

# INDIAN CREEK NEWSLETTER

## July 2015

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## Towanda Lions, Steve Liebenow Memorial Scholarship



The Towanda Lions Club is again pleased to announce that we will be offering a **\$1000.00** scholarship for 2015. See guidelines below for specifics.

### "Steve Liebenow Memorial Scholarship"

The Towanda Lions Club is sponsoring a **\$1000.00** scholarship for a 2015 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 2015 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, 2015.

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 Legion

The American Legion is taking a break for the month of July. There will not be a breakfast or a dinner. We'll be back in August.

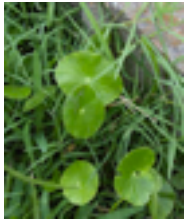
Anyone wishing to make a donation to the Towanda 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks can mail a check to Towanda 4<sup>th</sup> of July P O Box 103 Towanda, IL 61776. There are also donation cans at the Library, Fast Stop and Kicks.



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## Garden Tips

by Helen Leake



We talk about how fast the grass is growing and how often we need to mow it. Unfortunately, the weeds are growing just as fast. They are much easier to pull when they are small and the roots aren't so big. Also if you get rid of them before they go to seed, there won't be so many next year.

If you haven't put a cage around your tomatoes, you should do it now to help keep the plant off of the ground and it will be easier to pick the ripe tomatoes. It is also time to place mulch around the tomato plant to help keep the roots cool and also to keep the moisture more even.

You can remove the foliage of the spring blooming bulbs as it yellows and dies, for both the looks and sanitation. Prune your evergreen hedge now so it can send out new growth before fall. When pruning your hedge, prune so the bottom is wider than the top, using an A shape. That way the bottom part can get more light and send out green shoots, making it more attractive.

Watch for insects feeding on the foliage, check to see what the insect is before you reach for insecticide. It could be a beneficial insect. Only about 10 percent of the insects are bad bugs. If you want to keep your evergreen trees and shrubs in shape, now is the time to trim the pine candles {new growth}. Stop harvesting asparagus in late June. Then fertilize it after the final harvest.



The month of June is when the apple, peach, and pear trees start their "fruit drop". In the spring they are so pretty with the pretty blossoms and they are loaded with flowers. There is no way the trees could handle that much fruit. The branches would all break. Some of the fruit just naturally falls off. If you did not remove any of the remaining, they would be small. I like a big, juicy apple or peach, so I remove a lot of the fruit now. It is best to thin the apple and peaches so that there is only one fruit every 6--9 inches apart. I know you don't want to remove any, but by doing so you will have much nicer, and larger fruit.

Thinning the fruit will also be better for the tree. The tree would have to use so much energy to grow all of the fruit and then the next year, it wouldn't have enough energy to produce a good crop. That is why some trees that are not thinned only produce every other year.

With all the rain we have been having, be sure to check your outdoor containers to make sure the excess water is draining out. If there is too much water in the container, the roots can't get enough oxygen and they will rot and die.



With all the rain we have been having, the mosquitoes have a lot of places to raise a family. Be sure to get rid of as much standing water such as flower pot trays, tires, etc. as possible. There are "donuts" that you can put in your water garden to prevent mosquitoes.

Also, for years we have used products containing "deet" to repel the mosquitoes. Now we also have some more organic repellants, such as Cutter Advanced, containing "Picardin", Lemon Eucalyptus, and Natural Herbal Armor. I am sure there are probably more, but I know these

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work for me. As always, follow the directions on the container.

I see the male Japanese beetles are starting to emerge. The females will soon follow. Twice a day, I take my small container of dish soap and water, usually morning and evening, hold it under the insect and touch the beetle on the back. It will fold it's legs, and fall into the water and drown. If you put a trap out for Japanese beetles, that will draw more of them to your yard and they will probably stop and eat on the way to the trap. Once they start eating, they send out an odor telling the others there is some good food here. The male and female will mate and around the first week in July, she will lay her many eggs. Do not water your lawn during that time, it will make it softer for her to lay her eggs into the soil. They usually stay around for about 6 weeks.

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## TCFPD Auxiliary Rummage Sale

Towanda Community Fire Protection District Auxiliary (TCFPD Auxiliary) is having a Rummage sale on July 3rd and July 4th (Friday and Saturday) from 8:00 am to 4:00 p.m. both days. The Auxiliary will be accepting items for the sale after 1:00 p.m., on Wednesday July 1st, all day Thursday, July 2nd. Please price each item and deliver to 102 N Madison St., Towanda. All Proceeds will go to the TCFPD Auxiliary. The Auxiliary meets at 7:00 p.m. the 3rd Monday each month at the Towanda Fire Station training room. If interested in joining or volunteering at times, please call the fire station 728-2121 and leave your name and number and someone will call you, or send email to Marcia Kocar at [TFDAuxiliary2015@gmail.com](mailto:TFDAuxiliary2015@gmail.com).

