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Towanda HCE News

The Towanda HCE Unit is planning a June Outing, tentatively set for Tuesday, Jun 18. Plans [are to](#) go to the Ronald Reagan Museum & Peace Garden on the Eureka College's campus in Eureka and eat out at a local restaurant [there](#). Cindy Kelley, 309-824-4797 for further details and costs.

Towanda HCE is partnering with the Towanda Busy Bees 4-H Club to bring Red Cross Blood Drive to Towanda Community Building, June 18, 2:30-6:30. Martha Rients, 309-728-2178 for appointment.

Towanda HCE will again sponsor the July 3 Spaghetti Supper. Tickets (at the door or in advance): Adult/\$7; Child 2-7yr/\$4; Under 2/Free. available from Cindy Kelley, 309-824-4797 [or from other members](#). Come preview the Towanda Flea Market and enjoy some good food. Spaghetti, bread & salad from Avanti's; Homemade desserts and drinks.

TFD News

Start seeing motorcycles! With warmer weather motorcycles will be out more often and there are a few things you can do to keep everyone on the road safe. Always look twice going through intersections and while passing because bikes are harder to see. Also, a reminder that after mowing along streets to blow lawn clippings back into your yard, it is illegal not to! Failing to do so may cause injury to motorists or become a traffic hazard. As always, stay safe and enjoy the warm weather. To stay up to date on what the department is doing follow us on Facebook at "Towanda Fire Department". In the month of April we ran 6 fire and 6 medical calls putting our total at 80 for the year.

Spring Bird Count at Indian Creek

On May 4 the National Audubon Society conducted a bird count in our common ground areas. One of the members, Ben Murphy, informed me that they saw 48 different species and were very pleased with their findings. Ben referred to our common ground area as a very special nature preserve. I couldn't agree more! Below are the birds they counted along with a few photographs.

Fred Walk
Grounds Chairman

Ruby-throated Hummingbird 1 Great Blue Heron (Blue form) 1 Barred Owl 1 Belted Kingfisher 1
Red-bellied Woodpecker 1 Downy Woodpecker 2 Northern Flicker (Yellow-shafted) 1
Least Flycatcher 1 Empidonax sp. 3 Eastern Phoebe 1 Great Crested Flycatcher 4 Blue Jay 8
American Crow 2 Black-capped Chickadee 12 Tufted Titmouse 1 Red-breasted Nuthatch 5

--- Individually counted ---

White-breasted Nuthatch 4 House Wren 15 Marsh Wren 1 Carolina Wren 3
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 4 Ruby-crowned Kinglet 8 Eastern Bluebird 1 Veery 3 Gray-cheeked Thrush 1
Swainson's Thrush 1 Hermit Thrush 2 Wood Thrush 4 American Robin 20 Gray Catbird 4
European Starling 4 Chipping Sparrow 2 White-throated Sparrow 18 Eastern Towhee 3
Baltimore Oriole 4 Brown-headed Cowbird 5 Ovenbird 1 Northern Waterthrush 1 Blue-winged Warbler 4
Black-and-white Warbler 2 Tennessee Warbler 1 Nashville Warbler 5 Common Yellowthroat 1
Northern Parula 2 Blackburnian Warbler 2 Yellow Warbler 8 Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle) 1
Northern Cardinal 4 Indigo Bunting 1



Marsh Wren



Ovenbird



Great Crested Flycatcher

RT. 66 Weeders

The Route 66 Wednesday Weeders are back in action! Consider helping for just one hour on Wednesday mornings. We dig, pull, and spray as needed in the gardens along the Route 66 Parkway. Be active in making our part of the Mother Road attractive to visitors. Contact Carol Myers at (309)533-0412 or clmyers@frontier.com for more information. You can also contact Fred Walk at 309-830-2188 or fwalk@frontiernet.net for additional information. Any help is appreciated to help us maintain our beautiful 3 1/2 mile Towanda Route 66 Parkway.

