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Local Events

GARAGE SALES will be held in Indian Creek, Towanda and Lamplighter on various days and hours from Thursday-Sunday, May 4-7, 2023. If you plan to have a sale and want to share in the cost of advertising, please let me know by:

Thursday, April 27 – is the date a general list of items is needed for the Pantagraph ad.

Monday, May 1 – is the date the following information is needed for inclusion on the flyer:

a) Sale location; **b)** Days and Times of your sale (not necessary to have your sale each day); and **c)** List of items and whether you will have a free items table! Include as much detail as you like, in priority order, and depending on space available, items will be listed on the flyer and by category in the Pantagraph.

Please ~ Email sale information (or ask questions) to rgbriggs@frontiernet.net (preferred); or Text to 309.824.1649; or Mail to address below. You'll get a response by Email or Text when I have your information; and a copy of the flyer. A fee of \$7 (for the Pantagraph ad and printing), checks payable to Gail Ann Briggs, should be sent to 112 Hunt St, Towanda, IL 61776. Anyone with items they particularly want to sell may want to take out an individual ad as well.

Flyers will be posted at sale sites, Library and Post Office and available at Kick's and the FS Station.

DUNCAN MANOR ~ Spring Open House on **Saturday and Sunday, May 6-7, 2023 – 12:00 – 4:00 pm.** Tour the Historic Manor and Shop Local Vendors. www.duncanmanorhouse.com 1002 Towanda Barnes Rd, Towanda. \$10 at the door – Duncan Manor is a 501(c)(3) not for profit – all proceeds benefit the restoration.

OLD RUGGED BARN ~ Spring Market Day on **Saturday, May 6, 2023 – 1:00 – 5:00 pm.** Dog Adoptions, Live Music, 40+ Booths, Bake Sale, Handmade, One of a Kinds. Toys, Books. Food/ Beverages. Flyers are at the FS Gas Station and the US Post Office. 18808 N 2000 East Rd, Towanda www.olderuggedbarnvenue.com

4th of JULY GRAND MARSHALS ~ The planners for the Towanda 4th of July Celebration are looking for volunteers and names of Veterans and Service Men and Women to be recognized as the 2023 July 4 Parade Marshals. A Veterans Trolley will be in the parade; to reserve a seat (deadline is June 15), please contact Virginia Lowery (101 Miriam Way, Towanda, IL 61776; vlowery1@hotmail.com; or (309) 825-6341). The Parade lineup is at 9:30 am; Parade begins promptly at 10:00 am.

WEDNESDAY WEEDERS ~ This is a group of volunteers who maintain the gardens on the Route 66 Parkway. They are in need of more help. The time commitment is one hour or less per Wednesday morning during the growing season. No green thumbs required 😊 Contact Carol Myers at 309-533-0412.



Welcome Spring, I think. It is a confusing time of year weather-wise! It's a fantastic time to visit the library!

There are plenty of exciting programs scheduled!

- Themes for Story/Activity times this month include Gabby's Dollhouse, friendly monsters, and buzzing bees.
- Miss Jaycee from Ascension Dance Academy will be here May 10th for music and dance and Communication Junction will visit May 22nd for stories, music, and sign language.
- Additional activities scheduled include ink printing cards and coasters (for adults) and Mother's Day crafts for all ages.
- The Summer Reading Program "Fun in the Sun" starts June 2nd at 5:00 with a boisterous event for all ages.

Come to the library in May and see what fun prizes you can get for just reading and attending programs!

Finally, come get your "Library Crawl" map! Visit area libraries, get your sheet stamped at each one, bring it back and receive a reward. Don't forget to check out some books at the other libraries and visit local attractions. It's going to be a fun-packed summer and we can't wait to see you!

Gov. Pritzker Announces Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Clean Energy Jobs and Justice Fund

Memuna Lee will serve as a Member of the Clean Energy Jobs and Justice Fund. * Memuna Lee brings valuable experience in grant writing and contract negotiation to the board. She currently serves as the sourcing consultant at COUNTRY Financial, where she negotiates contacts and manages sourcing and supplier diversity. Previously, she was the Fund Development and Community Engagement Manager at Mid-Central Community Action, where she developed governmental relationships and managed public and private grants. Lee is the Chapter President of Jack and Jill of America, and a member of her local NAACAP Chapter. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Saint Mary's College of California.

In addition to the credentials listed in the official press release, Ms. Lee is a supporter and volunteer with the Ecology Action Center.

