

INDIAN CREEK NEWSLETTER

June 2018

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Steve Liebenow Memorial Scholarship Winner

Lexi Showalter, a resident of Towanda, Illinois and a Senior at Normal Community High School, has been selected as the 2018 recipient of the Steve Liebenow Memorial Scholarship. Lexi is a class officer, captain of the varsity dance team, member of the National Honor and National Spanish Honor Societies, is active in her local church, and started her own business that teaches technology to senior citizens. Lexi plans to attend ISU with her ultimate goal to become a dentist.

This scholarship is presented annually by the Towanda Lions Club in memory of Steve Liebenow, a valued member of the Towanda Lions Club, and a former educator in the Unit 5 school system and well-liked Principal at Towanda Elementary School. The Towanda Lions Club, as a community service organization, awards this scholarship as one means of recognizing and contributing to the success of the youth of Towanda.

50th Anniversary for 4th of July Towanda Parade!



To Residents of Indian Creek:

The Village of Towanda is celebrating it's 50th anniversary of the 4th of July Parade. We are proud of this event that is a hallmark to our small town year after year. On **July 4, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.**, our 50th parade will kick off. We are inviting 50 dignitaries to carry a flag in honor of the birth of our country and to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our parade. We are inviting you, on behalf of Indian Creek, to carry a flag in our parade.

If you are able to walk in our parade and carry a flag which we would provide, **reply with your name, cell phone, and email, to Amy Witzig(amy.witzig@gmail.com), on or before May 31, 2018** confirming your availability. Once you have replied, we will email you with line up details. We realize, just as we are dedicated to our parade, you may not be able to attend this event on such a busy holiday.

We are so humbled by the community's interest and popularity in our event for the last 50 years, and we are enthusiastic about you joining us for this special day.

Thank you, in advance, for your time and dedication.

Virginia Lowery and Amy Witzig

Celebrating 50 Years

Flea Markets * Parades * Fireworks



The community of Towanda will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of its July 4th Flea Market. The idea for an activity on the 4th for the local residents was suggested by the late Alice Temple. She and her neighbor Dorothy Jones organized a flea market. Alice was responsible for paid advertising and Dorothy for free advertising.

In the first year, 1969, there were only four vendors, Alice and Dorothy being two of the four in the South Park. The attendance was good. The second year the weather was rainy and cold. There were a few more vendors, but the attendance was poor. Dorothy remembers going home and putting on wool slacks and a winter coat. In the later years the vendors increased to about 200 in both the North Park and South Park and the crowds were large.

Over the years the July 4th activities expanded to include fireworks, a parade, dance and a little Miss-Master contest. The event has been a fund raiser for community organizations: the Boy Scouts with pork chop sandwiches; the American Legion with breakfast; the Lions Club with snow cones; and on July 3rd Home and Community Education with a spaghetti supper. For many residents the occasion has also become a home coming and reunion time.

Dorothy credits the community for its years of success. Residents volunteer their time to plan and promote the event and participate in the activities. The community's hospitality and friendliness welcomes the July 4th visitors.

This year, our surviving founder, Dorothy Jones will be honored for her contribution to our community over the years. She will be riding in the parade with family members. She is quick to remind us that her friend and neighbor Alice Temple was also instrumental in getting the ball rolling 50 years ago!

Dorothy and her husband, Maurice farmed their entire married life in rural Towanda. They were active and supportive of the various activities in Towanda. After the death of her husband, Dorothy moved to an assisted living facility in Bloomington, she continues to think of Towanda as "home" and she will never forget her old friends in Towanda.

This year we will have our fireworks at dusk on Sunday, July 1st, the annual dance and spaghetti supper will be on the 3rd, with the flea market and parade on the 4th. The parade steps off at 10:00 a.m. There will be plenty of food vendors as well as craft and flea market vendors on hand. We invite everyone to come see what Towanda has to offer as we celebrate our 50th, our State's 200th as well as our Country's 242nd birthday!

Thank you Dorothy and Alice for starting a treasured, long lived, much enjoyed tradition in Towanda. We hope to see everyone in Towanda on the 4th!

For more information/questions:
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50th ANNUAL Towanda 4th of JULY CELEBRATION – 2018

Website: <http://towandajuly4.com>

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

Towanda, Illinois 61776

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

At a glance...