Towanda 4th of July Parade

Spring has sprung, and the Towanda Fourth of July event committee is in full swing as we prepare for our annual celebration. 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.**, the parade will kick off. We hope you will join us to carry a flag in honor of the birth of our country and to celebrate the 51st anniversary of our parade.

Our theme this year is “A Family Tradition”. Maybe you have a friend or family member that would be interested in walking with you. We are encouraging our walkers to invite someone new this year, to walk with a flag, too.

If you are able to join us, **reply in a seperate email, with your name, cell phone, and email, to Amy Witzig (amy.witzig@gmail.com), on or before May 31, 2019** confirming your availability. We will provide the flag. Once you have replied, we will email you, closer to date, with line up details. We realize, just as we are dedicated to our parade, you are dedicated to your profession, and you may not be able to attend this event on such a busy holiday. We thank you for your consideration.

We are so humbled by the community’s interest and popularity in our event for the last 51 years. We are enthusiastic about you joining us for this special day.

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

Regards,

Virginia Lowery and Amy Witzig
Parade Committee Co-Chairs

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Amy Witzig

309.261.1360



Gardening Tips

The rhubarb is really growing with all of the rain we have been getting. If you haven't been pulling it much, you might see a big white flower stem come up in the center. That is a flower and will go to seed. Pull it out and put it in the compost pile. If you let it go to seed, the plant will stop sending up new stalks.

After the daffodil flowers fade, cut them off so the plant doesn't use its energy making a seed. The leaves will continue absorbing the sun and storing energy for next years' flowers. The leaves will soon dry up on their own. Also, cut the spent tulip flowers stem but leave the leaves to store energy. Do not braid them. Remove them when they turn brown.

You can start removing the top couple of inches of your chrysanthemum and sedum to encourage a more bushy plant and it won't fall over in the fall.

Remove the spent flowers from the azalea and rhododendron bushes for an attractive bush. You can use fertilizer for acid-loving plants on the azaleas.

The purple flowers that we are seeing in the fields now are henbit. It is an invasive winter annual that is a member of the mint family. It has a square stem.

The honeybee is our most important pollinator but there are many other insects that also pollinate. There are other species of the bee family that also do a good job of pollinating, they just aren't as popular.

There are a lot of beetles that as they visit the different flowers, they are also moving pollen from one plant to another. The pollen sticks to the hairs on their legs and body.

The different species of flies that we see are also helping to move pollen. Also, some of their larvae eat aphids and other insects.

The butterflies and moths also move pollen from one plant to another. The wasps and ants also move pollen as they go about their business.

Most flowers must be pollinated before they can produce seed, fruit, vegetable, or nut. If we didn't have all of these insects, we wouldn't have near all the good food we like to eat. As you watch them in your yard, they are all "busy as a bee". Don't kill them, they are busy working for us. as part of the ecosystem.

After the long, cloudy winter, the spring blooming shrubs have really been pretty. Some flowers are even lasting longer than usual. It is time to prune the spring blooming shrubs such as lilac, weigela, viburnum, and forsythia after they finish blooming. In about 6 weeks these shrubs will start producing next years flowers. Also by pruning them, you can hold their attractive shape and they won't be so large.

Always use clean and sharp tools. You can use pruners on branches up to 3/4 inch in diameter. For branches up to 1 1/2 inch in diameter, long-handled loppers work better. Larger than that you will need a saw.

Most important is don't leave a stub. It cannot heal over and it will leave the door open for disease. Always cut back to a stem. The tree can heal over on its own. Do not use pruning paint or paste. That could prevent the wound from healing.

Do not cut off the tops of your trees. That will damage the tree health and make it ugly.

On shrubs, you can remove up to 1/3 of the plant at one time. You can remove some of the tops to shorten it. Also, remove 1/3 of the older canes from the center. If you do this every year, you can control the size and have a more attractive bush. If you have any disease in the shrub, be sure to wipe the blade after each cut with an antibacterial wipe or dip the tool in an alcohol solution. so as not to spread any disease.

I am sure that everyone is getting anxious to get the garden planted. Just remember that if you work in it before it is dry enough, that it could cause the dry soil to become very hard,

Be sure to remove the spent flowers in your yard to encourage more blooming. It will also make a more attractive plant.

