

# INDIAN CREEK NEWSLETTER

## May 2015

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## Thursday Morning Hydrant Flushing

In an effort to keep the water as clear as possible, we have begun weekly hydrant flushing. Not every hydrant is flushed each week. This will occur between 9:00am - 11:00am on **Thursdays**. Mark it on your calendar!

You will notice a significant decrease in water pressure. You can use water during this time period, but it is not recommended since you could introduce the infiltration of brownish colored water into your household.

If you have any questions, please contact Bob Hancock @ 728-2990.

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## Internet/DSL Issues

Several Indian Creek residents have been experiencing very slow to not responding internet connections. Another problem seems to be the internet connection dropping at unannounced times and with some frequency. Frontier has been notified by a few individuals, but it would be to our advantage if ALL residents with internet issues would call Frontier. That way they are aware of just how moderate or severe our connection issues are. If we don't report problems, Frontier assumes there are none. Report technical/internet issues to Frontier Technical Services 1 (800) 239-4430.

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## Towanda American Legion

The Towanda American Legion will have a breakfast on Sunday May 2nd 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 \$9.

There will be a chicken breast dinner on Friday May 15th from 5:00 to 7:00. Dinner will include a chicken breast, baked potato, corn, 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.

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## Calendar

Thurs. Apr. 30 - Sun. May 3 – Area Garage Sales in Towanda and Lamplighter

Sat-Sun. May 2-3 - Red Carpet Corridor Event

Wed. May 6 - 1-hr Late Start / Unit 5

Sat. May 23 - Unit 5 Commencements - Coliseum, Bloomington; NCHS at 2:00 p.m.; and NCWHS at 6:00 p.m.

Mon. May 25 - Memorial Day

Tue. May 26 - 4th of July Planning; 6:30 p.m. Community Building

Thurs. May 28 - Last Day of School in Unit 5



# Bob Evans

## Community Fundraiser

Dine to make a difference

Faith in Action



May 8 – 10, 2015

6 am – 9 pm

Valid on Dine In or Carry Out

Bob Evans will donate 15% of sales when you present this flyer\* to:

# Bob Evans

801 IAA Drive and 2115 W. Market Street, Bloomington, Illinois

[www.BobEvans.com/BEkind](http://www.BobEvans.com/BEkind)

\*Coupon must be presented at time of check out.

## Plastic Grocery Bags Wanted



The Crochet-Knit-Felt group that meets at the Towanda Library every Tuesday evening at 5:00 is transforming unwanted plastic shopping bags into something useful. By crocheting strips of plastic bags together, they create sleeping mats which are distributed through McLean County Home Extension to homeless shelters. The mats repel parasites, are moisture resistant, durable, and make a great temperature barrier.

Linda Garbe is collecting plastic bags and cutting them into strips for this group. The bags need to be the thin ones used to bag groceries. The heavier plastic ones you get at other stores will not work. The bags can be any color.

If you have bags to contribute to this project please call Linda at 728-2236 to arrange a time for her to pick up them up.



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## Garden Tips

by Helen Leake



The Easter Lilies are so pretty and smell so good now. They like medium light and cool temperatures during the blooming period. Keep the soil moist, but not saturated. The pollen from the lily will stain your clothing. You can pinch the pollen tips off. It will wash off of your hands with soap and water. If you get it on your clothing, do not brush it off. Let it dry and then gently brush it off. Sticky tape also can be used to carefully lift it off. After the flowers have faded, keep the plant indoors in a cool sunny place. Do not cut the stems off. After the danger of frost has passed, plant it in a well drained soil. The stems can be removed when they have withered completely. Hopefully you can enjoy it for years to come.

The daffodils and tulips are blooming now. After the petals fall, cut the stem off so the plant doesn't use it's energy to make a seed. Leave the leaves to absorb the sun to feed the bulbs to produce next years flowers. Do not cut off the leaves and do not braid them. After the leaves turn brown, you can remove them.

Praying mantis egg cases are very common in the spring. Most are squareish masses that appear to be made of brown styrofoam laid on stems of flowers, trees and other plants. Praying mantis are beneficial insects.

