

INDIAN CREEK NEWSLETTER

July 2017

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Summer Watering

During these summer months for any long term watering, please try to adhere to watering on odd/even days based on your street number. Best to water only in the early morning or late evening. Leaving a hose on all day is a waste of water and puts excess strain on the well pump. Thank you!

Towanda HCE

Towanda HCE went to Washington, IL on June 8 for a day of shopping and lunch.. We went to various shops on the square and then had lunch at Denhart Baking Co Restaurant.

Monday, July 3 is the annual Towanda HCE Spaghetti Supper. Serving time is 4:30-7:00 p.m. Tickets: Adult/\$7; 2-7yr child/\$4; Under 2 yr/FREE. Carry Out is Available and Walk-ins Welcome. Preview the Towanda Flea Market. Spaghetti, bread & Salad by Avanti's with homemade desserts and drinks. Call Pat Pulokas, 728-2118 or Cindy Kelley 663-4796 for more information.

Tuesday, July 11 will be the McLean County HCE 99th Annual Meeting & Fine Arts & Craft Show, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., held at the Chateau Hotel & Conference Center, 1601 Jumer Dr, Bloomington. Tickets are \$15 from Alice Wick, 309-365-4631. Theme is "Down by the Riverside". The program will be presented by David Congdon titled "Tanner on the River". It's a program about a contemporary Lewis & Clark. Registration begins at 9, with the business meeting at 9:30. Leatha Poshard of Towanda Unit will be recognized for 50 years of HCE membership.

Downs Village Market Days have resumed and Towanda HCE Unit will participate in the Wednesday, July 12 4-6 pm Bake Sale Booth along with Dale and Downs Units. Members are asked to bake lots of goodies. **McLean County HCE is preparing for Young At Heart Day** at the McLean Co Fair on **Thursday, Aug 3, 8:30-11:30 am**. This free event is held for ages 60+ with free fair admission, entertainment, refreshments and vendors that serve seniors.





Parklands Foundation Half Century Bike Ride August 5th

On Saturday, August 5, 2017, the Parklands Foundation will host a Half Century Bike Ride event as part of our 50th anniversary celebration. Parklands Foundation is a nonprofit 501c3 formed in 1967 to preserve, protect and ecologically restore historic natural lands in the middle and upper Mackinaw Valley watershed. These lands are dedicated primarily for preserving the biological diversity of native plants and wildlife, and secondarily for passive public recreation, environmental educational and scientific research.

This non-competitive Half Century Bike Ride is open to all ages and families are encouraged to participate. There will be 7, 20, or 50-mile routes throughout the scenic Mackinaw River Watershed in McLean and Woodford counties.

The start and finish line will be at Keller Park Pavilion (east of the football field) in Lexington, Illinois. Rides will start between 7:00am – 9:00 a.m. and will finish no later than 4:00 p.m. The cost to register is \$35 (\$40 after July 22) and includes a commemorative bike jersey (only guaranteed if ordered by June 30). Rest stops, light snacks, water, and SAG service will be provided.

TO REGISTER VISIT:

<http://www.parklandsfoundation.org/50th/> For information, contact Erin Herbez at parklandsoffice@gmail.com or 309-454-3169 (ext. 16).

Towanda Busy Bees 4-H

The Towanda Busy Bees 4-H club would like to thank all of the Towanda neighbors who donated blood at our recent Blood Drive. Did you know that every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood and that approximately 36,000 units of red blood cells are needed every day in the U.S.

The club will hold its regular meeting in July on Tuesday, July 18th, 6:30 pm at the Towanda Community Building. Club members will be previewing the projects they have ready for the McLean County Fair. The McLean County Fair will take place August 2 - 6, 2017. For more information about 4-H contact Martha Rients 309-728-2178



49th ANNUAL Towanda 4th of JULY CELEBRATION – 2017

Website: <http://towandajuly4.com>

Facebook: <https://m.facebook.com/Towanda4thOfJulyCelebration/>

Towanda, Illinois 61776

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

Note Change this year - FIREWORKS DISPLAY will be on SUNDAY, JULY 2 ~ at Dusk !!

Due to scheduling conflict, the fireworks will be set off from the Towanda Township Building about .8 miles East of Towanda on 1900 North Road on SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2017. The display will be clearly visible from town.