You can trim back your asters, mums, sedum and bee balm so that it could make them a shorter and bushier plant in the fall. Do so before July 4.

Check your roses for black spot fungal disease. Remove and destroy all infected leaves. You might need to start fungicide sprays if needed.

If you need to reduce the growth on evergreens, now is the time to trim the candles, {new growth}.

You can use organic mulches to at least the drip line of the trees. The mulch should not be more than 2-3 inches deep, that includes mulch left from last year.

If you are seeing mold in your mulch, use a rake and stir it up. the air will dry the mold.

You can spray paint the cages that you place around the plants with green paint so they can blend in with the plants.

Helen J. Leake

Towanda Library

Library Announcements and Program Updates for June:

Ah, the promise of spring is upon us. Several of you have stopped in to see the new improvements. Our new shelving is here and we have more on the way. As you can see, we are excited to spread out. We will be painting, constructing new furniture, and shifting books around the library to utilize our new space. Our goal is to make the library as inclusive, inviting, comfortable, educational, informational, and cutting edge as possible. We are a work in progress, so please pardon our mess. We will be ready to hit the ground running later this summer. Please contact the library or email me directly; director@towandalibrary.org if there is a particular book, movie, music cd, or audio book that you would like us to acquire. In between projects we are hoping to plan a few special events. We will keep you posted through the Indian Creek Newsletter, our website, and Facebook page. We will be launching a new website in 2019. While we anticipate it to be visually pleasing, it will also be highly functional and much more user friendly for our patrons. We will hold programs to navigate the new site once it goes live. We will offer programs in 2019 that will explore our new digital services and offerings.

Knitters and Crochet Group: We are happy to welcome Knitters and Crochet group every Tuesday afternoon. Come join us!

Towanda Reads Book Discussion Group: We are reading “The Woman’s Hour” by Elaine Weiss. Copies are available at the library. All are welcome to join us to discuss this title at 5pm on Tuesday June 11th.

For more information about this month’s title:

<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/318833/the-womans-hour-by-elaine-weiss/>

Towanda 4-H

The Towanda 4-H Club will meet June 4th, 2019 at 5:00 at the Boyd Wesley park to help with weeding and clean up. Our regular meeting will follow at 6:30 at the community building. Members will have workshops in woodworking, candle making, electricity, tie-dying t-shirts, and wearable arts flip-flops. For more information contact Scott Clement @ 275-5910 or Jeanie Wager @ 728-2852.

Calendar

Flag Day – Fri.Jun.14

Father’s Day - Sun.Jun.16

Summer Solstice – Fri.Jun.21 – longest day of the year.



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Blood Drive
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Towanda Community Building

103 South Jefferson
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Tuesday, June 18, 2019
2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

For an appointment please call Martha Rients at 309-728-2178.
Sponsored by: Towanda Busy Bees 4-H Club & Towanda Home and Community
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Towanda Lions Club Steve Liebenow Memorial Scholarship

The Towanda Lions Club has awarded the 2019 Steve Liebenow Memorial Scholarship to Sarah Kraft. Sarah, a senior at Normal Community High School, is not only an outstanding student but is also very active in the Towanda community. She plans to major in business at Illinois State University.

This scholarship is presented annually by the Towanda Lions in memory of Steve Liebenow, a valued Lions Club member and educator in the Unit 5 School District. The scholarship in Steve's name is a means of recognizing and contributing to the success of the youth of Towanda.



Towanda Lions Co-Chair Curt Ronnekamp, Sarah Kraft, Lions President Bob King, and Co-Chair Jerry Bersche

ParkLands Foundation Celebrates The Mysterious Magnificent Mudpuppy

The ParkLands Foundation is hosting a free event at Letcher Basin on June 9, 2019 from 10am-1pm. All ages are welcome to come learn about the Mudpuppy which lives and breeds in the Mackinaw River.

Participants can hike or ride to the Mackinaw River to learn about the

habitat of the mudpuppy and other critters that live in the river. Learn what mudpuppies eat, make a mudpuppy headband and get a free poster!

