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Join the Bunco Group!

Indian Creek ladies, if you can roll dice you can play Bunco! And it's a great way to meet your Indian Creek neighbors. We're currently looking for one regular player and need more ladies to sub as needed. Any Indian Creek ladies interested in joining the fun please contact Judy Schulthes at 728-2927 or kindredspirits@frontiernet.net

What is Bunco?

Twelve players gather on the 3rd Thursday of the month from 6:30pm-9:00pm. Each of the 12 regular players will host Bunco in their home once during the year. The evening begins with socializing while enjoying whatever delights the hostess wants to serve...anything from appetizers to a light meal to dessert only.

Cost is \$5 each month. Bunco is a quick dice game played at three tables with four ladies at each table. Prize money is given to the player(s) with the most Buncos, wins, losses, etc at the end of the evening. All Bunco game supplies are supplied.

Hope you'll join us!

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June 2017 Library News

Summer Reading Programs: Registration for both Youth and Adult Summer Reading Programs begins June 1st. Stop at the library to pick up a full schedule of summer events.

Mondays @ 4:30 pm and/or Wednesdays @ 10:30 am: 2017 Summer Reading theme is "Reading 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. STEAM activities and stories will be the focus.

Fridays are MAKER SPACE DAYS for honing design skills. We provide the supplies for you to practice your skills and design your creations between 2:00 and 4:00. Join your friends! Prepare your MAKER FAIR entry.

July 17th and July 19th Final Parties include a MAKER FAIR with lots of prizes for summer readers and for well-executed design projects entered in the MAKER FAIR. Pizza provided by FS Fast Stop.

Prizes for readers include HY-VEE meal coupons, Avanti coupons, Rader Farm passes, Great Harvest Bread Co. cookie coupons, book bags, backpacks, slinkies, and more.

Thanks to these Summer Reading Sponsors: FS Fast Stop; Cornbelters Baseball Team; Ed Anderson Trucking; Country Financial Agent, Steve Edgecomb; Rader Family Farms; Towanda Parent Organization; Barnes and Noble; Great Harvest Bread Company; KIRK Disposal (Henson Disposal); AVANTI's; HY-VEE; Wal-Mart; Towanda LIONS; Towanda HCE; and FRIENDS of Towanda Library.

Story Hours: These Wednesday morning sessions for preschoolers are held from Labor Day through Memorial Day.

Library Board Meeting: The board meets at the library at 7:00 pm on June 13th.

Senior Financial Assistance presented by Department on Aging: third Monday of each month from noon to 2:00. The June date is the 19th. Save money as they help you apply for Homestead Tax Exemptions, license plate discounts, or answer your questions on Social Security matters.

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

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

Adult Programming Survey: Please complete a survey when you are in the library. We want to hear your program wishes and needs. Also, let us know if you can offer a program in our library.

See all library news at: www.towandalibrary.org and on the library Facebook page



Garden Tips

by Helen Leake

In about March, as the soil temperature reaches about 30 degrees, the trees and plants start to wake up from their long winter nap. The insects like to sleep in and they don't start to develop until about 50 degrees, according to Phil Nixon, of the University of Illinois. With recent milder winter, the trees and plants are about a couple of weeks ahead of normal.

Since the insects are slower to develop and the climate change, the leaves could be more developed and not as tasty as the young, tender leaves. It is possible that we might not see as many insects this year and less damage. We could also not need to use as much pesticides.

Real often, when the common lilacs are in bloom, we have some cold, rainy days, which will slow the growth of plants in the ground. It also turns the white petals brown. Another cool spring is "Blackberry winter", just before the raspberries bloom. We could experience a couple of weeks of cold temperatures and even a light frost. That will also slow the growth of plants and insects. Usually that is the end of the cold.

Round Up has added a new product this year. "Round Up for lawns". We know "Round Up" can kill everything green that it touches, be sure to read the label on "Round Up for lawns" to see if it is safe to use on your lawn.

If you are spraying Creeping Charlie, it should contain Dicamba. Spray when the leaves are dry, so it will absorb the spray. You will need to spray more than once. You need to kill all of the roots to really get rid of it. As always, read all the directions on the container, before using it.

The hanging baskets and containers are all very attractive and they can really brighten up a porch or deck. For years the growers used potting soil to grow the plants and we just needed to water them once in a while. Today some of the growers use just peat moss and very little, if any, soil. That is O.K. if you check them daily, on a windy, hot day, twice a day to make sure the potting mix is moist. You could mix a bag of potting mix and a bag of top soil and replant.

Every year we hear of house fires that have started on the deck or porch. It is a nice evening, and you enjoy the evening on the deck. Time to go inside and some one puts the cigarette butt into the planter. As the butt smolders, it dries out the peat and in time it starts to burn the peat. By 2 or 3 AM, the fire has spread to the house. Be sure to have ash trays and do not use a planter to get rid of cigarette butts.

