



# Indian Creek Newsletter

## March 2023

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### **Towanda HCE**

The Towanda HCE will meet on Monday, March 13, 6:30 p.m. at the Towanda Community Building. Jeanie Wager will give the program, "Pollinators." The Minor Lesson will be "The Cities of the Republic of Italy." Members are to bring combs for the Home Sweet Home Mission. Four of our Towanda HCE members will be going to the Illinois Association for Home & Community Education Annual Conference in Effingham on March 14-16. For questions or information about Towanda HCE, contact Cindy, 309-824-4797.

Towanda HCE wishes to thank the Towanda Scouting Organization for allowing the county HCE group to have a successful bake sale at the Pancake & Sausage breakfast on Feb 11.

Our county HCE organization, will be receiving educational lessons on Super Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the McLean County Farm Bureau auditorium, 2242 Westgate Dr, Bloomington. Programs to be given are "Creating a Hummingbird Haven," presented by Deanna Frautschi of Bloomington, "Little Known Uses of Hankies" presented by Meri Knapp of Cullom and "The Art of Delicious Desserts" presented by Karen Wyatt and Mary Kerber; 309-824-2784.

The Timeless Clovers Alumni will hold its annual "Chili and Chocolate Cookoff" on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. at the IL Corn Growers, 14129 Carole Dr., Bloomington. Please bring your favorite chili or a chocolate creation for all to enjoy. Prizes are to be awarded, 571-336-6383.

Other county HCE programs and activities include the following: Mar 13, 9 a.m. to noon, Cultural Enrichment – "Weaving an Easter Basket," taught by Rosemary Martin, McLean County Farm Bureau auditorium, R.S.V.P. by 2/24, 309-309-473-2876; Mar 20, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Community Service Day: Making "Quilt as You Go" flannel blankets," McLean County Farm Bureau Auditorium; 309-533-1135. All HCE activities are available to anyone wishing to learn more about these interesting life skills and lessons, but call the number listed in info about class fees, or class size limitations and other details.

## Towanda 4-H

The Towanda 4-H Club will meet March 7, 2023 at 6:30, at the Towanda Community Building for their meeting. Members will hear from Kathie McCain about herb gardening. Those signed up for talks and demonstrations are Maggie Weber, Aaron McCann, Ethan McCann, Lily Lancaster, Avery Gully, Harper Almquist, and Rachel Miller. For more information about going 4-H, you may contact Scott Clement at (309)-275-5910 or Jeanie Wager at (309)-728-2852. 4-H is open to girls and boys 8 to 18 as of Sept 1, 2022 and Cloverbuds are for girls and boys 5 to 7 as of Sept 1, 2022.

## Towanda Garage Sale

Is anyone interested in having a garage sale this spring? If so, please let me know and I'll be happy to coordinate the publicity. Call or text me at 309.728.2187 ~ or email me at [rgbriggs@frontiernet.net](mailto:rgbriggs@frontiernet.net) and let me know dates you'd like to hold one. I'm looking forward to hearing from you.....

Gail Ann Briggs (112 Hunt St, Towanda)

Thanks, Gail

## Towanda American Legion

Saint Patrick's Day  
Carry Out Dinner  
Friday March 17<sup>th</sup>

4:30 – 6:30

Includes corned beef, cabbage, new potatoes, carrots, rye bread

\$13.00

Public invited

# Ecology Action Center

ecologyactioncenter.org

**PRESS RELEASE:** For immediate release February 23, 2023

Contact: Larissa Armstrong, (309) 454-3169 x15

## **Ecology Action Center Urges Extreme Caution with Door-to-Door Energy Solicitations**

According to the Ecology Action Center (EAC), there is a recent surge in door-to-door solicitors offering to reduce residents' energy costs or reduced cost solar installations. These offers might sound appealing, but many of them are disingenuous and can result in higher energy costs for homeowners.

Illinois has very progressive renewable energy legislation which has resulted in many solar developers pushing solar installations. While there are very attractive incentives available, the EAC recommends that residents interested in onsite solar solicit multiple proposals from competing solar companies in order to cost compare. All proposals should include estimated savings from the 30% Federal tax credit and from solar renewable energy credits (SRECs) from the State of Illinois. The EAC can help residents understand solar proposals as well as check eligibility for the income-qualifying **Illinois Solar For All program** which can provide solar with no up-front costs. Community solar is another option; EAC recommends that any such proposals do not require a sign-up fee or cancellation fee and include at least a 20% savings the electricity supply rate.

EAC strongly recommends that residents NEVER share their utility bills with any solicitors and never accept an offer for reduced energy costs without proper research and cost comparisons. Alternate retail energy suppliers (ARES) have a long history of predatory marketing practices, and often target residents on income-qualifying energy assistance plans. Ameren customers in Bloomington and Normal already have reduced energy supply rates through the City and Town's Municipal Electricity Aggregation programs. Given the current energy market, most ARES would not be able to offer residents a rate lower than they already have.

Larissa Armstrong at the EAC acts as the community energy coordinator and can address questions about residential energy supply rates, offers from ARES, Municipal Electricity Aggregation, solar installation proposals, community solar, or **Illinois Solar For All** eligibility at [larstrong@ecologyactioncenter.org](mailto:larstrong@ecologyactioncenter.org) or 309-454-3169 x15.

*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.*

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# Water Hydrant Flushing Schedule – 2023

The six water hydrants located in Indian Creek subdivision will be flushed on the dates listed below. Water hydrants are flushed in order to reduce the build-up of sediments in our water system. This is an important process for improving water quality. Our water operator will flush one hydrant at a time and allow it to run for 10-15 minutes (the next in line hydrant is opened concurrently for a brief period to keep water flowing through the system). Water pressure in our system's lines is maintained by the 35,000 gallons of water in our tower, however, pressure in home lines will be reduced during flushing much like when multiple faucets are opened in your homes. Flushing the hydrants will also stir up sediments so please follow the procedures listed below:

- Do not run water during the flushing time period.
- Following flushing, run water through faucets until clear. We recommend this be done by-passing any treatment/filtering system in your home because of the increased sediment stirred up during the flushing process.

Please mark your calendars with the dates listed below. Flushing will be done between 5:30 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. weather permitting. **Hydrants will not be flushed in freezing conditions or other inclement weather.**

Monday, March 27	Monday, August 28
Monday, April 24	Monday, September 25
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## **Metal Collection at your curb!**

Every Monday morning (5 am), Chuck Eckhart comes around to pick up metal for recycling. If you have items to recycle, please set them out near your garbage cans either Sunday night or Monday 5am for pickup. Collectable items are: appliances, lawn mowers, all kinds of batteries and metal items. Chuck's number is (309) 275-2201 if you have questions.

Norah Ketelsen (6) is a Daisy with Girl Scouts. Click her [LINK](#) below to order and we will deliver right to your door! If you have any questions, please call/text her mom at 309-236-0510. Thank you!

## **For Hire:**

Caden Lueschen is available for snow removal. Please call Brett at 309-728-2353 or Dallas at 309-826-1868.

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

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 is a Junior at NCHS. Please call or text her at 309-532-7522.

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.