Parking is available near Ridgetop Hill Prairie, 433 County Rd 1975 E, Secor, IL 61771. Please bring a lunch and enjoy the Letcher Prairie at our picnic benches under the sycamore tree.

If interested please RSVP at mudpuppy.eventbrite.com

Letcher Basin Nature Land and Water reserve is restored prairie owned by the ParkLands Foundation. In 2014 The State of Illinois designated the property as a dedicated Land and Water Reserve. This indicates that this is a high-quality natural area and provides permanent

protection for the area under Illinois law.

ParkLands Foundation (www.parklandsfoundation.org) is a nonprofit, public membership, conservation land trust that is dedicated to acquiring, preserving, and restoring natural areas in the Mackinaw River watershed of McLean and Woodford counties. Our success since 1967 is due to the long-term support of local volunteers and donors. ParkLands Foundation currently

owns 3,200 acres of habitat along the Mackinaw River Valley in McLean and Woodford Counties. Find more information about ParkLands Foundation at parklandsfoundation.org.



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2019

SUMMER READING PROGRAM TOWANDA DISTRICT LIBRARY



SPECIAL DATES & PERFORMANCES

- ★ **Wednesday, June 5** 10:00 am **Registration opens** for ALL age groups.
- ★ **Wednesday, June 12** 11:00 am or 5:30 pm **Launch Parties:** Choose one to attend.
- ★ **Monday, June 17** 5:30 pm **Featured Performance:** Clothespin Puppet Show
- "Pop-In Wednesdays" ★ 10:00 am – 6:00 pm**
June 19, June 26, July 10, July 17, July 24
- ★ **Wednesday, June 26** 5:30 pm or **Thursday, June 27** 1:30 pm **LEGO "Make & Take" Sessions:** Reserve your child's spot by calling the library at (309) 728-2176.
- ★ **July 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6** 10:00 am – 6:00 pm daily **5 Star Book Sale!** Closed July 4 for holiday.
- ★ **Friday, July 12** 1:30 pm **Face Painting & Circus Trivia:** "Zoo Lady & Her Zoo Crew"
- ★ **Wednesday, July 17** 11:00 am **Featured Performance:** Clothespin Puppet Show
- ★ **Tuesday, July 23** 5:30 pm **Featured Performance:** Magic Show
- ★ **Wednesday, July 31** 5:30 pm **Red Carpet Reads Closing Celebration**

Please visit www.towandalibrary.org to view and confirm information about events and performances.

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SPECTACULAR SUMMER!



REGISTER

Summer Reading Program registration opens **Wednesday, June 5** at 10:00 am. We offer programs for youth (Birth – Grade 5), teens (Grades 6 – 12), and adults.



KICK-OFF

Pick a **"Launch Party"** to attend on **Wednesday, June 12**. Identical programs will be offered at 11:00 am and 5:30 pm. (The library's hours will be extended to accommodate this program.)



READ

Use a **"Rock Star Reading Log"** to track your progress! Youth logs are organized by 15-minute increments; logs for teens and adults include reading challenges featuring different selections within the library.



VISIT

Pop into the library each Wednesday throughout the summer to enjoy free popcorn, share your reading progress, enter prize raffles, and choose new books! Family-friendly activities will be offered Wednesdays from 10:00 am – 6:00 pm.



SHOP

Browse our **"5 Star Book Sale"** July 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6, featuring classic titles, recent releases, DVDs, and more. Join us in celebrating Towanda District Library's 30th Anniversary by filling a reusable book bag with items for **only \$5!**



ATTEND

Throughout the summer, special performances will be held at Towanda District Library, including puppet shows, circus-themed face painting/trivia, a magic show, and more!



CELEBRATE

Join us for a **Red Carpet Reads Closing Celebration Wednesday, July 31** at 5:30 pm, featuring a book walk, games, refreshments, and prize raffles!





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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release May 20, 2019

Contact: Molly McCready

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Rain Barrel Workshop Season Is Here!