Sunday, July 1, 2018

Dusk Fireworks

Tuesday, July 3, 2018

4:30-7:00 pm Spaghetti Dinner *Community Building*
8:00-11:00 pm Community Dance *South Park*

Wednesday, July 4, 2018

All Day Flea Market *North & South Parks*
All Day Food Concessions *Community Bldg
And Both Parks*
9:00-9:30 am Parade Lineup *School*
10:00 am Parade

Sunday, July 1

FIREWORKS

Light up your evening with fireworks set off from the Towanda Township Building, east of Towanda and visible from the town. Parking available at the school. Come and watch an awesome display to kickoff this year's 4th of July Celebration.

Tuesday, 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 out available. Tickets are \$7/adult; \$4/child 2-7; under 2 - **FREE** (both advance & at the door); Cindy Kelley at ckek71@frontier.com, (309) 663-4796 or Pat Pulokas at palp@mchsi.com, (309) 728-2118

COMMUNITY DANCE

Come shake your stars & stripes at 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.

MISS AND MASTER

Open to all Towanda area 3-6 year old's! Contact Heather Lueschen at hlueschen@gmail.com or (309) 826-8735 for entry form & details!

Wednesday, 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; and much, much more! Free admission; dealer space reserved @ \$40/space. Linda Potts at (309) 728-2384.

FOOD CONCESSIONS

We are the land of the free and full bellies! Towanda Scouts will be serving pork chop, BBQ sandwiches, hot dogs, chips, desserts, and drinks, at Community Bldg. Other vendors and food trucks available in both parks.

PARADE

"Celebrating 50 Years

Flea Markets, Parades and Fireworks!"

9:00 am Registration and line up at Towanda School
9:45 am Grand Marshals Award presented to 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 are longtime residents Jan & Whitey Auth. Joining them are: Tin Lizzies, Community Band, Calliope, elected dignitaries and Candidates, floats, Towanda's volunteer firemen, antique cars, tractors, other vehicles, bicyclers & walkers.

50 Flags: Want to participate? Join us in the spirit of the Towanda 4th of July Parade and carry a flag through the gentle course of our one-mile route. Only 50 flags are available. Contact Amy Witzig!

