

# INDIAN CREEK NEWSLETTER

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## New Multi-Partner Agreement Provides for Local Hazardous Waste Collection in 2015 and 2017



For the first time, McLean County residents will be able to plan for local Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection events in 2015 and 2017. Under a recently approved multi-year agreement, the Town of Normal, City of Bloomington, and McLean County will provide the major portion of the funding for HHW collection events in the fall of 2015 and fall 2017. Both will be coordinated by the Ecology Action Center (EAC).

As the designated solid waste agency for the local community, the EAC has traditionally coordinated HHW collection with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) with annual events funded by the state from 2003 through 2007.

State funding became less reliable with the economic recession; despite an active application with the IEPA, McLean County did not receive a state sponsored event for six years after 2007. In 2012, the EAC held a HHW collection for Bloomington-Normal and McLean County residents, funded entirely by local contributions. The EAC's successful year-long HHW fundraising campaign resulted in \$160,000 in public and private contributions including in-kind services; this unique funding strategy has resulted in multiple awards and recognitions for the EAC, both locally and state-wide.

The EAC eventually was granted an IEPA sponsored HHW collection in 2013. The significant turnout at both the 2012 and 2013 collections demonstrated the need for more regular and dependable HHW services to better meet the needs of McLean County residents. The new inter-governmental agreement to provide for 2015 and 2017 HHW events addresses that need. Because of funding limitations, participation in these collections will be limited to McLean County residents. Illinois law mandates that only residential Household Hazardous Waste may be collected; no business or industrial waste cannot be accepted.

The EAC plans to continue collecting contributions to the McLean County HHW Fund, a restricted fund, to supplement local government funding for upcoming HHW collections. The costs associated with organizing a HHW collection event vary, and raising private funds is necessary to provide the amount of funding needed for future events. As the EAC is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, contributions to the HHW Fund may be considered tax-deductible to the extent allowable by law. Donations may be made online at <http://www.ecologyactioncenter.org/hhw-fund/>. Sponsorships and in-kind contributions by businesses or corporations may provide similar benefits. Contact Michael Brown at 309-454-3169 x.11 for more information.

Household Hazardous Wastes are materials and chemicals that are toxic, flammable, corrosive, reactive, or explosive. They typically cannot be safely recycled or disposed of without a special HHW center or collection event. These wastes can be a serious threat to water supplies and our local environment if they are improperly discarded with nonhazardous trash (put into a municipal solid waste landfill), dumped down the drain, or illegally dumped elsewhere. (cont'd next page)

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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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## Towanda Lions, Steve Liebenow Memorial Scholarship

The Towanda Lions Club is pleased to announce that the scholarship amount for 2014 is **\$1000.00**. See guidelines below for specifics.

### Steve Liebenow Memorial Scholarship

The Towanda Lions Club is sponsoring a **\$1000.00** scholarship for a 2014 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 2014 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, 2014.

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."

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## Towanda Area Fall Garage Sales

This year's dates are September 4-6 (Thursday-Saturday)

To be included on the list of area sales, please provide ~ by **Wednesday, August 27**:

- 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 info to [rbriggs@frontiernet.net](mailto:rbriggs@frontiernet.net) (preferred) or send to 112 Hunt St, Towanda IL 61776  
Call (728-2187) with questions.



## 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

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## Unit 5 Schools

For registration information, the 2014-15 school calendar and other related school news, please check out the Unit 5 website: <http://www.unit5.org/>

The first day of school for students is **Monday, August 18**. Please note: ~ Students **MUST** have their immunizations before starting school! Unit 5 students will **NOT** be allowed to start school without the required immunizations.

Labor day is Monday September 1. Students in Unit 5 do not attend school on **Tuesday, September 2** (Teacher Institute Day).