The Ecology Action Center (EAC) invites all landscapers, gardeners, and residents to participate in upcoming rain barrel workshops in which individuals build their own water-saving, rainwater collection system. The EAC provides the materials, tools, and instruction so that each participant goes home with a high-quality rain harvester at a very low price.

The next workshops will be held on Thursday, June 6, and Thursday, June 27, both at 6:00 pm. Workshop fees are \$45 (or \$35 for EAC financial supporters) and includes a food-grade 55-gallon barrel, additional materials, and instruction on setup and maintenance. Individuals are encouraged to register early as classes fill up quickly. This workshop is the perfect opportunity to learn all about installing your own rain barrel and reap the benefits of rain harvesting this summer. The EAC also sells ready-to-use rain barrels for \$80 (or \$70 for EAC financial supporters).

In addition to saving money through reduced tap water use for landscaping needs, rain barrels provide environmental benefits as well. Rain barrels help reduce storm water runoff pollution, a major source of water pollution locally and nationwide.

Workshop space is limited and pre-registration is required; online registration is available at ecologyactioncenter.org. Consult the BN-Green Events calendar on the right side of the home page for dates and registration. Workshop location details provided upon registration.

The Ecology Action Center is a not-for-profit environmental agency with a mission to inspire and assist our community 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.

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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

May 13, 2019

Contact: Michael Brown

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Expanded Recycling Options Continue to Grow in Downtown Bloomington

Local residents and visitors to Downtown Bloomington have access to eight new and conveniently located recycling bins in the area for the first time this summer. In early 2018, funding awarded to the Ecology Action Center (EAC) through an Illinois Prairie Foundation Grant

– IPCF Annual Campaign Fund Green Endowment allowed for the installation of four permanent recycling receptacles at the four corners of the McLean County History Museum. The EAC's partner on this project, the City of Bloomington Public Works Department, provided a match for the grant funding.

In late 2018, the EAC leveraged the success of the initial program to secure donations for the addition of four more recycling receptacles for the downtown area. Midwest Fiber, Henson Disposal & Recycling, Area Disposal, and Republic Services generously provided donations to fund the purchase and installation of four additional receptacles that have been installed in the downtown commercial district.

The nearly 90,000 visitors passing through and attending events such as the annual Farmer's Market can now easily divert recyclable items away from the landfill with these receptacles located in areas of high pedestrian traffic. All eight receptacles accept common recyclable items that are currently accepted in Bloomington's and Normal's single-stream curbside recycling programs. To date, over one ton of potential waste has been diverted through the four original receptacles alone. This number is expected to increase over the coming months as other outdoor events resume and overall activity in the commercial district spikes with the arrival of more favorable outdoor weather.

This program coincides with the long-anticipated closure of the McLean County Landfill which stopped accepting waste on September 30. The landfill closure strongly reemphasizes the need for more sustainable methods of waste reduction as iterated in the updated 20-year Solid Waste Plan for McLean County. It is anticipated that a continual increase of available recycling options will help improve the County's updated recycling rates goals over the next twenty years.

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For Free:

We have a Baldwin piano from the 1970's we would like to give away. Donating to a church or personal use is fine. Contact-309-660-1680.

Also - we have a fish tank with cabinet to give away for free. We have a plecostomus (algae eating fish) in it as well. If someone already has a fish tank, we are trying to find a home for the fish.
309-660-1680

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".

Brenna Schwamberger is available for babysitting. She will be a sophomore next year at NCHS and has completed her Red Cross Babysitting class. You can contact her at 728-2857 (h) or (309) 824-1410 (c).

Are you looking for someone to take care of your pets or children? Do you need someone to do housework or cleaning so weekends can be spent relaxing? Call me, Aubrey Thomas, and I will help you out! I will be a freshman at NCHS in the fall. I love animals of all kinds. I have completed the Safe Sitter course and will make sure I watch your children carefully. Mother makes sure I get plenty of opportunities to practice my cleaning skills. I can be reached at 309-728-2246 (home) or 309-532-7466. Reasonable rates!