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## Dates for your calendar

Sat.Jul.4 – Volunteers to help with registration and lineup of parade entries (8-10); and to carry flags in the parade (9:30-11:00) are asked to contact Gail Ann Briggs, 728-2187 or [rgbriggs@frontiernet.net](mailto:rgbriggs@frontiernet.net)

Tue.Jul.7 – Election Day – SPECIAL Election

Sun.Jul.12 – 1:00-2:00 p.m. at the Fire Station - Reception honoring Larry Sands upon his retirement as Trustee and President of the Board and his 30-plus years of service to Towanda Fire Protection District.

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## Towanda Busy Bees 4H



The Towanda Busy Bees 4H Club and the Towanda HCE would like to thank all of the donors who supported the American Red Cross Blood drive they hosted on Tuesday, June 23rd. A total of 28 pints of blood were collected!

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## Ecology Action Center Launches Public-Private Campaign for Locally Funded Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event, Building On Success of 2012 Effort

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency recently stated that no funding is available from the State of Illinois for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collections in Illinois in the first half of 2015. However, the Ecology Action Center is pleased to announce the launch of a renewed fundraising effort to provide for a fall 2015 McLean County Household Hazardous Waste Collection. While local government partners including the City of Bloomington, Town of Normal, and McLean County are providing some of the funding required for the tentative HHW collection, the remaining funding will need to come from private contributions and sponsorships from the local community. Participation will be limited to McLean County residents. Illinois law mandates that only residential Household Hazardous Waste may be collected; business or industrial waste cannot be accepted.

HHW is any material or chemical that is toxic, flammable, corrosive, explosive, or reactive. McLean County residents once again will have the opportunity to safely dispose of pesticides, oil-based paints, mercury thermometers, old gasoline, cleaning products, insecticides, lawn chemicals, and other hazardous materials. When improperly tossed in the trash, dumped down a drain, or illegally discarded elsewhere, these waste products pollute our water supplies, compromise our drinking water, and threaten our health.

In the past, state-sponsored HHW collections were a legal, safe and reliable way of disposing of HHW in Illinois. Mclean County benefited from annual collection events from 2003 to 2007, with most of the costs paid by the IEPA. Unfortunately, budget cutbacks resulted in the loss of funding for this program for five years. In 2012, EAC decided that the community needed to take matters into its own hands and spearheaded a successful public/private partnership to raise the funds necessary for a McLean County HHW collection. In 2013, EAC received funding from the IEPA for a HHW collection.

The significant turnout at the 2012 and 2013 HHW events showed that McLean County residents need them on a more regular basis. But a one-day HHW collection is expensive and state funding is no longer reliable. Under a recent multi-year agreement, the City of Bloomington, the Town of Normal, and McLean County will provide a significant portion of the funding for HHW collections in 2015 and 2017. Private contributions are necessary for the remaining portion, so HHW collections will be possible only with strong community support.

The EAC is now soliciting donations to the McLean County HHW Fund for the fall 2015 HHW collection. The one-day event will cost an estimated \$180,000. The EAC is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization; contributions to the HHW McLean Fund are tax-deductible to the extent allowable by law. Donations may be made online at [HHWmclean.org](http://HHWmclean.org) or by mail.

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.





## Towanda Library



### **SWING DANCING WITH HANNAH MATHES Monday July 6 at 4:30pm**

Love music that makes you want to move? Curious about the kind of dancing your grandparents (or great grandparents) might have done? This is the program for you! We're learning a little about the history of this fast-paced dancing, as well as watching a demonstration and practicing some moves. This is an all-ages program sure to have the whole family tapping their toes and bopping to the beat.

### **KIDDER MUSIC PRESENTS: INSTRUMENT EXPLORATION WITH TOBY THOMAS Wednesday July 8 at 10:30am**

Would you like to know what it's like to try a tuba, or ogle an oboe, or dabble on a drum? Toby is demonstrating several instruments, as well as letting everyone try them out! It's like a petting zoo for instruments!

