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IC Workday

Just a note to say thank you for all your work yesterday. If you are like me I suspect you might be a bit sore today.

In just one day we cleaned up our adopted stretch of highway, stained the picnic table by Money Creek, placed and mortared flagstone around the new sign, removed a big bunch of honeysuckle, installed two benches and split rail fence along the new (east) trail, chipped an incredible amount of brush, removed dead trees near the well to prevent potential damage to that area, and cut down selected trees to allow for growth of desirable trees.

When you have 33 dedicated individuals all pulling together it is truly amazing how much we accomplished. Your commitment and activism instills a strong sense of community that benefits all our residents and makes Indian Creek a unique place to live.

Thanks again for helping out.

Fred













Gardening Tips

by Helen Leake

It feels so good to be outside working in the yard and garden again. The ivy and other ground covers can be mowed to remove the winter burned foliage. Set your mower to the highest setting and mow the top off. Then fertilize and water it well to encourage rapid regrowth.

Now is the time to watch for eastern tent caterpillars and pine sawfly. They will be out feeding. You can spray with seven. As always follow the directions on the container. It is always good to read the information on the container, it usually tells what insects to use it on.

It is also important to read the instructions for what to do in case of accidents before use of the chemicals. Accidents do happen.

When the common lilacs are in bloom it is time to spray white barked birches, if necessary to prevent borers.

Remove the spent flowers of the spring blooming bulbs. Let the leaves turn yellow or brown before removing them. Do not braid them. The leaves are absorbing nutrients from the sun and storing them for next year's flowers.

If you need to use supports for some flowers, set them now, so the flowers can grow thru them, or while the plants are shorter, it is easier.

Pinch off the azalea and rhododendron blossoms as they fade. After the azaleas finish blooming you can fertilize them with acid-loving plant fertilizer.

After your Easter lilies have finished blooming, they can be planted outdoors.. Sometimes they die back and rest and then come up again.

Like the honey bees, the important butterflies, as important pollinators are quickly declining in number. Monarchs are seen all across the nation.

In the fall, the fourth generation of the year, the Monarchs from the Midwest and eastern part of the United States start their trip toward Texas. The Monarchs from the west spend their winters in California. They make a beeline south, only briefly resting. The journey continues south until they reach the high mountains in Mexico, the home of the oyamel trees in Central and Southern Mexico. The trees will be covered with the black and orange beauties.

As they feel the warmth in March, the surviving butterflies start their trip back to the north. It will be the same generation that flew the nearly 3,000 miles the previous year from Texas and other places in the United States. They will watch for milkweeds along the way to lay their eggs on and then they will die. That allows the next generation to continue the flight north.. Each generation will deposit their eggs on milkweeds. The larva is a pretty yellow, white, and black striped caterpillar does not destroy it. That is why the milkweeds in the Midwest and eastern part of the United States are so important.

It takes 4 generations to complete the annual round-trip. The 4th generation that flies to Mexico has never been there before, but they still know where their great-grandparents found their winter home.

Due to climate change, illegal logging in Mexico and the loss of milkweed, due to overuse of herbicides, the Monarchs are declining. In 1997, there were about 682 million of the pollinators, in 2015 there were only about 42 million.

That is why we need the common milkweed, butterfly weed, swam milkweed, etc. They are pretty flowers, and if you don't want them to spread. Just remove the seed pod before it opens.

Chris Peterson, of The Hungry Horse News, reported on the "The Fabulous Fungi" given by mycologist, Larry Evans. Mushrooms aren't just for eating. They do much more.

In Montana, the morel mushrooms sprout en masse after forest fires. They also often sprout up after a disturbance, like logging operation. The black species come up when the soil temperature reaches about 42 degrees, but the grays and greens like about 50 degrees. All of the morels are edible.

In places like Ecuador and Bolivia, the oyster mushrooms varieties are being used to clean up old oil spills. Ecuador alone has 1,600 spill sites where crude was left and when it rains, it seeps into the water table. Threatening water supplies.

Fungus can also filter heavy metal out of water. Heavy metals are positively charged, while the mushroom cell membranes are negatively charged. Run polluted water thru the fungus, which is grown on Palm oil waste and it cleans the water of heavy metal.

Fungus could also be used to create insecticides with no harmful effects to the environment.. Seventy five percent of insect diseases are fungus. It has already been developed to combat grasshoppers. It could also be used to kill species like bark beetles that have devastated western forests.

Fungi could also be used to build biodegradable packaging that would keep deadly plastic out of the oceans. It can also be used to make clothing. He sported a hat that he made 20 years ago from a conch. Conchs are the hard fungus growing out of trees.

We see mushrooms growing in our yards and in a fairy ring. They are usually the result of a piece of wood or tree roots decaying in the soil they will not hurt anything. Just step on them and they will break down.. I have also seen the rabbits and squirrels eating them.

Helen J. Leake

LEGION NEWS

In conjunction with the Red Carpet Corridor, the Towanda American Legion will have a breakfast on Sunday May 7th 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 May 19th from 5:00 to 7:00. Dinner will include pork chop sandwich, French fries, green beans, applesauce, 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 May 18th 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.

Calendar

Garage Sales will be held Thu-Sun., May 4-7, in Indian Creek and Lamplighter Subdivisions and Towanda.

LAST Day of School in Unit 5: Thu. May 25

Commencements – Sat.May.27, Coliseum, Bloomington (no tickets required)

2:00 p.m. NCHS

6:00 p.m. NCWHS

Towanda 4H

The Towanda 4-H Club held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 4 at der Bauenrhof Alpaca farms.