MISS & MASTER

By Tuesday, June 20 ~

Email or call to enter children who will be 3-years to 6-years old on July 4, and are, or will be, attending Towanda Elementary, to: hllueschen@gmail.com or (309 826-8735). Include child's name, gender, parents' name(s) and contact information.

Court members will be notified by July 1.

Winners will be announced at the community dance on July 3, and ride in the parade on July 4.

Sunday, July 2

Dusk Fireworks

Monday, July 3

4:30-7:00 pm Spaghetti Dinner *Community Building*

8:00-11:00 pm Community Dance *South Park*

Tuesday, July 4

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'

Monday, 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 \$7/adult; \$4/child 2-7; under 2 - **FREE** (both advance & at the door); Cindy Kelley ckek71@frontier.com, 663-4796 or Pat Pulokas, 728-2118, palp@mchsi.com;

COMMUNITY DANCE

The FREE dance in South Park is from 8:00-11:00 pm.

Donations appreciated. Music by "Sweetwater"

Miss/Master winners announced. Bring lawn chairs.

Tuesday, 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

PARADE

"Today's Collectibles...Tomorrow's Treasures"

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 Mary and Lyle Merritt; 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 **sign up**.

The route is a little hilly and about 1 mile long.

Only 50 flags are available.

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

FOOD CONCESSIONS

Towanda Scouts ~ pork chop and BBQ sandwiches, hot dogs, chips, desserts, and drinks, at the Community Bldg.

Other items ~ available from vendors in both parks

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE this year ~~ FIREWORKS ~ Sunday, July 2 ~ at Dusk !!



Garden Tips

by Helen Leake

We are seeing a lot of the plants at the garden centers in biodegradable containers. The pot will break down in time, but it must be kept very wet at all times. Usually, when you purchase the plants, the container is very wet, and sometimes the roots are growing thru the container. This is good, because the container will act as compost, but you must keep it moist at all times.

Break the container, or cut down on the sides before you plant it so the roots can grow out into the ground, because it will take some time for it to decompose. It is very important that all of the container is covered with soil. If the top of the container dries out it will pull moisture from the lower part, which can also pull moisture from the soil and plant roots. The plant could die. You can also pull off some of the top of it before you plant it.

Now is the time to cut back the common lilac and the spirea. You can remove 1/3 of the bush to try to keep it smaller. You can remove 1/3 of the older center stems to help control the size. That will open up the center for more new growth making it a more fuller shrub.

In June the apple, peach, and plum trees start dropping some green fruit for various reasons. It is also time for us to start thinning the fruit. If we leave too much fruit, it could be small. If we thin it we will have larger, juicy fruit. Also the tree is more likely to be able to produce fruit every year.

You want to have about 6-8 inches between fruit. If it is a short branch and they are closer, you could leave them. As the fruit gets bigger, it also gets heavier. Once the branches start to bend down, it is time for a prop. Place a sturdy board out about 2/3 of the way out from the trunk. Be sure to check it after a windy day, some times it will fall over.

Last year, the mosquitoes were spreading some bad diseases, so places had to spray to kill them. Unfortunately, they also killed the good bugs that might of helped kill the mosquitoes. This year they are reporting a lot of ticks. When you go into the woods or places that harbor a lot of mosquitoes and tick, be sure to wear long sleeves, and long pants and a hat. Also wear some insect repellent. There are a lot of things to repel mosquitoes, but we don't see a lot about ticks. One that is advertised to repel deer ticks is Lemon Eucalyptus. It is a lotion and comes in a tube. As always follow the directions on the container.

In the hot summer, we worry about our plants, Dr. Ed Brotah, a retired meteorologist, says we need to also protect ourselves. We like being out in the sun, which is good and bad for us. Like everything else, we need to use moderation. Sunlight contains potentially harmful ultraviolet rays, {UVA} VA rays can cause sunburn, a redness or blisterings of the skin. It can also harm your eyes. Long term exposure can cause skin to age and wrinkle, most important, risk of skin cancer. You can get UV rays even on days of light cloud cover. To warn the risk of UV rays, the National Weather Service {NWS} issues a UV Index forecast. The index runs from 0-16, values of 6 or higher brings a higher risk. We need some sun shine, but try to avoid it from 10AM-4PM, when it is the highest. Use sun screen with SPF of 30 or higher. You can also wear sun-protective clothing and a wide brimmed hat.