### **TINY MELODIES WITH MERYL BROWN, NATIONALLY BOARD CERTIFIED MUSIC THERAPIST Monday July 13 at 4:30pm**

Bring your younger children in to explore and experience music in a meaningful way. Bond with your child as you both enjoy singing, movement, instrument play, plus so much more! Learn tips and tricks to help you create valuable learning experiences in a variety of settings.

### **TEXAS ROADHOUSE PRESENTS: LINE DANCING WITH ANDY ARMADILLO! Wednesday July 15 at 10:30am**

Howdy, Partners! Join us for a hoe-down, Roadhouse-style. Andy loves line dancing, and he's ready to teach you. This promises to be a toe tappin' good time for the whole family.

### **FINAL PARTY Monday July 20 at 4:30pm and Wednesday July 22 at 10:30am**

All good things must come to an end, and our summer reading program is no exception. Please join us for carnival games, a cake walk, a parade of instruments, and of course, PIZZA!

### **Craft and a Movie @ 1:30**

Friday, July 10 - Make an African thumb piano and watch a movie set in the jungle

Friday, July 17 - Make maracas and watch a movie set under the sea

### **Wii @ 4:30**

Wednesday July 8 and 15 - Play a game of Dancing with the Wii

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## ROVER ART Classes from 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Wednesday, July 15 and Thursday, July 16 classes at Towanda District Library -- McLean County Art Center sends a professional artist to teach Fiber Arts. Students (between the ages of 10 and 18) need to attend both 2-hour sessions to complete their project -- which will then be on display at the McLean County Art Center. The Grand Opening of the ROVER Exhibit is Friday, August 14 from 5:00 to 7:00. Students and their families are invited to the Grand Opening reception.

**News:** This June has been the busiest month on record for our public library. Within the first 15 days of the month, circulation totaled the normal monthly average. The musical programs have been entertaining for youth and parents alike. Families are dropping by the library - just to enjoy playing with the musical instruments before checking out books. Even if you do not regularly use Facebook, you can see the pictures of Summer Reading by navigating to the library's Facebook page from the website: [www.towandalibrary.org](http://www.towandalibrary.org).



### Thank You!...to these Summer Reading Sponsors:

More than \$250: Towanda LIONS and FS Fast Stop

\$100 or more: PTO of Towanda, Home Extension, and Towanda Ladies Night Out

Other cash donors: Ed Anderson Trucking, Brandt Consolidated, and McLean County Retired Teachers

Gift Certificates or prizes: The Olive Bin, Carl's Ice Cream, Grady's Family Fun, Walmart on Market, Great Harvest Bread Company, Avanti's, Country Financial - Steve Edgcomb, First Farmers State Bank, and Perfectly Posh.

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## Towanda HCE



The Towanda HCE went on special outing to Fairbury, IL on Tuesday, June 9. We made many shopping stops in downtown Fairbury, and to Cascades Gardens, Dave's Supermarket, Kilgus Farmstead and Country Cupboard. Lunch was at Lost in Time Restaurant with a stop to the Timeless Treats Bakery for special [treats](#) to take home.

Our next Towanda Home and Community Education meeting will be in September and there will be more details in [the](#) August newsletter. Towanda HCE will participate in the Downs Village Farmers Market on Wednesday, July 8, 4-6 p.m. at our McLean County HCE Food Booth. Visit us and enjoy the many goodies available as well as many produce and artistic items from other vendors.

We are getting ready for our Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> Spaghetti Supper, serving 4:30-7:00 p.m. at the Towanda Community Building. Tickets can be purchased in advance from HCE members, Cindy Kelley, 663-4796 or at the community building office. Walk ins are welcome and carry outs will be available. Prices are: Under 2/Free; 2-7 yrs/\$4; over 7yrs/\$6. Spaghetti, Salad and bread by Avanti's and homemade desserts and drinks. Join us for an enjoyable meal and preview the July 4<sup>th</sup> flea market. We appreciate your support.



# Towanda 4<sup>th</sup> of JULY CELEBRATION – 2015

Towanda, Illinois 61776

Website: <http://towandajuly4.com>

(Exit 171 - on I-55; 7 miles North-East of Bloomington)

<b>Friday, July 3, 2015</b>		
4:30 – 7:00 pm	Spaghetti Dinner	Community Building
8:00 – 11:00 pm	Community Dance	South Park
	Music by "Sweetwater"	
	Food Concession	
<b>Saturday, July 4, 2015</b>		
All Day	Flea Market	North & South Parks
All Day	Food Concessions	Community Bldg And Parks
8:45-9:30 am	Parade Lineup	School
10:00 am	Parade 'Steps Off'	
Dusk	Fireworks	

**Saturday, July 4**

**PARADE ~ 2015**

**"Then and Now ~ Past and Present"**

- 8:45 am Registration and line up at Towanda School
- 9:45 am Grand Marshals Award for the float that best represents the parade theme.
- 10:00 am Parade 'steps off' from the school

**Parade Route:** Adams & East St go West; Jefferson turn North; Washington go East; Madison turn South; Monroe go East; at Taylor go South; exit at Hely & school grounds.