It is time to be on the look out for the larvae of Zimmerman Pine moth actively crawling on the bark of trees. The larvae are highly exposed and susceptible to an insecticide spray application after overwintering in bark crevasses. Zimmerman Pine moth larvae feed on all pines, preferring Scotch and Austrian. The larvae bore into trees and create masses of pitch at branch whorls on the trunk or on shoots near the terminal leader. These pitch masses may resemble galls. Excessive tunneling by the larvae can kill terminal leaders. Heavily infested terminals curve downward resembling a fish hook. Young trees are more susceptible to attack from the larvae and are more attractive to adult females for egg-laying. Most likely due to transplant stress. Management of Zimmerman Pine moth primarily involves sanitation and use of insecticides. Control the larvae by spraying the bark and foliage in April or Mid August. The best time to control this insect is when it is in the caterpillar stage and before it enters the bark. High volume sprays should be used to drench the stem and bark, as a thick canopy of pine needles may prevent sprays from reaching the trunk.

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If you have been thinking about having your garden soil tested, now is a good time to do it. Take samples of the soil from several areas of the garden or yard, while the soil is dry and send it in. A reading of 7 is neutral. Soil with a reading above 7 is alkaline, and below 7 is acidic.

You can divide perennials that bloom in mid-summer or later, such as asters, daylilies, or sedum now. You can dig up the whole clump and then split it with a shovel, or you can just dig out a part of the plant. Be sure to do this during a cloudy time or in the evening, when the sun isn't hot. Water the soil deeply.

You can prune spring flowering shrubs such as forsythia and lilacs soon after they finish blooming. Spring flowers bloom on old wood before mid June. To use renewal pruning of old and overgrown shrubs, remove 1/3 of the oldest stems to soil level. By doing this every year, it is easier to control the size of the shrub. If you wait more than 2 months to prune them, you could cut off next years flowers.

Plant rhubarb and asparagus crowns now; however, do not use them this or next year. Remove rhubarb flower stalks as soon as they develop. That way the plant can put all of its energy into the growth of the plant.



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## Towanda HCE

The Towanda Home and Community Education group will meet for their monthly meeting on Monday, May 11, 7 pm, at the Towanda Community Building. Guests are always welcome but we're making extra effort to invite the 4-H and community. The major program will be given by Jeanie Wager: "Freezer meals made in a flash!" There will be two fact finds: Lavender by Bev Hornickel and Parsley by Sharon Joplin. Hostesses are Ruth Stewart, Helen Guth and Tammy Stewart.



the latest information on every aspect of the home and community. We have different "programs" every month, usually presented by one of our local "club" members who has gone to a training class. As a 4-H or youth group parent or leader or are a local citizen, you might enjoy keeping yourself up to date on issues regarding health, community, government, public services, home furnishings, crafts, community service and so much it's hard to list it all. Above all, we have FUN!

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

Join us on May 11 for interesting programs. For more information: Cindy Kelley, 663-4796 or [ckek71@frontier.com](mailto:ckek71@frontier.com); Jeanie Wager, 728-2852.

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## Dog Walkers

A friendly reminder for dog walkers to pick up after their pooches, particularly on Eastwood back by the soccer field. The snow has melted and kids will be out playing.



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## Local News

Larry Meyer, IC resident, found this discarded tire on the west side of the creek below the water tower. Guess it's been there awhile!



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## Fundraiser for Duncan Manor

The Historic Duncan Manor at 1002 Towanda Barnes Rd. Towanda, is opening it's doors to the public for viewing of the mansion during restoration. Tour dates are Saturday May 2nd and Sunday May 3rd from 10 am - 4pm. Suggested donation at the door. Adults - \$7.00, children - \$5.00, ages 5 and under are free. All proceeds go toward the restoration of Duncan Manor.



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## KNB Memorial Scholarship Fundraiser

The KNB Memorial is presented to each of our area high schools. Currently, FOK (Friends of Kirbie) has awarded 8 scholarships at \$1,000.00 each. The scholarship selection committee has notified us (Kirbie's parents - Rodney & Joni Brittain) that this year we have five recipients, one from each high school. We are hoping to see our neighbors at the event and if anyone would be willing, we are looking for raffle items, gift cards, bottles of wine for games, large auction items (250+value).

Listed below are sponsorships that are available if interested and/or if you know anyone else that may be interested.

### **Donation and Auction (Live & Bag Auction) List**

Sponsor a High School Scholarship (\$1,000.00) name on plaque and recognition at event as well as at high school awards.