Your body cools itself by sweating and having water evaporate off your body. When the humidity is high, that slows and lessens the evaporative cooling.

Lightning is another thing to be aware of. In 2016, 38 people were killed by lightning. The garden or any other open place is no place to be when lightning flares. If you are outside when a thunderstorm is approaching, get inside, stay inside until 30 minutes passes with out a sound of thunder. Thunder typically warns us of an approaching thunderstorm. It is true that if you see lightning and count until you hear thunder, the storm is a mile away for every 5 seconds that pass. The NWS suggests the "30-30" Rule. If you start counting when you see lightning and hear the thunder in less than 30 seconds, go inside. Then wait 30 minutes after the last thunder you hear before you go back out..

Stay away from trees. Lightning often seeks the tallest object. It is not safe close to a tree, because lightning can travel down it and into the ground where you are standing. Crouching down is safer than fully laying on the ground.

American Legion



In conjunction with the Towanda 4th of July Celebration, the Towanda American Legion will have a breakfast on Sunday July 2nd 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.

All dinners are open to the public. Carry outs are available. Thank you for your continued support of the Legion and our Veterans.

There will not be a dinner this month.

Legion, Sons of the Legion and the Legion Auxiliary will have their regular meeting on Thursday July 20th 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.

Towanda 4-H

The Towanda 4-H Club held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 6 at the Towanda Community Building. There was a short program about the new online sign-up for fair entries.

Lydia Jennings demonstrated a poster about her favorite authors.

The next meeting will be achievement night on Wednesday, July 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Towanda Community building. We will show the projects that we are taking to the fair. For more information about Towanda 4-H, contact Malisa Kraft at 309-825-1235.

Library News

Summer Reading Programs: Stop at the library to pick up a full schedule of summer events. 2017 Summer Reading theme is "Reading by Design."

Attend programs on *Mondays @ 4:30 pm and/or Wednesdays @ 10:30 am*: This year's activities are geared toward upper-elementary students, as well as younger children. Professional storytellers, robotics, live animals, LEGO instruction, Makey-Makey kits, and Ecology Action Center, are scheduled, along with art and weaving projects. STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) 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. Will you weave or create a LEGO building or a robotics project?

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, hockey tickets, Great Harvest Bread Co. cookie coupons, book bags, backpacks, water bottles, slinkies, and more.

Thanks to these Summer Reading Sponsors: Towanda Ladies Night Out, 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; Bloomington Thunder Hockey, and FRIENDS of Towanda Library.

Adult Summer Reading: Youth are not the only ones reading and working toward prizes this summer! Stop in to pick up your reading log which qualifies you for weekly prizes, as well as other prizes that are on display at the library.

Library Board Meeting: The board next meets at the library on August 17th. The Budget Hearing is scheduled for 7:00 pm.

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

Towanda Reads Adult Book Discussions: "Lilac Girls" by Martha Hall Kelly is the book that will be discussed in August.

Library Closing: The library will be closed August 4th and 5th for a thorough cleaning. Books due those days will be given a grace period.

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



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Heritage Association of McLean County

Zion Bishop Cemetery

The cemetery just south of Indian Creek is in need of additional clients. Until the 1970s this cemetery was completely overrun in weeds. It is in danger of returning to that state. Most of the descendants of the early settlers who are buried in Zion Bishop have left the area. If we want the cemetery to be maintained more donors are needed. Interest has been shown by three Indian Creek families to be buried there, but we need more. The original business model was to continually maintain the cemetery with the earnings of a generous donation made in the 1980s. In a near zero interest rate environment this model doesn't work. If you would consider this as your final resting place please let me know and I'll give you all the details. Ron Parsons 309-728-2768

Classified

Businesses:

Pampered Chef features cooking shows, catalog parties, freezer meal workshops, bridal showers & fundraisers!

Contact your local Indian Creek consultant for these events.

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For Hire:

"Looking for someone to mow your lawn or help with tasks around your house? Call Avery Hartman (309) 728-2093."

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".