**Participants:** Grand Marshals Lois and Russell McKinney & Randi Barnard/David Howell (former and current residents of Duncan Manor); Tin Lizzies; Community Band; Calliope; elected dignitaries and candidates; floats; Towanda's volunteer firemen; antique cars, tractors, other vehicles, bicyclers & walkers.

**Local flag bearers will be able to carry the U.S. flags in the parade!** Plan to be a part of this spectacular and breathtaking unit!

Older youth and adults are urged to **call to sign up** (the route is hilly and about 1 mile long) ~ only 50 flags are available for carrying in the parade.

**Speed Check-in & FLAGS** for units that are pre-registered. No fee to participate; but donations are appreciated.

Gail Ann Briggs ~ 728-2187 ~ [rgbriggs@frontiernet.net](mailto:rgbriggs@frontiernet.net)

**FOOD CONCESSIONS**

**Towanda Scouts** ~ pork chop and BBQ sandwiches, hot dogs, chips, desserts, and drinks, at the Community Bldg. **Other items** ~ will be available from vendors in both parks: fried vegetables, ribbon potatoes, tenderloins, corn dogs, elephant ears, shake-ups, Kettle Corn, & more!

**FIREWORKS ~ at Dusk !!**

The fireworks will be set off from the Towanda Township Building about .8 miles East of Towanda on 1900 North Road. The display will be clearly visible from town.

**Friday, July 3**

**SPAGHETTI SUPPER**

Serving spaghetti, salad, and bread prepared by Avanti's with homemade dessert and beverage at the Community Building ~ 4:30 – 7:00 pm. Carry Outs are available. Tickets are \$6/adult; \$4/child 2-7; under 2 - FREE (both advance & at the door); Contact members or Pat Pulokas, 728-2118, [palp@mchsi.com](mailto:palp@mchsi.com); or Cindy Kelley, 663-4796, [ckek71@frontier.com](mailto:ckek71@frontier.com)

**COMMUNITY DANCE**

The dance is from 8:00 – 11:00 pm with music provided by "Sweetwater" and is FREE ~ donations accepted. Concessions ~ Bring lawn chairs.

**Saturday, July 4**

**FLEA MARKET**

The Flea Market will be held all day in North and South Parks. Furniture, primitives, bottles, coins, art glass, china, pressed and cut glass, jewelry, brass and copper, handcrafted items, books, clocks, antiques, collectibles; many booths will have LOTS of items for sale. Free admission; dealer space reserved @ \$40/space. Linda Potts ~ 728-2384

**Plan NOW to join us in Towanda for the Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration ~ July 3 and 4, 2015**

## Towanda 4H

The Towanda 4H July meeting is TBD. We will bring projects for the fair, for review. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kathy Schultz at 309-728-2137 or Jeanne Wager at 309-728-2852.

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# Classified

## For Sale:

Gas grill for sale - \$90, propane tank included. Call Ben or Nicole Hartman @ 309-728-2093.

## Businesses:

Everyone screams for ICE CREAM in the hot days of summer! So I am doing "Cold Stone" Ice Cream parties this summer. I will show you how to make your own Ice Cream cakes - a Mint Chocolate Chip Cake or Turtle Sundae Cake. We can also mix up your favorite ice cream treats- Strawberry Shortcake, Banana Split, or Black Forest.

The July Host Special is 60% off One Dinner Essential -Grill Pan Sets, Stir-Fry Skillet, or Rockcorks. Contact me today to schedule your COOL Ice Cream party!

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## For Hire:

Need help mowing your lawn or weed-wacking this summer? Even if you just want someone to mow for a week while you're on vacation, give Joe Kaufmann a call. Joe's cell # 824-1027

Jairon and Justin Schwamberger (Senior/Sophomore at NCHS) are available for mowing/lawn care or other outside labor. Will be willing to take on summer long jobs, help with special projects, or mow while you're on vacation. Contact information: 728-2857, 830-9544.

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!