Another thing to watch for is, some people add the pellets that are used in baby diapers to hold moisture in the soil. That is O.K., but when the pellets dry out, they pull moisture from the soil and plants, drying them out. Check the soil often to be sure it stays moist, or just leave the pellets out.

By now, some of the tomatoe plants have grown tall. When you plant them, you can dig a trench and lay the stem in, leaving about 4-5 inches of plant above ground., it will straighten up. Roots will grow along the covered stem, giving you a stronger plant. Be sure not to cut the stem and roots when hoeing around the plant.

Mother's Day usually tells us it is safe from a late frost. One test is to check the soil temperature. If you plant when the soil is too cold the plants will wait until their feet get warm to really start growing. Some people wait until Memorial Day to plant their peppers and tomatoes.

Harvest your rhubarb, but don't pull more than 1/3 of the stalks at one time. If you have a big white stem come up in the middle, remove it at once. That is a flower and the plant won't produce very good while that is there. After that is removed, the rhubarb will continue to grow.

Check asparagus every couple of days. It is surprising how fast it can grow. When the stalks are about the size of a pencil, let them grow, and it is time to stop harvesting.

When the night temperatures remain above 50 degrees, you can place your house plants outside. A lot of the house plants enjoy the cooler nights and warm days. They also enjoy the morning dew. When you take them outside, put them in the shade for a few days to let them adjust to the change. For example, the hibiscus likes full sun but if you change from indoor light to full sun, the leaves could turn brown. Also the potted plants can dry out faster outside, depending on high winds, low humidity, and hot sun. You will need to water them more often. Check your containers often to make sure they don't get too dry. Small containers might need to be watered twice a day. The wind and hot sun can pull the moisture out fast.

Towanda HCE Outing Thursday, June 8th

The Towanda HCE unit will be having a June outing instead of our regular meeting. **Meet at 9am, Thursday, June 8 at the Towanda Community Building** to either carpool or take the Showbus to Washington, IL for shopping and lunch. RSVP by June 3 to Kathleen Emery, 309-728-2784. Guests are welcome.

"Down by the Riverside" is the theme of McLean County Home and Community Education **99th Annual Meeting and Cultural Enrichment Fine Art and Craft Show at The Chateau, 1621 Jumer Dr, Bloomington on Tuesday July 11**. Registration and Fine Art items brought in beginning at 9:00 a.m.; Meeting, 9:30 a.m.; Program & Lunch to follow meeting. Bring cultural enrichment items that have been completed within the last 2 years and not been in previous shows. Meeting tickets are \$15 and RSVP by June 27 from Alice Wick, **309-365-4631**. Guests are welcome to attend. **The program, "Tanner on the River" will be presented by David Congdon.**

Towanda HCE will host the **July 3rd Spaghetti Supper which is on a Monday evening, 4:30-7:00 p.m.** Advance Tickets may be purchased from Towanda HCE members or from Cindy Kelley, 309-824-4797. Tickets are Adults/\$7; Children 2-7 yrs/\$4; Under 2 yrs Free. Spaghetti, bread and salad by Avanti's. Homemade desserts and drinks. Carry out is available and walk ins are welcome. Come preview the Towanda Flea Market and enjoy good food!

Towanda 4th of July

The Towanda 4th of July Committee is accepting reservations for vendor space for the Annual 4th of July Antique Flea Market. A tradition since 1969, there will be more than 200 vendors, concessions, parade and fireworks. Booth fee for a 12x12 space is \$40. For more information contact Linda at 309-728-2384.

Ecology Action Center Announces Two Options For Household Hazardous Waste Disposal in 2017

Today the EAC launches their 2017 HHW Fund campaign, with a goal to raise \$35,000 in private contributions to supplement local public funding for a fall 2017 McLean County Household Hazardous Waste Collection. This year's campaign is building on the highly successful efforts in 2012 and 2015 that met the needs for local hazardous waste disposal in the absence of state funding. The McLean County HHW Fund is an award-winning public-private partnership that represents a unique strategy in the state of Illinois, and possibly nationally, for meeting the needs of the local community in an era of tight budgets.

The Illinois EPA has also recently announced a resumption of state-sponsored HHW collection events for spring 2017 with locations including DeWitt County on June 3. The full IEPA schedule of HHW collections is available online at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/land/hazardouswaste/household-haz-waste/hhwc-schedule.html>

The Ecology Action Center, acting as the solid waste agency for Bloomington, Normal, and McLean County, receives inquiries daily from concerned residents who wish to dispose of materials properly. Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection events are the primary means for safe disposal of many of these materials.

Improper disposal of household hazardous wastes pollutes our local water supplies and environment. Whether it is thrown out with regular trash going to a municipal waste landfill, dumped illegally down the drain, storm sewer, or in a ditch, these actions compromise the safety of drinking water thereby threatening the health and well-being of area residents.