Our guest Speakers were our hosts Stan and Janetta Bauer. They own an alpaca farm and they gave us a tour of their farm. They showed some of their live alpacas and how they work with the alpaca's fiber. Their clothing label is called 5 Miles east because they are 5 miles east of Bloomington.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Towanda Community building. We will be electing officers for the 2017-2018 year at our meeting in May. For more information about Towanda 4-H, contact Malisa Kraft at 309-825-1235.

Submitted by:

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Towanda Busy Bees 4H

The Towanda Busy Bees 4H club met on Tuesday, April 18th. The program was on electricity and all members had a chance to make a simple switch. The May meeting of the Towanda Busy Bees 4H club will be on Tuesday, May 16th at 6:30 at the Towanda Community Building. May will be a busy month: the club will be having a garage/bake sale at 36 Candle Ridge Rd on May 5th and 6th and they will be gardening at the Towanda District Library on May 13th. 4H is open to all youth ages 8 -18. For more information contact: Martha Rients 728-2178

Towanda Library

May 2017 Library News

Tuesday Tunes: The next Tuesday Tunes is May 9th, 2017 @ 2:30. (Notice date change!)

LEGO Club: On Wednesday, May 3rd @ 2:30. Enrollment is at capacity for this very popular after-school activity. Refreshments are served.

Volunteer/Donor Appreciation Event: May 11th from 5:00 to 6:00 pm those who help the library so much throughout the year will be honored at an Open House.

Library Board Meeting: The board meets at the library at 6:00 on Thursday, May 11th. The architect will be present.

Bulldog Book Club: Each "Late Start" Wednesday of the school year @ 2:30. Enrollment is at capacity for this very popular after-school activity. May 10th is the final party.

Senior Financial Assistance presented by Department on Aging: third Monday of each month from noon to 2:00. The May date is the 15th. Save money as they help you apply for Homestead Tax Exemptions, license plate discounts, or answer your questions on Social Security matters.

Story Hours: every Wednesday @ 10:30 a.m. Open enrollment allows children to join whenever they turn 3. Younger siblings sometimes join the fun games, songs, crafts, snacks, and stories. Families are invited to remain after the Story Hour to visit, as the children play with the giant LEGOS, Duplos, puzzles, educational games, puppets, kitchen, dress-up clothes, beanbags, or doll house.

Read to Dogs: Individual one-on-one, 15-minute reading sessions are held every Tuesday evening through May 23rd from 5:30 to 6:30. Call the library to make an appointment for your child to read to one of the therapy dogs. Pre-registration required.

Crochet Group: every Tuesday @ 5:00 to 6:30.

Brownie Scouts meet at the library @ 2:30 on the second Thursday of each month - for the remainder of the school year.

Towanda Reads Adult Book Discussions: Held on second Tuesday of even-numbered months @ 5:00. Discussion on June 13th is of “Shakespeare Changed My Life” by Laura Bates.

Summer Reading Programs: As you plan your summer schedules, be sure to include Mondays @ 4:30 pm and/or Wednesdays @ 10:30 am for STEAM activities and stories at our library. The 2017 Summer Reading theme is “Read by Design.” This year’s activities will be geared toward upper-elementary students, as well as younger children. There will be storytellers, robotics, live animals, LEGO instruction, Makey-Makey kits, along with art and weaving projects. Fridays are MAKER SPACE DAYS for practicing your design skills. [July 19th Final Party is a “Maker Fair” with lots of prizes for summer readers and for well-executed design projects.](#) Registration for both Youth and Adult Summer Reading Programs begins June 1st.

See all library news at: www.towandalibrary.org

Retirement Reception/Open House

for John Puzauskas and me; neither of us ran for re-election to the Unit 5 Board of Education in April.

“Open house and a Retirement Reception[Saturday, May 20, from 1-3 pm -...at Normal Community West High School, 501 North Parkside Road, in the atrium outside the auditorium.](#) There will be a short program for recognitions and tributes at 1:30”.

*Gail Ann Briggs
112 Hunt St
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FOR SALE

New high quality 3M furnace filters for sale, 16" X 25" X 4". These are \$30+ at Menard's and we are selling them for \$10 each to raise money for Val's charity 'Fostering Dignity'

<http://www.fosteringdignity.org.%20/> www.fosteringdignity.org

Home 728-2696; cell 838-9706.

Val and Dan #6 Bent Tree

Zenith flatscreen 32" pic in pic TV. Asking \$100.

Foosball (soccer) table. 52". Asking \$125.

Sony Wega flatscreen 27" TV. \$50.

Outdoor 5 pc set includes 2 chairs with matching adjustable ottomans, and a glass top table. \$125.00

Roll top desk. \$75. Call (309)728-2991

Used copy machine: The library will accept the best offer for a working copy/fax machine. Call (309) 728-2176.

Giving away 400 paving bricks. Suitable for edging, landscaping etc. 728-2343

FOR SALE: 8 ton log splitter - \$50 (sells at Menards for \$179)

3 pc outdoor wrought iron set - 2 chairs, table - \$50

Outdoor concrete water fountain - \$25

La-Z-Boy recliner - \$25

Phone/text (309)826-6122

Thanks, Kathy-Becky Emery

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

Call Home - 728-2990

Text or call- 309-242-1802

Email - oldcars@frontiernet.net

Website - www.pamperedchef.com/pws/annettehancock

Pinterest Recipes - www.pinterest.com/ahancock0935



For Hire:

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".

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 sophomore at NCHS and can be contacted at 728-8088 (home) or (309) 830-7721 (cell).

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.

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.

The Schwamberger boys, Jairon 17 and Justin 15, are available as maintenance helpers. Call 728-2857

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