- Bloomington High School – Matt Fraker and Sherri Thornton
- UHIGH
- Central Catholic
- Normal Community High School
- Normal Community West High School
- Opening Reception Bar (\$1,000.00)
- Food Station Sponsor (\$500.00) 5 Available
- Wine Bottle Ring Toss (\$500.00)

The Kirbie Derby – Horse Racing Multiple

- Sponsor a horse (\$100.00) 6 Available
- Infield Track Sponsor (\$300.00) Logo placed in Center of track (Sold to Mehall's)
- The Kirbie Derby Sponsored by: (\$1,500.00) Large Sign above track with Logo at Finish Line.

Entertainer Sponsorship (Live From Los Angeles) (\$1,500.00)

We are also looking for any raffle or live auction donations including wine, tickets, gift cards etc. Last year's auction grossed around 5 - 6K. We are asking for any assistance, please respond to email address by May 15th. [friendsofkirbiefoundation@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofkirbiefoundation@gmail.com) We thank you for your support!

Donations can be taken to: Rodney and Joni Brittain, 1 Candle Ridge Rd., Towanda, IL.

### **Kirbie and the FOK (Friends of Kirbie) Story**

Kirbie Nicole Brittain was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma on May 10, 1993. She lived in 7 different states during her 15 years of life. At age 8, Kirbie was diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma Bone Cancer to her left leg/ankle. She underwent many surgeries and a yearlong chemotherapy regiment before suffering heart and lung failure at age 9. As she beat Cancer, the long term effects of the chemotherapy caused her heart to slowly deteriorate, requiring the need for a heart transplant. At age 13, Kirbie received her new heart on February 9, 2007, yet again, beating her challenges. Her heart allowed her body to start growing and maturing as she grew into a beautiful young lady, both on the inside and out. While on vacation, August 16, 2008, Kirbie again was struck with a virus to her heart, causing her to go into cardiac arrest. This left Kirbie in a coma at age 15. She fought for 16 courageous days before her body could no longer fight. Kirbie Nicole Brittain lost her 7 year fight on September 1, 2008. As Kirbie left this world, her spirit, attitude, genuine love for all people and her unselfish caring drive to always put others before her challenges has left a wonderful legacy in the Bloomington-Normal community. As we carry on what Kirbie started, we were proud to grant The Kirbie Nicole Brittain Memorial Scholarship to 5 graduating seniors at local high schools. Since its inception in 2011, we have awarded nine scholarships at the five public Bloomington/Normal high schools for a total of \$8,000.00. Our goal for 2015 is to award one \$1,000 scholarship to all of our area Bloomington Normal high schools. We are also a part of the Umbrella of Illinois Prairie Community Foundation, so Friends of Kirbie is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.



**FOK WELCOMES AT 7:00 PM, ALL THE WAY FROM LOS ANGELES, CA, GILBERT GAUTHIER TO PERFORM HIS "TRIBUTE TO FRANK SINATRA"**

## **5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FRIENDS OF KIRBIE FUNDRAISER**

**SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2015**

**6:00 PM – 10:00 PM**

**BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL MARRIOTT HOTEL  
& CONFERENCE CENTER-UPTOWN NORMAL**

Friends of Kirbie was started to enhance lives in our community with scholarships awarded annually to students from all 5 local high schools.



**FRIENDS OF KIRBIE**  
A KIRBIE NICOLE BRITTAIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

### **Entrance Includes:**

**Entertainment at 7:00pm**

**Heavy Hors D'oeuvres**

**Complimentary hosted**

**bar from 6:00 - 7:00pm**

### **Games!**

**Giveaways!**

**Live Auction**

**Starts at 9:00pm!**

**\$40 per ticket**

**RSVP to:**

**friendsofkirbiefoundation**

**@gmail.com**

**(18 and under free  
admission)**

If you are unable to attend we would still appreciate a donation.

**EMAIL** us for a PayPal link  
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mail.com)

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directly to Illinois Prairie  
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Washington St.,  
Bloomington, IL 61704

*All donations are tax deductible*

### **FRIENDS OF KIRBIE**

For more details like us on  
Facebook: Friends of Kirbie –  
A Kirbie Nicole Brittain  
Memorial Scholarship



The May meeting of the Towanda 4H will be held May 5, 2015, at the Towanda Community building at 6:30p.m.. Our club themes are Natural Resource & Environment and Technology & Engineering. 4H is open to everyone from 5yrs. to 19 yrs. of age. If you are interested or have any questions, please feel free to call Kathy Schultz at 309-728-2137 or Jeanne Wager at 309-728-2852.





