



INDIAN CREEK NEWSLETTER

September 2020

On the web at <http://www.indiancreeksubdivision.org>

Contact us by email at indiancreeknews@hotmail.com

Save the Date!

The Towanda Community Building has been reserved
for the Indian Creek Annual Meeting on March 3, 2021

Recycle News

Just a reminder that recycling pickup is every other Monday and not every week. Our next recycle pick up would be Monday September 7, but that is Labor Day. As a result, pick up will be Tuesday, the 8th. Henson's website has a link to a downloadable schedule of holidays for your convenience. Henson's asked me to inform you that only recycled items should be placed in the recycle toters. Garbage should not be placed in these containers.

Henson's also asked me to inform you to place the recycle toters outside your home with the wheels facing out toward the road. Please see the attached photo. This makes it easier for them to handle the containers.

Please contact me with any questions

Fred Walk
IC Grounds Chairman



Local Interest

Have you seen this turtle moseying around our green space open area? You might see it if you keep your eyes open while walking our beautiful trails and common grounds. Please send in your photos of any extraordinary critters or landscape scenes that you see around Indian Creek for our newsletter.
(Photo courtesy of Fred Walk)

Area Fall Garage Sales

Area Fall Garage Sales – Several area folks have signed up to participate in the fall garage sales to be held Thu-Sat, September 10-12. If you'd like to be included on a list of area sales and share in the cost of advertising, please be prompt in providing – by **Wed. Sept. 2** – the following information to rgbriggs@frontiernet.net

- a. Sale location (cross streets are helpful)
- b. Contact information (phone & email - for my information only)
- c. Days and times of your sale (it is not necessary to have your sale each day)
- d. List of items (include as much as you like, in priority order, and depending on space available, they will be listed on the flyer and by category in the Pantagraph ad)
- e. \$5 fee (for Pantagraph ad), checks payable to Gail Ann Briggs.

Towanda Fire News for September, 2020



As summer is ending and the kids are going back to some type of school, fall is coming soon and that means the Farmers will be hitting the fields hard when the crops are ready to be harvested. The Towanda Fire Department needs your help in keeping everyone safe on the roadways.

Soon signs will be popping up along the roads saying "START SEEING FARMERS" to warn us to be aware that farm machinery and trucks will be out on the roads taking up a fair share of the highway. When you see equipment traveling down the roadway, please slow down and use caution when trying to pass a piece of equipment.

If you have any questions regarding the Towanda Fire Department or would like information on becoming a firefighter, please contact Chief Brett Lueschen at 309.728.2353 or email: towandachief@gmail.com

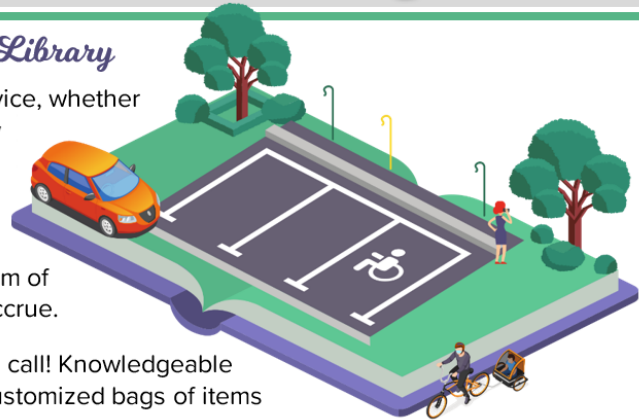


Towanda Library

You Roll In...and We'll Roll Things Out!

Announcements from Towanda District Library

- Enjoy contact-free delivery through our curbside service, whether you arrive by car, bike, or stroll! Simply call the library upon your arrival, and a friendly staff member will soon deliver your items.
- Please continue to return items to either dropbox. As a reminder, all items are quarantined for a minimum of 4 days prior to being checked-in, and fines will not accrue.
- Not sure what is currently available? Please give us a call! Knowledgeable staff members can research, locate, and assemble customized bags of items based on your interests and needs!



Phone & Curbside Service

Current Hours

Mondays | Wednesdays | Fridays | Saturdays

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Tuesdays | Thursdays

2:00 – 6:00 pm

Closed Sundays

Phone and curbside service will continue through October 2020.