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## 4th of July

Thank you to the many volunteers who helped make this year's parade the best one yet!! More units, more variety, more floats, and more people than EVER before participated! The Normalite (a small weekly newspaper), published a full page of photos taken by Heather (not Noelle) Lueschen in their July 18 issue. Additionally, several other articles and photos were published in the weeks leading up to our Annual Celebration. Copies can be obtained at their office, located at 1702 W College, Suite G, Normal. Check out their website: <http://www.normalite.com/>

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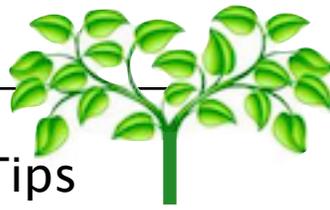
## Towanda American Legion

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

There will be a pork chop dinner on Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00. Dinner will include pork chop sandwich, French 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 21st 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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## Garden Tips

by Helen Leake - McLean County Master Gardener

If you see a black and white bug crawling out of a hole in the ground, and the body is about one and one half inch long, it probably is a Cicada Killer Wasp. It is sometimes called a digger wasp, because it creates its nest underground. They like to excavate their nest in dry, sandy soil. They do leave a pile of soil above ground.

You can see them on flowers, because nectar is their primary diet. Therefore they can be considered a pollinator.

They are far from being dangerous to humans, because like all male wasps, they do not have stingers. They are generally seen as protectors of their territory. The female has a stinger that allows her to hunt and capture the prey. The sting can be painful, but it is rare that she will bother people.

According to Bill Johnson, entomologist, when a cicada, which is larger than the wasp, is found, the wasp will dive-bomb the unsuspecting prey and sting it, that will cause almost immediate paralysis. Then she will drag the victim to where she can fly it back to her underground nest. She will take it into the burrow and store the immobilized, but living cicada. There are several chambers in the burrow, so she can store several victims. Then the female wasp will lay one egg on the cicada body. In a few days it will hatch and the larva will feed on the cicada. Once the larva is full grown, it will transform into a pupa and spin a protective cocoon for the winter.

In the spring, it will be an adult wasp and chew it's way out. Then it will emerge from the burrow and start the cycle all over.

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The garden centers are marking the price down on some perennials, trees and shrubs, so now is a good time to buy. The plants could be root bound and not look the best, but they just need to get into the ground where the roots can grow and get the plant strong enough for the winter. We will still have some hot and dry weather, so be sure to keep the soil moist.

We tell people to put mulch around your plants to prevent weeds and to keep the soil temperature more even. It also helps hold the moisture. There is also a disadvantage, if you want the plant to reseed and spread, the seeds cannot get to the soil to germinate. Some plants you don't want to reseed and spread so leave the mulch up close. If you want the plant to reseed and spread, move the mulch that is real close to the plant back, so the seed can fall onto the soil. Also toward the end of the summer, stop dead heading so the flowers can produce seed for reproduction and also for the birds to have seeds to eat.

Also you might need to collect some of the seed heads and start them in pots, where you can control the necessary factors. Save the seed heads in a cool, dry, dark place for their "rest" period.

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It is time to harvest the onions and garlic when 95% of the tops have bent over. Spread them out on a screen or open place, so they can dry. Drying can take 2 - 4 weeks. Then you can cut the top off about an inch above the bulb, place them in a well ventilated container and store them in a cool, dry place.

By this time, the weeds in the garden seem to be growing faster and we have a hard time controlling them. Do not use chemicals to remove the weeds. The drift of the chemicals could reach over to the foods we eat and make us sick. If you do not have time to remove the weeds, just be sure you cut off the seed heads. The more seed heads you remove, the fewer weeds for next year. A year of weeds equals 7 years of weeding.

Now is the time to plant brussels sprouts. They are more flavorful when used after a light frost. In August you can start your fall garden of lettuce, spinach, beans, turnips and radishes.

You might need to renew your organic mulch. As the organic mulch breaks down, it is putting nutrition into the soil. If you add fresh now it will help more to control weeds and moisture. It will also freshen up the looks of the old mulch. If you want the plant to reseed don't add more mulch.

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We haven't heard much about the Emerald Ash borer lately, but it is still around and busy doing it's damage. A reminder, that it is against the law to move any firewood across the border of a county that is host to the insect, which includes most of Illinois. There is a \$500 fine.

