Tuesday, June 5, to Karen, 309-724-8461. There will also be a Read & Share on Monday, June 18, 2-3:30 pm at the Extension Building. Book to be discussed is Tall Grass by Sandra Dallas. Contact LaVonne, 66106391 for more information. This class is free and all classes are open to all people.

The Towanda HCE Spaghetti Supper will be Tuesday, July 3, 4:30-7:00 pm at the Towanda Community Building. Advance ticket prices are: Adult/\$5 and 2-7 yrs/\$3. Under 2 yrs are free. Walk in ticket prices are \$1 more. Carry Out is Available. Spaghetti, bread, and salad is provided by Avanti's. Homemade desserts and drinks are also included. Preview the July 4th Flea Market and enjoy good food. Contact Pat, 728-2118 or Cindy, 663-4796 or any Towanda HCE member for tickets.

### Library News

#### Monday Evening Knitting Group

At 5:00 every Monday evening a group of knitters, crocheters, and felters meet to work and share ideas. Join the fun!

#### Towanda District Library Use - Red Hot

Total circulation in March was up 25% from the previous year. Total visits to the library in April were up 70% from the previous year. Inter-library Loan increased by 9% in April - compared to a year ago. These figures do not include e-book circulation from our website.

#### Food Literacy and Reading Literacy - a Double Delight

Food Literacy and Reading Literacy - a Double Delight is the name of the grant proposal funded for Towanda District Library by the Dollar General Foundation. Because of this grant, the Towanda District Library will host an expanded Summer Reading Program this year. Each program, during the 7-week session, will be repeated on Tuesday nights at 5:30 and Wednesday mornings at 10:30. In addition to the youth-centered activities that will support both Food Literacy and Reading Literacy, there will be program components for parents and adults.

#### Summer Reading Program -- Reading Is So Delicious!

Bring your appetite for books to Towanda District Library this summer! Excitement and fun await those who participate in the Youth Summer Reading Program - Reading Is So Delicious! In addition to reading great books, members can win prizes and enjoy interactive programs.

Register for both youth and adult reading programs during the weeks of May 15th through June 1st. Pre-registered participants are eligible for prize drawings. *The adult Summer Reading Program runs June 5th through August 24*.



Tuesday, June 5 at 5:30 – 6:30 and Wednesday, June 6 at 10:30 to noon – Reader's Theater production of Cook-a-Doodle-Doo, a humorous spoof on The Little Red Hen. Youth use cooking math to prepare strawberry shortcake. Yum!

Tuesday, June 12 at 5:30 – 6:30 and Wednesday, June 13 at 10:30 to noon – Youth cook dishes from Mexico, Italy, and Asia. Quiz Bowl competition for food facts learned. Parents hear ISU professor give tips on How to Raise a Reader.

Tuesday, June 19 at 5:30 – 6:30 is Food Dude Day. Plus a cake decorator demonstration. Wednesday, June 20 at 10:30 to noon is Fun with Food including crafts, games, and songs performed by Chris Corkery. Come and sing along!

Tuesday, June 26 at 5:30 - 6:30 is Fun with Food including crafts, games, and songs performed by Chris Corkery. Come and sing along! Wednesday, June 27 at 10:30 to noon is Food Dude Day. Plus a cake decorator demonstration.

**Cake Pan Collection:** The library has a new collection - cake pans. You may check them out for one week at a time. Perfect for special parties!

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## Freecycle Free-4-All

The Ecology Action Center announces the semi-annual Freecycle Free-4-All on Saturday, June 2 from 9 am – noon at White Oak Park in Bloomington. This is a Freecycle event open to the public where unwanted household items may be given away or obtained for free. Ultimately, the goal is to prevent useable items from ending up in the landfill.

The rules are simple – individuals may bring used, unwanted items in good condition and take what others have brought. One does not have to bring items to take items, nor take items to bring items. All items must be small enough to be easily carried; large furniture or appliances are not accepted. Additionally, no firearms, animals, foods, medicines or other consumables are permitted. Items will be accepted for donation from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. only.

More details are available at www.ecologyactioncenter.org or by calling (309) 454-3169. The Ecology Action Center is a central resource for environmental education, information, and outreach in McLean County. The EAC educates for environmental action at a walk-in information center and through educational programs on a variety of environmental topics.

### Classifieds

#### For Hire:

Lauren Smith, age 12 and Myles Smith, age 13 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!

Summer is almost here! Do you have someone to watch the pets while you are on vacation or kids when you are just gone for the afternoon? No? No problem! Just call Natalie van Dongen, Red Cross certified babysitter and owner of three puppies, at (309) 530-6304 or e-mail her at NatalievanD18@gmail.com

#### **Help Wanted:**

We are seeking before and after school care for our children (ages 9 and 7) for the 2012-2013 school year. Please contact Jeremy and Angela Thomas at 309-728-2246 if interested.

#### For Sale:

**Bowflex Elite XL** – purchased at Sam's a couple years ago for about \$800; perfect condition will take \$200. - **Eclipse 4100 Elliptical strider** – with electronic programs and timer was about \$350 new; works fine; will take \$25 - **Red Devil broadcast fertilizer spreader** – \$5 - **Scotts drop fertilizer spreader** – \$5 - **Toro 6hp self-propelled lawn mower** – works fine but we don't need it...need space; \$50 - **Custom built solid wood bookcase** – 6' h x 3' w x 11.5" d; five compartments, four shelves (not moveable) and attached back. Currently painted white. Someone my mom knew built this for her at least 15 years ago and it is SOLID. We just need space. \$25 Stop by to see at 3 Candle Ridge but call first, after 5:30 weeknights - Brian or Nina - 728 5567