During upcoming Board of Trustees meetings, data from local and state health departments, as well as information from area school districts, will be evaluated to consider how Towanda District Library's services might safely expand. During the physical closure of the library, we hope to complete a variety of facility upgrades. We look forward to communicating additional details soon!

301 S. Taylor St. Towanda, IL 61776 | (309) 728-2176 | www.towandalibrary.org

A Virtual Visit ~ with ~ Katherine Reay

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22; 6:30 PM

You're invited to our "virtual library" Tuesday, September 22 at 6:30 pm to discuss The Printed Letter Bookshop by award-winning author Katherine Reay. Towanda District Library has multiple copies available for loan, along with the recently-released sequel, Of Literature & Lattes. Following our discussion, Katherine Reay will join our Zoom Room for a brief "Q & A" session! Upon confirming your participation, Towanda District Library will provide the meeting details, password, and discussion questions via email. We hope you'll join us for what is sure to be a memorable, "virtual visit!"

Visit <http://bit.ly/tldauthorvisit> or call the library at (309) 728-2176 to confirm your participation in this special event!



Towanda Home and Community Education

The Towanda Home and Community Education group will once again meet together on Monday, Sep 14, 6:30 p.m. at the Towanda North Park Pavilion. Location, time is subject to change. The main program will be: "Who Am I in Child Rank Order?" given by Bev Hornickel. The McLean County HCE theme for the 2020-2021 year is a lighthouse theme -"Power of the Past, Beacon to the Future". Each month we will study a different lighthouse in Illinois. The September lighthouse will be the 68th Street Crib (Dunn Crib) presented by Cindy Kelley. We will meet using protocol of social distancing and wearing masks. **Towanda HCE usually meet** on the second Monday, September through May. Guests are always welcome to join us for great learning opportunities. Direct questions to Cindy Kelley, 309-824-4797.

Other county HCE activities in September include: Cultural Enrichment, "Pass on important history of Family Heirlooms", Sep 14, 9a-12n at Farm Bureau, 2242 Westgate Drive, Bloomington, 309-826-9559 ; Read & Share the book- *"Killers of the Flower Moon"* by David Grann, meeting at Tipton shelter on GE Road. Sep 21, 2:00-3:30, 309-826-9559. Visitors are always welcome. If interested in attending either of these activities, call the number listed for that activity for more information.

New Neighbors!

Hello! We are the Ingrams! We recently moved to 1 Candle Ridge and previously lived in Deer Creek, IL. Taylor works in Human Resources at COUNTRY Financial (she is looking forward to a shorter commute to work when things go back to normal) and Jerrod is a football coach at Normal Community High School. Go Iron! We have three girls, Savannah (5), Madison (2), and Gracey (6 months). We appreciate the warm welcome to the neighborhood and are looking forward to being part of the Towanda community!



Garden Tips

by Helen Leake



If you see any bagworms now, remove and destroy them. Do not throw them on the ground or place them in the compost pile. They will continue to grow. Once they reach full size, insecticides are not infective. Prune off and burn the large bags is better for control.

Continue removing the weed seeds to help prevent so many weeds next year. Creeping Charlie has been growing and sending out long shoots. Right now the shoots have not been sending out the roots. If you pull the plants now, you can prevent a lot of new plants from developing. Each leaf will develop roots for a new plant.

You can turn the layers of the compost pile now. Continue to add garden soil, kitchen scraps, and garden debris that is not diseased or infested with insects.

Labor Day isn't too far away and that is the beginning of the year for lawn care. Often in the spring, I hear people say they have fertilizer and weed killer on and its too early for either one to do any good. You can have a nice looking lawn without spending a lot of money and time.

Early September is the best time of the year to sow grass seed and over-seed your lawn. The soil is warm and with the fall rains, it should germinate quickly. When the new grass comes up, mow it the same time you mow the old grass.

It is also the best time to fertilize, using a high nitrogen fertilizer, the first number of the 3. If you leave the clippings on the ground when you mow you shouldn't need to fertilize again. You could spread 1/4 inch of organic fertilizer in the fall and spring. That could increase the soil fertility and prevent some seed to germinate.

Another thing to do is to adjust the mower blades to 3 - 4 inches, that means less damage to the crowns, less sun scald to the lawn and it would also encourage the grass to grow better. It also gives the grass blade more space to absorb nutrients from the sun. The taller grass can also help prevent weed seeds from reaching the soil to germinate.