No fee to participate: but donations are appreciated.

~~~~~For More Information~~~~~

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FIREWORKS ~ Sunday, July 1st ~ at Dusk!!

Spring Bird Count at Indian Creek

We had an amazing time yesterday on our Spring Bird Count, and Indian Creek was probably the highlight of our day. We totaled 46 species at your site, and even found a male Cerulean Warbler. It is a spectacularly rare bird for McLean County, and one of the rarest I have ever found. I will put the checklists below.

Thank you again for sharing this gem with us, and if you ever see anything interesting, please let me know.

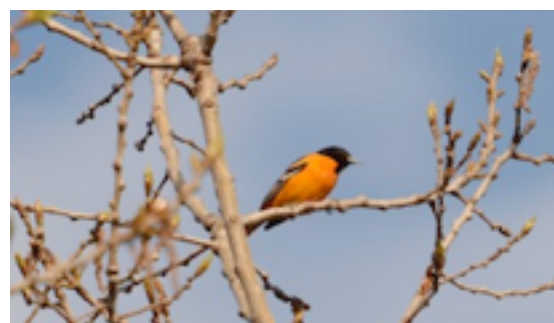
Joseph Phipps, Audubon Society

Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*) 3
Cooper's Hawk (*Accipiter cooperii*) 1
Mourning Dove (*Zenaida macroura*) 2
Belted Kingfisher (*Megasceryle alcyon*) 2
Red-bellied Woodpecker (*Melanerpes carolinus*) 1
Downy Woodpecker (*Picoides pubescens*) 3
Northern Flicker (*Colaptes auratus*) 1
Great Crested Flycatcher (*Myiarchus crinitus*) 2
Yellow-throated Vireo (*Vireo flavifrons*) 1
Philadelphia Vireo (*Vireo philadelphicus*) 1
Warbling Vireo (*Vireo gilvus*) 1
Blue Jay (*Cyanocitta cristata*) 2
Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*) 1
Black-capped Chickadee (*Poecile atricapillus*) 3
Tufted Titmouse (*Baeolophus bicolor*) 2
White-breasted Nuthatch (*Sitta carolinensis*) 2
House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*) 6
Carolina Wren (*Thryothorus ludovicianus*) 4
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (*Poliophtila caerulea*) 3
Ruby-crowned Kinglet (*Regulus calendula*) 1
Gray-cheeked Thrush (*Catharus minimus*) 1
Swainson's Thrush (*Catharus ustulatus*) 2
Wood Thrush (*Hylocichla mustelina*) 2
American Robin (*Turdus migratorius*) 7
Gray Catbird (*Dumetella carolinensis*) 6
European Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*) 1
Ovenbird (*Seiurus aurocapilla*) 2
Northern Waterthrush (*Parkesia noveboracensis*) 3
Golden-winged Warbler (*Vermivora chrysoptera*) 2
Black-and-white Warbler (*Mniotilta varia*) 2
Prothonotary Warbler (*Protonotaria citrea*) 1
Tennessee Warbler (*Oreothlypis peregrina*) 1
Nashville Warbler (*Oreothlypis ruficapilla*) 2
Common Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis trichas*) 1
Cerulean Warbler (*Setophaga cerulea*) 1
Northern Parula (*Setophaga americana*) 1

Magnolia Warbler (*Setophaga magnolia*) 1
Palm Warbler (*Setophaga palmarum*) 10
Yellow-rumped Warbler (*Setophaga coronata*) 6
White-throated Sparrow (*Zonotrichia albicollis*) 2
Eastern Towhee (*Pipilo erythrophthalmus*) 1
Northern Cardinal (*Cardinalis cardinalis*) 3
Rose-breasted Grosbeak (*Pheucticus ludovicianus*) 2
Indigo Bunting (*Passerina cyanea*) 1
Baltimore Oriole (*Icterus galbula*) 2
American Goldfinch (*Spinus tristis*) 2



Prothonotary Warbler (*Protonotaria citrea*)



Baltimore Oriole (*Icterus galbula*)

View this checklist online at <https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S45323448>

The Sun Shines for McLean County Residents and Business Owners with New Solar Bloomington–Normal 2.0 Program

The Ecology Action Center (EAC) of Normal, IL, is partnering with the Midwest Renewable Energy Association (MREA) to bring Solar Bloomington-Normal 2.0, the solar group buy program, back to McLean County. The program will help home, business, and farm owners throughout McLean County lower their electricity bills by making solar more accessible and affordable through the power of volume purchasing. “We are excited to partner with MREA again to bring the group buy back to McLean County, providing another opportunity to expand solar in our community! The 2016 program was a big success, and we are confident Solar Bloomington-Normal 2.0 will help our community continue to expand its sustainability efforts,” said Michael Brown, Executive Director for the Ecology Action Center. The Solar Bloomington-Normal 2.0 group buy program will offer multiple free, public, one hour informational sessions known as Solar Power Hours. Active community education about the benefits of solar is the core of the group buy program. Navigating the solar market can be intimidating, creating barriers for solar adoption. MREA and the EAC provide free information sessions to community members to answer any and all questions about installing solar. “The first step to participate in the program and ultimately decide whether to go solar is to attend a Solar Power Hour,” said Peter Murphy, Solar Program Manager for the MREA. “The presentation provides the kind of information on solar that could take an individual days or weeks to research otherwise.”