The 1/2 inch green insect is active during the summer, busy laying eggs. However, once the eggs hatch, the larvae is busy year-round tunneling under the bark, closing off the flow of nutrients to the tree, killing it. The small insect can't fly very far, so it hitches a ride on wood being moved from one place to another. If you buy fire wood at a campsite and do not use it all, leave the remaining fire wood there, so you do not take a chance in taking the insect or larvae home with you.

If you cut down an Ash tree in the summer, the brush for it must be securely covered while moving it, so the insect can not escape.

The Emerald Ash Borer has killed millions and millions of beautiful trees since it's arrival in Michigan on a piece of wood. We need to do everything we can to prevent it's spread. Check with the County Extension office to find out how to protect the Ash trees on your property.

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## Towanda Busy Bees

The Towanda Busy Bees are busy completing all of their 4H projects for the fair! The club met on July 15th for Project Night. Members shared projects they had completed. The fair is just around the corner running from July 30 through August 3. The next meeting will be an end of the year celebration and records turn in at Pheasant Lanes, Bloomington on August 10th.

The first meeting for the 2014-15 year will be held on Tuesday September 16th, 6:30 pm at the Towanda Community Building. Visitors and new members are always welcome. 4H is open to all youth between the ages of 8 and 18. For children age 5 through 7 there is a Cloverbud program with special hands on activities geared toward this age group. For more information please contact: Martha Rients 728-2178 or hrients@frontiernet.net

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# Towanda HCE



The Towanda Home and Community Education wants to thank everyone for the great support you showed us by attending our 21<sup>st</sup> annual July 3<sup>rd</sup> Spaghetti Supper. We served 317 ticket holders. while appreciating the wonderful weather. We received many rave reviews on the homemade desserts. The proceeds from this project give us the funds to give back to the Towanda community and also to other good causes within McLean County.

The Towanda Unit of the Association for Home and Community Education usually meets each month, September through May at the Community Building on the second Tuesday of the month. "HCE" is celebrating 96 years of excellence in educational programming. Ten Towanda HCE members attended the 96<sup>th</sup> McLean County HCE Annual meeting last month at the Parke Regency Hotel and Conference Center. We plan special community service opportunities and invite our family and friends and the community area to join us and also to attend our monthly programs at the Towanda Community Building.

Our next meeting will be September 8, 7pm at the Towanda Community Building. The program will be "Why do we need garlic in our diet?" One of our members will attend the local leader lesson (open to the public) on August 25, 1-3pm at the Extension Office at 402 N. Hershey Rd., Bloomington where John Taylor will present this program. The Towanda member will then present this program back to our "unit" on Sep 8. We have hostesses serve light refreshments (delicious of course) at our meetings. We welcome YOU to join us. While most of us are women, we invite men to attend and learn along with us. This organization is geared for everyone past 4-H age and it's often mentioned that HCE is like "adult 4-H". We believe in life-long learning!

To learn more about Towanda HCE, please contact President, Cindy Kelley, 309-663-4796 or Membership Chair, Robin Pearson, 815-579-1650.

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Volunteer to man the HCE booth in Cloverleaf Hall, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat (July 30-Aug 2) - Call Eileen, at 309-533-1135 AND volunteer to bake for 4-H alumni sponsored bake-off auction. The money goes to help support 4-H in McLean county!

## **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 2nd  
Judging will take place from 1-3 p.m.

Presentation of Awards and Auction begin immediately following the Jr. 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 and muffins (no yeast)  
All other desserts – Buckles, Cobblers, Crisp, Bars

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

No cheesecakes or dairy needing refrigeration.

All entries will be auctioned off.

All Money raised from this event helps to support 4-H in McLean County

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## Business:

### The Pampered Chef

Contact Annette Hancock if you need any Pampered Chef products or if you would like to have a party.

The Pampered Chef is retiring over 100 products - while supplies last - available through the end of August.