If you do need to water your lawn, water deeply, and not daily. That will encourage the roots to grow deeply and can keep the grass healthy.

By using fewer chemicals, your soil will be more healthy. Fewer chemicals will also be healthier for you and your family and pets.

It is time for us to sit down and enjoy the pretty flowers that we have worked so hard on earlier. Also, take a good look at the lawn and garden and make a list of changes that you would like to make later. Also, check some of the perennials, if they have died out in the center, or spread out too much, it is time to dig them up and separate them. If your daffodils and tulips are not blooming, it is time to thin them out. Remove some of the bulbs and plant them somewhere else or share them with a friend. If you plant them too early they could start to grow this fall and not next spring. Wait until the first of October to dig the bulbs. The soil will be cooler then.

It is time to stop fertilizing the roses and perennials.

You can dig the potatoes when the tops have died.

You can plant lettuce, spinach, beets, radishes, and turnips now for a fall harvest.

The nights temperatures are starting to drop and we have been enjoying all of the pretty plants. If you want to save some money next spring and have some of the same pretty ones that you have now, you can. You can bring some of the annuals in and next year take some slips from them and start some more plants, using plants like impatiens, coleus, geraniums, begonias, etc.

Dig up a whole plant, if it is small, or take part of a large plant and place it in a container. Be sure that you get enough soil and roots for it to live. Leave it out in the area it is used to, and keep it watered. It will need time to get over the shock of being dug up.

When it is time to bring plants in, place it in bright light. The darker light and drier humidity will be another shock to it. Treat it like any other houseplant.

Next in late winter, you can take slips from the plant and start some new plants to put out and enjoy next summer.

Red Spotted Purple

Description and identification

Limenitis arthemis is described to be beautiful and highly active. The butterfly species themselves can be divided into two major groups simply from one main characteristic, the white band on the upper wings. However, besides the look of the butterfly, *L. arthemis* are in constant motion. Their flights are short in duration and at low altitudes, flying only about 2 to 3 feet off the ground. When not in flight, *L. arthemis* are constantly walking over leaves and folding their wings. They enjoy the sun as many are found to be resting at the highest points on trees. During the short period they are at rest, *L. arthemis* keep their wings closed, body at a 45 degree angle upwards, and antennae straight forward.



Photo by Kathy Dumler

The two sexes of this species are identical except that the females are slightly larger than the males. The upperside of *L. a. arthemis* is mostly blackish-blue with white postmedian bands across both wings. Some individuals have a row of red submarginal spots, while others have this area being blue. The underside of the wings is a blackish color with a broad white post-median band. The basal area of both wings contains many red spots. The submarginal area may contain a row of red spots and the marginal area having bluish spots. However, sometimes the submarginal and marginal areas are just a reddish-brown color.

The upperside of *L. a. astyanax* is very much like *L. a. arthemis* except it lacks the broad white bands. The forewing submarginal area will sometimes have a row of red spots. The hindwings are either a bright iridescent blue or an iridescent bluish-green. The underside of the wings lacks the white band. The basal area has several red spots. It has a row of red submarginal spots and bluish marginal spots. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Limenitis_arthemis

Classified

Businesses:



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

Contact your local Indian Creek consultant for these events.

Annette Hancock
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Call Home - 728-2990
Text or call- 242-1802
Email - annettehancock1953@gmail.com
Website - www.pamperedchef.com/pws/annettehancock
Pinterest - www.pinterest.com/ahancock0935



For Hire:

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).

Aubrey Thomas is available for child care and pet care. She has taken the Safe Sitter course and is experienced with taking care of several animals. Aubrey will be a Sophomore at NCHS in the fall. Please call or text her at 309-532-7522.

Lydia Lueschen is available for babysitting. She is 14 years old and has completed a babysitting course along with being CPR certified. Please call or text her mom - Dallas Lueschen- at 309-826-1868.

Need someone to take care of your pet while you are away, call Bailee Harmon at (309) 530-5360. I have experience with animals at the Humane Society and have been petting sitting for two years. References provided upon request.

Jenacys Masters, 16, a Junior at NCHS is interested in doing any odd jobs to earn money for a car. Preferably in the Towanda area. She is offering dog walking/pet sitting, babysitting, running errands, or any other "teenager" type jobs. Please contact her at 813-943-2085. Cherish Pedraza 13 Bent Tree Ln.