The program launched on Saturday, May 19 with a “solar open house” at the home of Eric Marshall, a participant in the 2016 program. The first Solar Power Hour took place Thursday, May 24 at the West Bloomington Revitalization Project (724 W. Washington St., Bloomington, IL). “I invested in a solar array for my small farm as a way to contain future energy costs,” said Marshall. “I’m able to keep a shop climate controlled year round, run a well pump for irrigation, and handle the load of shop tools while still accumulating energy credits on my power bill. The solar group buy process was straightforward and both StraightUp Solar and Corn Belt Energy were great to work with. With current incentives, it was an easy financial decision.” More Solar Power Hours will take place throughout the county in the months leading up to the participation deadline of September 30, 2018; all are free and open to the public. Visit SolarBloomingtonNormal.com for a full list of Power Hour presentation dates and locations.

The MREA has managed several successful solar group buys throughout the Midwest, including one in Bloomington-Normal in 2016, and two in Champaign-Urbana. To select an installer for Solar Bloomington-Normal 2.0, MREA issued a request for proposals to solar installers in March. A local advisory committee reviewed proposals based on professional certification, experience, and cost. They selected StraightUp Solar, based in St. Louis with a branch office in downtown Bloomington. The advisory committee chose StraightUp Solar for Solar Bloomington-Normal 2.0 because of their high quality solar installations, building science expertise, emphasis on customer service, and familiarity with the community. They are uniquely qualified to evaluate a homeowner’s energy needs, provide quality solar installations, and even provide a preliminary energy efficiency assessment for each participant. The Solar Bloomington-Normal program enables residents to effectively reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve local energy security through the generation of renewable energy while simultaneously conserving energy and reducing long term energy costs at their homes or businesses. For more information about the group buy and to sign up for updates, visit solarbloomingtonnormal.com. Get ready to go solar!

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. The MREA was incorporated as a 501(c)3 nonprofit shortly after the first Energy Fair in 1990. MREA's mission is to promote renewable energy, energy efficiency, and sustainable living through education and demonstration. To learn more, call 715-592-6595 or visit www.midwestrenew.org.

Towanda HCE June 5th Outing

This year our group is doing something in our own backyard. Since it's close in BLM-NRL, you can join the group when you can or do everything, making a whole day of HCE Adventures. This will give us a chance to do some things we might not otherwise do. On **Tuesday, June 5**, our schedule will include: **9:30-10:30, The Olive Bin**, 1520 E College Ave, suite H, Normal (The owner will talk about oils and then let us loose to look and shop); **10:30 to 12:45 @ Artful Designs, 502 N. Prospect Rd, Blm**—(Paint a piece of pottery—painting fee and cost of the pottery, you choose and come back another day to pick up your finished piece of fired pottery); **1:00 Meet at Kelly's Bakery**, 113 N. Center St, for lunch; **2:00-4:00- Tour the McLean County Court House Museum** (free on Tuesdays—tour the roving exhibit, Route 66 Exhibit, Some landmarks in B/N, and a farm exhibit. You can go to all four events or just go to 1 or more, but you should RSVP/more info on carpool—(text or call) **by June 1 to Bev Hornickel, 309-830-4810**. This event replaces a regularly scheduled June Meeting. We start back up again with regular meetings in September, 2018.

The **July 3 HCE Spaghetti Supper** tickets are available from HCE members or Cindy Kelley, 309-824-4797 for tickets. Tickets in advance or at the door: Children Under 2, Free; Child, 2-7yrs, \$4; Above 8 yrs, \$7. Come preview the Towanda Flea Market and enjoy good food of Spaghetti, bread and salad by Avanti's and Homemade desserts and drinks. Carry out available, walk ins welcome! See you July 3!

American Legion

The Towanda American Legion will have a breakfast on Sunday June 3rd 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 fish dinner on Friday June 8th from 5-7. Dinner will include fish, coleslaw, baked beans, roll, drink and dessert 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 June 21st 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

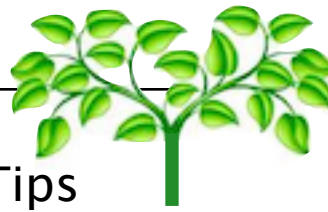


June Calendar

Thu. Jun. 14 – Flag Day

Sun. Jun. 17 – Father's Day

Thu. Jun. 21 – First Day of Summer



Garden Tips

by Helen Leake