## Ecology Action Center Schedules May Green Drinks Environmental Networking Event featuring Wild Ones

Green Drinks is an informal, social networking group for people working on or interested in environmental issues. Green Drinks groups meet in over 500 cities across the globe. The groups have no political affiliation and generally no agenda. They serve as a forum for environmental professionals and other community members to meet, socialize and share ideas. The Ecology Action Center holds Green Drinks in Bloomington-Normal on the first week of every month.

The May Green Drinks will take place Tuesday, May 5 at 5:30 p.m. at Medici. Officers from the Illinois Prairie Chapter of Wild Ones will highlight the importance of using native plants in your home landscaping and describe upcoming events and programs of the organization.

The public is invited to attend Green Drinks; the group meets at Medici in Uptown Normal, in the small private room to the left of the lobby. For more information on Green Drinks, contact Michael Brown at the Ecology Action Center at (309) 454-3169 x.11 or [mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org](mailto:mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org).

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 Busy Bees 4H



Towanda Busy Bees 4H club enjoyed making healthy *Banana Splits* at the April meeting. Here's the recipe you can try yourself:

- 6 bananas
- 1 1/2 cups granola
- 3 8 oz cartons of low fat yogurt
- 1 can of fruit cocktail, drained

Cut each banana in half length wise then in half again so there are 4 slices of each banana. Place one banana quarter in a bowl

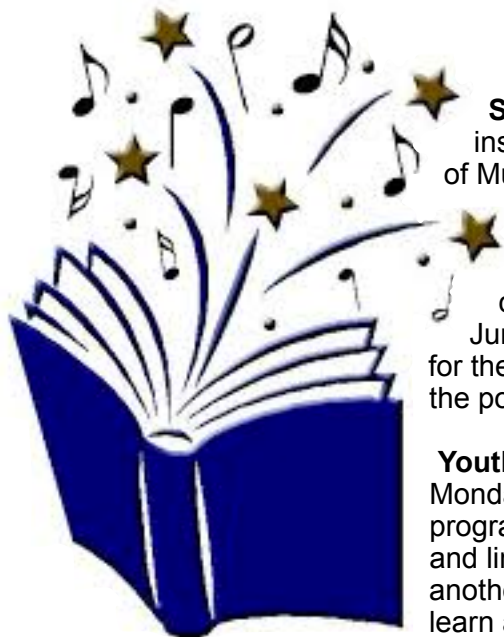
Top with 2 Tbsp. of yogurt and 1 Tbsp. fruit cocktail. Sprinkle each serving with 1 Tbsp. granola. Makes 24 Banana Splits. Enjoy!

The Towanda Busy Bees 4H will have an active month in May. The club will be meeting to do a Spring Spruce Up of the Towanda Library on Saturday, May 16 at 10 am. They will also hold their regular meeting on Tuesday May 19th, 6:30 pm at the Community Building.

The club will be hosting their annual American Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, June 23rd from 4-7 pm. Please consider signing up to donate as the need for donors is especially great during the summer months.

For more information about the 4H club or the Blood Drive please contact Martha Rients 309-728-2178





## Towanda Library

**Story Hours:** May 6 – Musical Stories with children using instruments: May 13 – Dancing stories: May 20 – Different Types of Music: May 27 - I Love the Library! with Summer Reading Program schedules distributed.

**Summer Reading Sign-Up:** Parents who pre-register their children for Summer Reading during the weeks of May 25 and June 1 will be entered into a special prize drawing. The prize is for the parent – because it is your commitment to reading that sets the positive role-model for your child.

**Youth Summer Reading Program June 8 through July 22:** Both Monday evenings @ 4:30 and Wednesday mornings @ 10:30 programming is offered for Towanda's youth. Swing dancing one day and line dancing another....bagpipes one week and dulcimers another...Kidder Music brings instruments for the children to try, plus learn about music therapy. Each program features a different musical experience and lots of opportunity to participate. Every

Friday afternoon @ 1:30 there is a craft to make – followed by a movie and popcorn. Final Summer Reading Parties are July 20 & 22 – with cake walks, parade of instruments, carnival, and pizza party – courtesy of FS Fast Stop.

**Adult Summer Reading Program:** Weekly prizes, plus a grand prize drawing. Play *Reading BINGO* this summer. Dates for the program are June 1 through August 14. Stop at the library to learn details.