Call Home - 728-2990

Text Cell - 309-242-1802

Email - oldcars@frontiernet.net



## For Sale:



Sofa, 84" from non smoking home. Excellent condition. Hunter Green, Burgundy, Tan and Cream plaid with two matching pillows. \$200. This is a Smith Brothers sofa made in Berne, IN. Contact Judy Schulthes, 728-2927

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Landscape River Rock, Multi Colored & Cleaned. \$25.00 a yard. Contact Ben Daily 826-6973

## For Hire:

Are you going on vacation this summer? Joe Kaufmann would be happy to mow your lawn while you're gone. A great job for a great price! Call him at 728-8095

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Lauren and Myles Smith, will provide child care and pet care - call 728-2930

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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!

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## Websites Worth Visiting

Visit these sites for more information

<http://www.villageoftowanda.org/> ,

<http://towandalibrary.org/>

<http://www.unit5.org/>

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# Library News

**August is Get Your Child Ready for School Month:** Visit our library for daily tips to get your children ready for the new school year! Like our Facebook page, Towanda District Library, and follow us on twitter, at @towandalib to view the daily parenting tips.

Games and activities to help your child develop the skills he or she needs to start kindergarten will be available each day at the library! Drop in each week to work on a different skill!...or to socialize with other children and parents.

Week 1: August 1-2: Learn your colors!

Week 2: August 3-9: Fun with letters and Color Play!

Week 3: August 10-16: Lace and tie your shoes.

Week 4: August 17-23: Object Detective: Finding hidden objects

Week 5: August 24-30: Letter Practice

We look forward to seeing you in the library throughout August!

**Save the Date!** – On Saturday, November 15 the library will celebrate 75 Years as a library and 25 Years in this library building.

**Back to School Night** – Watch for the library at Towanda Elementary School on August 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 7:00. Readers are leaders!

**Preschool Story Hours** resume the Wednesday after Labor Day at 10:30 am. A comprehensive Early Literacy Program developed by leading scholars and organizations engaged in early literacy research will be the basis for our curriculum this year. Come and enjoy the *Very Ready Reader Program* at our library.

**Adult Summer Reading Program:** Keep reading and having your BINGO card stamped for chances to win a KINDLE, book bags, books, or several gift bags of Tastefully Simple food products. Deadline to enter is August 15. Filling one square on your BINGO card gives you one chance in the prize drawing. The more you read, the better your chances! It is not too late to enter!

**TOWANDA READS:** Interested readers are invited to join an open-to-the-public book discussion at 5:00 on Tuesday, September 9th. September's selection is: *Empire Girls by Suzanne Hayes and Loretta Nyhan*. Two sisters must learn to overcome their differences once they embark to New York City in the 1920's. Sometimes they are diverted from their search for their brother by the glitzy underbelly of Manhattan.

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## Watering

Any long term watering, please observe the odd/even days based off your postal number. Long term watering is defined as no more than a couple of hours at a time and best done in the early morning or late evening hours.

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Phone: 309-454-3169

## **Greenhouse Gas Emissions for Bloomington-Normal Quantified in Baseline Study**

The Ecology Action Center (EAC) recently completed the first inventory of greenhouse gas emissions for the Bloomington-Normal community. A greenhouse gas emissions inventory is a tool that quantifies carbon dioxide and related emissions, so that a community can both set baseline data and regularly assess progress towards meeting local goals for reducing emissions. Results are contained in the EAC's report *Bloomington-Normal Greenhouse Gas Inventory--Local Government Operations and Community-Scale Emissions, Baseline Year: 2008*, available for download at [ecologyactioncenter.org](http://ecologyactioncenter.org). The per capita emissions and sources for Bloomington-Normal for 2008 closely mirrored state and national rates and trends for that year.

The baseline study reveals that the leading sources of greenhouse gases in Bloomington-Normal are from stationary energy usage such as electricity and natural gas for cooling, heating, and other needs including lighting and refrigeration in homes, businesses, industry, and local government. Electricity and natural gas emissions account for over three-quarters of the community-wide emissions. Vehicular transportation followed at almost 20% of the emissions. Stationary energy and transportation emissions are primarily attributable to combustion of fossil fuels.

With the results from similar studies in hand, communities across the nation are implementing common-sense strategies that not only help reduce climate-changing greenhouse gases, but also save money, conserve energy, improve air quality, and preserve precious natural resources. The City of Bloomington and Town of Normal provided funding for this emissions study.

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