Once the night temperatures stay above 55 degrees, usually around Mothers Day, we can place a lot of the house plants outside. A lot of them are happier outside. They like the cool nights and the morning dew.

House plants like clivia, ferns, African violets, dracaena, schefflera, palms, and ivy do well in full shade. Full shade means they do not get any sun. Plants like jade, kalanchoe, aloe and other succulents like partial shade. Partial shade means a few hours of sun in the morning or late afternoon when the sun is cooler. Spider plants, croton and pothos want light shade. They prefer sunlight that is filtered thru lightly branched trees. Unless they are herbs, cacti, or citrus trees, most houseplants will suffer in full sun. Poinsettia can take full sun.

Most plants need shade for a week or two to adjust to the change from inside to outside. If the plant roots are growing out of the hole in the bottom of the container, it needs to be repotted. Just go up one size of pot or you can remove some of the roots from the bottom. If there are a lot of roots growing in a circle, remove all of them. Leave 2/3 of the root ball intact. Place a few inches of new soil in the bottom of the pot and replace the plant. Remove the dead or damaged leaves. If there is room, you can add a little new soil on top. Be sure to leave the soil down about an inch from the top of the container for when you water the plant. Let the plant rest a couple of weeks to get over the shock of being moved before you fertilize. Check often to see if rabbits or squirrels have chewed them. Also watch for insect damage. You can use diluted water soluble fertilizer every 2 weeks on the plants outdoors. Remember they dry out faster on a hot windy day.

The humming bird is an attractive and amazing bird to watch. They are a very busy bird, because they are usually feeding. Hummingbirds are the only bird that can fly backwards and it does not land to feed. Some hummingbird wings beat as fast as 52-62 wing beats per second. Perhaps that is why they constantly need to eat. Once in awhile they will land on a clothesline or bird swing and rest.

The female builds the teeny-tiny cup shaped nest. She uses lichens [found on tree trunks], moss and plant down. She also uses spider webs woven thru to hold it together, and to secure it to the branches and so it can stretch as the family grows. The nest is big enough to hold 2 jelly bean size eggs. Incubation time is 12-19 days. After they hatch, she feeds the nestlings nectar and keeps them warm. When they are about 15 days old she will start feeding them some small insects. Another reason not to kill all of our insects. They leave the nest after about 21 days.

Some of the easy to grow annuals that hummingbirds and butterflies like are Fushia, Salvias, impatiens, flowering tobacco, nasturtiums, lantana and zinnias. The hummingbirds prefer the tubular flowers, while the butterflies like the flat petals. Hummingbirds fly around so fast that it is hard to photograph them. Just have patience, and you will catch a picture.

To feed them, use 1 part table sugar, to 4 parts water. Bring it to a boil to remove any impurities. Do not add red coloring. Change the water every few days and wash the feeder every time. Often they stop at the same feeder and flowers on their migration route.

Our lawns should be nice and green and growing fast now. Instead, some are showing a little brown and some are showing a lot of brown, like they do in July and August. Most of our lawns contain cool season grass and all of a sudden, we have hot, dry weather. The grass is under a lot of stress. When it is stressed, it turns brown and goes dormant. Do not apply fertilizer or weed killer while it is stressed. It is best to leave your grass 3-4 inches tall in the summer. It will shade the soil and keep the roots cool. Also there will be more blade space to absorb nutrients from the sun and it will help prevent weed seeds from reaching the soil to sprout.

When you water the lawn briefly, the moisture doesn't go very deep and the roots stay shallow and dry out when we have a dry time and die. If the roots go deep, they can go dormant and start to grow again after a rain.

The birds get hot and dry just like we do. They would like a bird bath in your yard. They like a drink and a bath just like we do. Change the water every 3-4 days to prevent mosquitoes from breeding. Brush the bottom to remove any mosquito eggs.

It is time to put the humming bird feeders out. You can easily make the sugar water. Combine 1 part table sugar and 4 parts water. Boil for 1 minute. Do not add honey, artificial sweeteners, or food coloring. Put fresh sugar water out after 4-5 days. Also clean the feeder every time you change the water.