**Tablet Petting Zoo on Wednesdays and Thursdays May 13 thru 28:** Would you like to get your hands on an iPad – to practice and see if you'd like to have one.....or just to learn a few more things about the new online catalog of the 200+ libraries that cooperate with Towanda in sharing books. Beginning May 12, Towanda Library will be part of the "Traveling Tablet Tour" – which loans several iPads to our library at once. Wednesday and Thursday afternoons in May from 2:00 to 3:00 our IT-trained volunteer will be on hand to answer one-on-one questions about tablets.

**New RSACat:** The online catalog of Towanda and 200+ other cooperating libraries has been updated – to provide more searching capacity for you. RSACat is your online tool for borrowing from our library or 200+ others.

**Spring into Reading:** On May 1<sup>st</sup> the library will participate in a Day of Reading @ Towanda Elementary.

**Questions when the library's doors are locked?** As long as you have your library card number, you can log in to the library's online World Book Encyclopedia. Go to the library's website and click the World Book icon.

**ROVER Art Programs:** McLean County Art Center sends professional artists to our library on June 10 & 11, as well as July 15 & 16. Workshops for youth ages 10 to 18 run from 2:00 to 4:00 each day. June artists will try *Plein Air Art* and July artists will craft fiber arts. The Art Center will feature the youths' work in a special August exhibit.





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## Highway Cleanup



On Tuesday morning, April 28, Ron and Ruth Parsons, Tommie Crouthamel, Mary Ann Boyd, Kathy Nelson, Linda Garbe, and Greg Beneze picked up the litter along the 2 mile stretch of County Road 29. The crew picked up 12 bags of trash along this stretch of road that generally looks pretty good when you are driving at 55 mph.

Indian Creek Homeowners Association has been participating in McLean County's highway cleanup program since the mid 90's. Volunteer organizations are asked to do a minimum of 4 litter pick-ups annually between April and November. The next litter pickup day will be scheduled in June. Please send an email to Greg

Beneze ([gbeneze@frontiernet.net](mailto:gbeneze@frontiernet.net)) if you would like to participate and Greg will call or email you when the next pickup date is set.

The event usually takes about an hour for a crew of 8 and is an enjoyable walk. Trash bags and safety vests are provided - all you need to bring are gloves and a bottle of water.

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## Come one, come all to Indian Creek Homeowner's Mayfest and Picnic!

Years ago, Indian Creek had annual homeowner's picnics and we'd like to revive that tradition. Following are the details:

**DATE:** May 16th

**TIME:** 12:30 - 3:00

**WHERE:** Common Ground (former soccer field at the bend on Eastwood Ct.)

**WHAT TO BRING:** Lawn chairs for yourself and/or family, a beverage other than what the subdivision will provide, also we'd like to divide up the distribution of food:

**EVEN ADDRESSES:** Bring side dishes

**ODD ADDRESSES:** Bring desserts

The subdivision will provide frankfurters/buns, condiments, lemonade and water. Games and activities are being planned.

Please RSVP by May 10th to: [indiancreeknews@hotmail.com](mailto:indiancreeknews@hotmail.com). Also, if a few of you have portable tables, we could use them for the food/beverages. So come on out and have some fun and food while meeting and greeting our neighbors!

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## Classified

### For Sale:

**Free** to a musical home: Wurlitzer Organ Model 4027.  
Well maintained and plays beautifully. Contact: Martha at 309-728-2178

### Businesses:

Need gifts for Mother's Day, Graduation, Bridal Showers, and Weddings?  
Contact Annette Hancock to order Pampered Chef in time for these events.

Visit my booth at Lexington's Rt 66 Red Carpet Corridor on May 2 & 3.  
This event is along Main St. in downtown Lexington this year on  
Saturday, May 2nd from 9am-5pm and Sunday, May 3rd from 9am-3pm.  
Orders from that event will be delivered the week of May 11th.

Call Home: 309-728-2990  
Call or Text Cell: 309-242-1802  
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### Wanted:

Child care needed for a 5 year old girl after school 2-3 days per week starting in the fall. She will need to be met at the bus stop and cared for until 5pm at our house or yours. Looking for a daycare provider or stay home mom looking for some extra money, but we are open to a responsible teenager if the circumstances are right. Please contact Ashley Johnson 309-830-2461 or email at [ashley.fillmore@yahoo.com](mailto:ashley.fillmore@yahoo.com).

### For Hire:

Lauren and Myles Smith, 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!