

INDIAN CREEK NEWSLETTER

December 2020

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Water Tower Rehabilitation Project

We have been unsuccessful in finding a bank or other financial institution to provide Indian Creek with a loan to fund rehabilitating our water tower as discussed in our homeowners association meeting last March. Numerous banks and the credit union we do our banking with were contacted. The primary issue is we do not have acceptable collateral to meet their loan requirements. We were also told this type of loan is not a good fit for their loan portfolios.

We have investigated two government loan programs. One is a federal program through the USDA. The other program is sponsored by the Illinois EPA. In consultation with our engineering firm, the Farnsworth Group, we have decided to pursue the Illinois EPA program. The interest rate through this program is favorable (currently under 1.5%), however, it will take between 12 and 18 months to receive all of the required government agencies' approvals and be included in their funding cycle. We are working with the Farnsworth Group who has experience with this program to complete the extensive reporting requirements. We should know by next spring if we are accepted. This will move the actual rehabilitation work into 2022.

Work continues on trying to find a financially feasible way to move chemical processing out of the water tower into a separate structure. County zoning construction requirements are the biggest factor driving up cost estimates.

We will keep residents informed about future progress in these projects.

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Next Flushing Day - December 21

(Flushing will be done between 5:00 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. This is the last one until spring)

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Towanda Boy Scouts Advanced Meat Order

2021 Advance Meat Order Towanda Scouting Organization

NOTE: Due to Covid-19, THERE IS NO MEAL in 2021

Pick Up Meat Orders @ Towanda Community Building on
Friday, February 12th, 3-7 p.m.
Saturday, February 13th, 9-11 a.m.

PLEASE BRING YELLOW COPY WHEN PICKING UP YOUR ORDER!

To Order, Call Kevin Dieken (309) 838-1202

Country Store will have a limited supply of meat on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Place Your Order Today ~ The Deadline is January 31, 2021

WHOLE HOG SAUSAGE	Package Size	# Packages	Package Price	Total
BULK SAUSAGE (\$3.50/lb)	2 pounds		\$ 7.00	\$
LINK SAUSAGE (\$3.50/lb)	5 pounds		\$17.50	\$
BACK RIBS (\$3.50/lb)	5 pounds		\$17.50	\$
COUNTRY STYLE BACON	1 pound		\$ 7.00	\$
ITALIAN SAUSAGE				
ITALIAN BULK (\$3.50/lb)	2 pounds		\$ 7.00	\$
ITALIAN LINK (\$3.50/lb)	5 pounds		\$17.50	\$
CHICKEN BREASTS				
BONELESS / SKINLESS (\$5.00/lb)	5 pounds		\$25.00	\$
			TOTAL	\$

ORDER TAKEN BY: _____

PHONE: _____

☐ Paid

☐ Not Paid

EMAIL: _____

NAME: _____

Towanda Library



Beginning Saturday, November 21, 2020, Towanda District Library is closed. Plans to continue phone and curbside services aligned with State of Illinois' Tier 3 Mitigation were approved by the Board of Trustees, but unforeseen circumstances have taken precedence.

Overdue fines will not be applied during the closure. Mr. Jason Shirley, T.D.L. Director, can be reached at director@towandalibrary.org with questions and/or concerns. Messages left on the library's answering machine at (309) 728-2176 will be periodically checked. Please continue to the library's website (www.towandalibrary.org) and Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/towandalibrary>) for additional announcements and resources. We will continue to provide updates as new information is released.

Local Photo



Not a great picture but did get this image of the neighborhood eagle.
Doug Braun - 8 Bent Tree Lane

Towanda HCE

The Towanda Unit of the McLean County Home & Community Education group will NOT be meeting in December due to Covid-19 restrictions and the uncertainty of when they will be lifted. We look forward to the possibility of meeting on Monday, January 11, 6:30 pm at the Community Building. We hope members and guests will bring their favorite snowmen for show and tell. If the meeting takes place, we will have the lesson, "Have you had your cup of Java today?" presented by Sandy Whalen. No refreshments will be served. Call Cindy Kelley, 824-4797 with any questions regarding Towanda HCE and our meeting schedule. We will update information in the January newsletters.

Garden Tips

by Helen Leake



The fields have been harvested and it is getting cold outside. The mice and other wildlife will be looking for a warm place to spend the winter. The mice can get thru a hole as small as 1/4 inch. Walk around the house and check the foundation for any small holes or cracks, especially where pipes enter the foundation. You can fill those places with spray foam. Inside again check the pipes under the sink and any other places. You can fill those places with steel wool.

Skunks, rats, raccoons, etc will be looking for a place under the porch or outdoor sheds to spend the winter. You can try to trap them, or soak some cotton balls in ammonia and toss them into those places.

Before the ground freezes, be sure to water the evergreens, azaleas, boxwood, and hollies good. Because they lose moisture thru their needles and broad leaves during the winter. If you want to place burlap or plastic around them to protect them from snowplow salty snow place the posts before the ground freezes.

Also, check your snowblower to see if it needs attention before using it.

Some people like dandelions and some dislike them very much. Dandelion is a good companion plant. I remember when I was a little girl, going out with my grandfather to collect dandelion's tender leaves for my Mother to cook for dinner. They do have a lot of nutrients. We did not have to worry about them having been sprayed with chemicals, because we did not have any weed killer. We just had to be sure and wash off all of the dust from the gravel road.

Dandelions have very deep roots and they can make channels in the hard soil for the earthworms to move thru the soil. Also, water can move easier and excess salt can leach downward.

Dandelions are one of the early plants to bloom. It is good to see the bright yellow flower blooming after a long dull winter. It is usually in bloom when the honey bees come out of the hive in the spring to go to the rest room and find some much needed pollen.

You can let them grow in the garden and lawn, but be sure to remove the old flower before it turns into the white puff ball seed. Turn the leaves and roots back into the garden as mulch or compost. Just mow them off in the lawn and they will break down.

If you have humming birds, save some seeds for them. They line their nest with the soft fluff and feed the seeds to their young.

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Businesses:



For Sale:

Six jars of Better Water Industries chlorine tablets for the Sentry Open Air system. \$50

If interested, call Ron Metz at 309 533-2520 or email rpm67@frontier.com



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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Pinterest - www.pinterest.com/ahancock0935



For Hire:

Bailee Harmon is available to pet sit, babysit, and to do other household chores such as water plants/flowers and cleaning. Please contact Bailee at (309) 530-8279 or her mom, Hallie Harmon at (309)530-5360

Brenna Schwamberger will be a junior at NCHS in the fall. She is available to babysit this summer if you're looking for a night out once in a while or you need someone full-time. She has taken Child Development at NCHS and completed the Red Cross Babysitting and Child Care course. If interested, call or text Brenna at 309-824-1410. Also, available to watch pets or water plants if you're out of town.

Aubrey Thomas is available for childcare 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.

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.