Birds can be very protective of their territory. Sometimes they will see their own reflections in a window and keep fighting it until they die. Place a screen on the window or close the curtain to prevent that.

Busy Bees 4H

The Towanda Busy Bees 4H club will hold the annual American Red Cross Blood Drive on June 26th from 2:30 to 6:30 at the Towanda Community Building. Appointments can be scheduled online at www.redcrossblood.org or by calling Martha Rients 728-2178.

Lawn Watering

With dryer weather approaching we need to begin odd/even days based on your street address for extended lawn watering. It is best to water in the early morning or late afternoon/evening hours. Also, only water for 3-4 hours at a time. Running a sprinkler all day or night is not good for your lawn, generally wastes water through evaporation, and puts extra run time on the well pump.

If you have questions about these restrictions, please contact Bob Hancock, Water Chairman at 309-728-2990 or email, oldcars@frontiernet.net.

New Resident

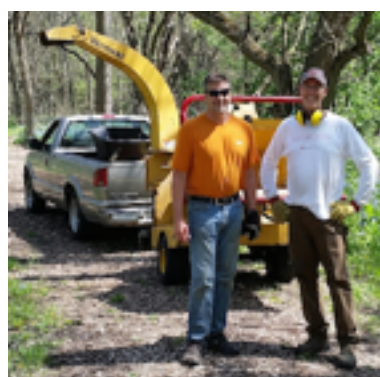
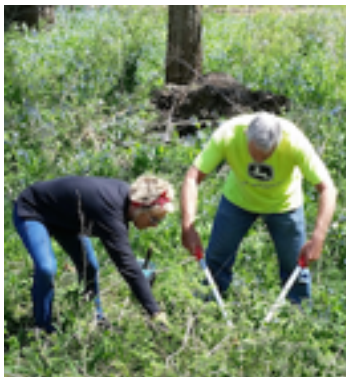


Very friendly newborn near the bridge on May 24. Mama was close by. (Submitted by Larry Meyer)

Indian Creek Spring Workday

On May 5, Fred Walk led another successful Indian Creek Workday. The following tasks were completed: Highway cleanup, honey suckle removal, brush chipping, new split rail fence construction at trail head, planting at IC sign, food and drinks provided by Val Beguin. The following IC residents provided labor and time:

Greg Beneze, Tommie Crouthamel, Mary Ann Boyd, Kathy Hinderliter, Carol Beneze, Ron Parsons, Nancy Braun, Kathy Dumler, Jim Larson, Marsha Demay, Doug Braun, Jill Doubet, Ron Metz, Barb Leathers, Natalie Leathers, Fred Walk, Craig Doubet, Jim Demay, Nathan Moore, Kurt Timmerman, Rodney Britain, Bob Hancock, and Larry Meyer



Yard Smart Garden Walk

Ecology Action Center is holding its sixteenth annual Yard Smart Garden Walk on Saturday, June 23, 2018. This free tour highlights beautiful and functional yards in our community that protect our environment, benefit wildlife, and use few or no synthetic chemicals. The event features a plant and garden tool “Freecycle” Exchange. Bring garden plants (please label them!) or tools to give away— everything must be free.

For more information: <https://ecologyactioncenter.org/event/yard-smart-garden-walk-4/>

Local Changes in Residential E-waste Recycling Prompted by New Illinois Law

The number of options for McLean County residents to properly recycle their used electronics is shrinking, but solid waste coordinators are optimistic that a more reliable and sustainable e-waste system will be the result. Due to both the loss of previous revenue potential from e-waste recycling as well as changes from the newly implemented 2017 Illinois Consumer Electronics Recycling Act, some area nonprofits will cease acceptance of electronics for recycling as of June 1, 2018. Home Sweet Home Ministries and Habitat for Humanity ReStore will no longer accept e-waste for recycling.

While residential e-waste has been banned from Illinois landfills since January 1, 2012 per the Illinois Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act, the statewide system created for recycling of residential e-waste has not always been reliable nor profitable. A good example is the Town of Normal's Public Works e-waste drop-off, open to all McLean County residents bringing residentially-generated electronics for recycling. As recently as just a couple years ago, Normal paid as much as \$80,000 a year to properly recycle electronic waste when manufacturer quotas ran out. McLean County residents have been fortunate. In more rural areas of Illinois, some residents currently have to drive hundreds of miles to find an e-waste recycling drop-off.

In 2017, the Illinois General Assembly passed the Consumer Electronics Recycling Act (CERA). In order to better serve the needs of all residents, CERA sets a convenience standard based upon population density of each county in Illinois. At a minimum, each county can have at least one permanent e-waste collection site supported by CERA or the designated equivalent—four one-day e-waste collection events over the course of the year.

Based upon the population density of McLean County, CERA's "convenience standard" will support one permanent e-waste site. The long-operating e-waste collection site at Normal Public Works is a perfect fit as the designated e-waste collection site under CERA starting January 2019. As a result, an intergovernmental agreement is in the works to share the costs that result from running this community-wide e-waste collection facility. The City of Bloomington recently approved an agreement that will next be considered by McLean County.