The Trees of Indian Creek – Wild Plum

by Greg Beneze



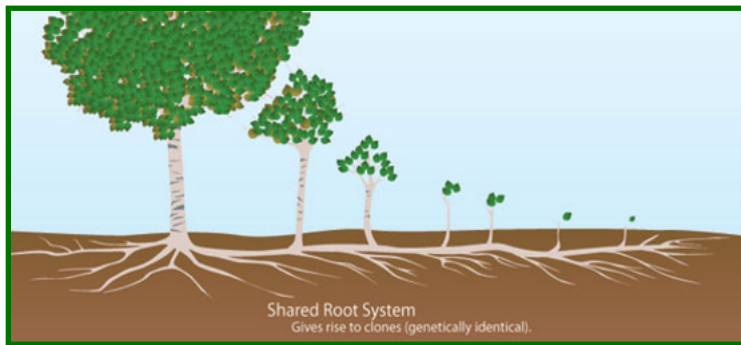
The woods of Indian Creek are especially beautiful in the spring as many of our trees flower and begin to leaf out. One of the earliest flowering trees in our woods is the American Plum, which is often called the Wild Plum. The tree is native to North America and Asia, and over 200 different varieties have been cultivated over the past several hundred years, mainly for culinary and ornamental uses. It is a member of the Rosaceae or rose family. This tree is often confused with the Canada plum, although the fruit itself is quite different – red fruit rather than the yellow fruit of the Canada plum.

Fruit from the wild plum is small and edible. They can be delicious when eaten fresh, but the taste is highly variable. Sometimes they are perfectly sweet while other times they are quite sour, even bordering on bitter. Many people prefer to use the American plum in jams, jellies, preserves, or wine rather than eating it fresh.



The wild plum was used extensively by Native Americans as food. The roots were also used to make red dye. The branches served a variety of purposes, including use in the Sun Dance ceremony of the Plains cultures. And it was also used to treat skin abrasions.

Another popular, non-culinary use is as a wind block. These are most common on farms where the trees are planted close together in a single row to block wind with their thick-growing branches and foliage. It's not at all uncommon to see American plum trees growing near stream banks. You might think they grew here naturally, but chances are they were planted. Their strong roots, and the quick growth of root suckers, help prevent erosion. The American Plum root is known for holding up well to a lot of water, so they're capable of holding tight even during heavy flooding.



Most species of wild plums are *colonial*, which means when you have several trees growing near one-another it is likely they were all originally part of one of the tree's root system, which gave birth to new sprouts from the ground. This is called asexual reproduction, and all these trees have the same genetic makeup.

I found conflicting information on whether the American Plum is self-pollinating (meaning a tree can pollinate itself) or cross-pollinating (meaning a tree requires another tree in close proximity to pollinate it).

I have found only one Plum tree in our woods. It is located in the open field, near the brush burning pile, next to the log bench and it is labelled. Please contact me if you know of any other wild plum trees in our woods.



Later this year, we can check on our lone plum tree to see if it is bearing fruit. If it is, this would indicate that it is self-pollinating. And the fruit can be sampled when it ripens in the fall!

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, May 22	Monday, September 25
Monday, June 26	Monday, October 30
Monday, July 31	Monday, November 27
Monday, August 28	Monday, December 18



Water System Projects

Site preparation work was delayed a couple of weeks for the pre-fab chemical treatment building being installed next to the water tower, but should be started by the time the newsletter is released. We are moving the chlorine treatment process currently being done in the water tower base to the new building.

We have received final approval for the EPA loan for the water tower refurbishing project from the Illinois EPA and Comptroller's Office. The water tower refurbishing project is scheduled to begin in early July. A pressurized water tank will be used to provide water to the subdivision during the refurbishing.

Additional information about these two projects is documented in the minutes of our March 2023 Homeowners Annual Meeting.

Jim Larson – ICHWA Water Chairperson

Snapshots from Fred's Retirement Open House



Towanda 4-H



The Towanda 4-H Club will meet Tuesday May 2,23 at 6:30 at the Towanda Community Building. We will be doing a community service project and discussing the possibility of creating a butterfly garden at Boyd Wesley Park. Plans will also be made for a club tour of a local nursery. Our club continues to learn about plants and soils. For more information contact Scott Clement at 309 275-5910 or Jeanie Wager at 309 728-2852.

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For Hire:

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.