Historically, state funding provided for annual HHW collection events in McLean County from 2003-2007. Unfortunately, due to state budget cuts, this funding has become much more irregular and infrequent with a recent gap in state HHW funding for McLean County for six years. To meet the community's needs, in 2012 the Ecology Action Center raised over \$160,000 in contributions and in-kind services to hold the first-ever locally funded HHW collection in the McLean County area.

This effort resulted in the largest HHW event ever in this community as thousands of households sought to dispose of a backlog of hazardous waste. This unique and wildly successful funding strategy drew recognition ranging from an Honorable Mention among the 2013 Governor's Sustainability Awards to the McLean County Chamber of Commerce Green Excellence Award and recognition from the Illinois Recycling Association.

The EAC urges residents to adopt three strategies for dealing with household hazardous waste.

1. Take advantage of IEPA funded HHW collections whenever they are offered, as these tend to be infrequent and irregular. See the current IEPA spring schedule at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/land/hazardous-waste/household-haz-waste/hhwcschedule.html>.

2. Utilize local programs to dispose of some categories of HHW including household batteries, CFLs, electronics, automotive fluids, medicines, and mercury thermostats. See locations and details of these programs at



<http://www.ecologyactioncenter.org/wasteand-recycling/ways-to-locally-recycle-some-hhw/>. Please note, many of these programs are limited to residential waste only due to funding limitations. Businesses should contact the Ecology Action Center for resources for hazardous waste disposal.

3. Reduce generation of hazardous waste in the first place. Avoid the problem of disposal by buying safer alternatives to hazardous products, buy smaller quantities of hazardous products in order to avoid leftovers, or find others that can use leftover hazardous products through neighborhood associations or through the McLean County Freecycle: <http://groups.freecycle.org/McFreecycle>.

More information on hazardous waste disposal and nonhazardous waste disposal are available at ecologyactioncenter.org or by calling 369-454-3169. Free resources include a notification email list for HHW updates, instructions on disposal of nonhazardous latex paint, suggestions on alternative (non-hazardous) products, and information on the EAC's Yard Smart program, promoting sustainable landscaping and gardening with less synthetic fertilizers and pesticides.

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 4-H

The Towanda 4-H Club held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 2 at the Towanda Community Building.

The club elected officers for the 2017-2018 year. They are: Sarah Kraft, President; Alexis Plassman, Vice President; Caleb Vogel, Secretary; Katelyn Johnson, Treasurer.

Rebekah Sibley gave a demonstration on Hamsters.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Towanda Community building. For more information about Towanda 4-H, contact Malisa Kraft at 309-825-1235.

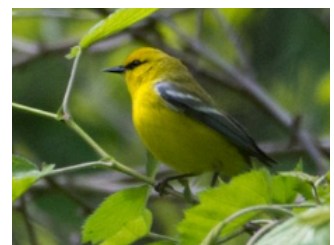
Birds of Indian Creek

Fred Walk has been communicating with Professor Angelo Capparella, ISU Department of Biology, and the Audubon Society, to conduct bird counts in Indian Creek. Below is information that Angelo sent from Joe Phipps (Joe does bird counts for the Audubon Society) who conducted a recent bird count in our common ground areas. The link below shows the bird count tally and a very nice bird photo. It's nice to know that our environment provides an inviting habitat for various types of birds.

I spent a little over an hour at Indian Creek. I thought it was really good, especially for it's size. It is very similar to Ewing Park in that it seems like it would make a really good migrant trap. We saw 9 of our 11 warbler species for the day there, and I bet it could host some good rarities since it is the only wooded area for some distance. Having Money Creek right there is definitely a huge plus for attracting birds.

Joe Phipps

<http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S36592165>



American Legion

The American Legion will have a pork chop dinner on Friday June 16th from 5:00 to 7:00. Dinner will include pork chop sandwich, French fries, baked beans, applesauce, dessert and drink for \$9. There will not be a breakfast this month.

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 June 15th 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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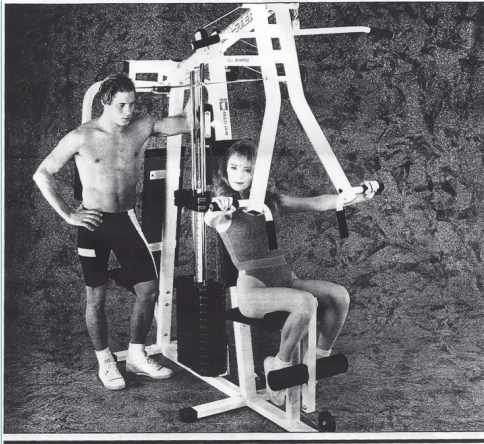
Do you need a babysitter? Do you need your house cleaned? Or, just an extra set of hands to help out around the house? Anna Kraft is willing to help! She is a sophomore at NCHS and can be contacted at 728-8088 (home) or (309) 830-7721 (cell).

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.

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".

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