Other options for residential e-waste recycling in McLean County include Goodwill Industries (accepts most residential e-waste except tube-style and flat screen televisions) and BestBuy (some services are fee-based and some limitations on quantity and size of items accepted, see BestBuy.com for full details).

Per Illinois law, no residential e-waste collection sites can accept business generated e-waste. Businesses are required to dispose of their waste appropriately at their own cost. Options for business e-waste recycling in central Illinois include Kuusakoski Recycling in Peoria, Advanced Technology Recycling in Pontiac, or Best Alternative Recycling Technologies in Bloomington.



Ecologyactioncenter.org

June 2018 Library News

Summer Reading Programs for Youth: Register during the week of June 4th at the library. Programs for all ages run from June 11 through July 25 with events on Mondays @ 4:30 pm and Wednesdays @ 10:30 am. Reading incentives and prizes provided by our wonderful sponsors! Fun for the entire family!

June 11 @ 4:30: Developing Melodies Performance for Summer Reading Kickoff

June 13 @ 10:30: The Clothespin Puppets Performance and Character "Walk-About" for photo ops.

June 18 @ 4:30: Meet Gaston, the Summer Reading mascot, and create #KindnessRocks.

June 20 @ 10:30: Professional Storyteller, Mike Lockett. You loved him last year. He's back!

June 25 @ 4:30: Safari-themed crafts and activities related to animals and different countries.

June 27 @ 10:30: Zoo Lady with an interactive performance. Join the show!

Adult/Teen Summer Reading Program: Registration begins on June 4th. Details provided at sign-up. Reading prizes and a chance to "travel" – if only in your mind as you read.

Towanda Reads Adult Book Discussion @ 5:00 on June 12: The group meets to discuss "Beneath a Scarlet Sky" by Mark Sullivan. The public is welcome to join the discussion whenever a title interests you. The group meets the second Tuesday of even-numbered months.

May 31 @ 3:00 to 5:00: Good-bye to Grace: Help us honor the staff member with the big smile and the sharp mind – she graduated from ISU with distinction and is leaving the library to pursue a career. Open house with refreshments.

June 26 @ 4:00 to 6:00: Retirement Reception/New Director Welcome Open House: Karen Bersche has been TDL Library Director for the past 10 years. She is retiring to spend more time with her family. No gifts. Donations to Illinois Library Luminary only (via TDL).

Crochet/Knit/Fibers Group: Every Tuesday @ 5:00 to 6:30. New members are always welcome. Questions are cheerfully answered.

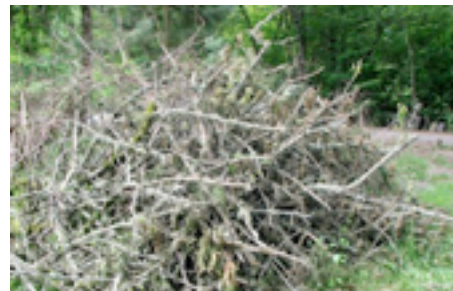
See all library news at: www.towandalibrary.org. See photos of library programs on the library's Facebook page.

Towanda Fire News for June

"We received a final count from the Red Cross notifying us that we collected a total of 28 units of blood at our blood drive. Thank you to everyone that stopped by to donate. Members of TFD have finished a month long training on a house that was donated to the department. This is a rare opportunity for members to conduct hands- on training in a controlled environment. Trainings that occurred at the house were vent/enter/ search, RIT, and entering live fire scenarios. TFD worked with Normal FD, Lexington FD, Hudson FD and Ellsworth FD. In April, we ran 2 medical and 2 fire calls. This puts our total count at 42 calls for the year."

Brush Pile

If you have brush you've cut from your yard, be sure to use the Indian Creek brush pile, not resident's personal burn piles. No logs or large branches, please.



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Lost Opener



This garage door opener was found on the Indian Creek common area near the brush pile. Contact Fred Walk to claim - 830-2188.

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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Website - www.pamperedchef.com/pws/annettehancock
Pinterest - www.pinterest.com/ahancock0935



For Hire:

Bob Barnard is a local farmer that lives just to the northeast of Indian Creek who grows and sells sweet corn during the summer. He sells the sweet corn near the 4-Way stop across from the FS gas station in Towanda. Bob is wanting to hire someone for approximately 20 days from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm to sell sweet corn. The pay is \$10.00 per hour. He prefers someone who can drive, perhaps a high school or college student. Please call Bob at 309-825-8938 for additional details if you are interested.

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.

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? 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".

Justin Schwamberger, 17 years old, is available for helping with lawn care, snow removal, and help around the home. Call 728-2857.