

INDIAN CREEK NEWSLETTER

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Celebrate 100 Years of Rt 66 In McLean County

Experience the magic of the Mother Road through one-of-a-kind photo opportunities, themed festivals, and family-friendly corn mazes. From interactive scavenger hunts to historic landmarks, our Route 66 Centennial celebrations invite you to connect with the vibrant history and remarkable people that make McLean County a true bucket-list destination.

This year marks the **100th anniversary of Route 66**, and McLean County is rolling out a yearlong series of celebrations to honor the history, culture, and community of the Mother Road. From May through October, each of our Route 66 municipalities — Bloomington, Normal, Lexington, Towanda, Chenoa, McLean, Funks Grove, and Shirley — will host unique activations, interactive experiences, and photo-worthy moments that invite visitors and residents to connect with the legacy of Route 66 in our own backyard.

Mark your calendars for

June 6-7

Visit <https://www.visitbn.org/centennial/>
for more information.



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DO NOT MISS A SATURDAY NIGHT SUPPER AT THE MCLEAN COUNTY MUSEUM OF HISTORY!

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Red Carpet Corridor Centennial Celebration – Towanda May 2 / 11–3 pm / ilroute66redcarpetcorridor.com



Towanda HCE

The Towanda HCE group will be meeting on Monday, May 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Towanda Community Building. They will hearing about the "Caribbean Islands/Dominican Republic- Cities." Our May Community Outreach item for the Humane Society of Central IL will be paper towels or bleach. The community service outreach will be 3/4 yard of cotton fabric appealing to children for upcoming projects such as children pillowcases. For more info: 309-242-3801. For more information about Towanda HCE, contact Cindy at 309-824-4797.

The county HCE cultural enrichment activity will be a "Spring Garden Pot Party on May 14, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at A&B Hatchery, 916 E. Grove St., Bloomington. Participants will receive instruction on planting, potting soil and fertilizer for class fee of \$5. You will receive 20% off purchases of plants, pot and decorations. You can also bring your own pot from home. Suggested pot be no larger than 10-12 inches. RSVP for this class by May 12 to 309-530-5327.

Towanda Library

Things are growing at the library and we're getting ready for one of our favorite times of the year! As we prepare for our **Summer Reading Program**, our regular programming will be taking a short pause this month. But don't worry; there's still plenty happening!

Our **Adult Book Club** will meet on **May 19th at 5:30 PM**, and **The Worst Book Club in the World (TWBCITW)** will meet on **May 28th at 5:30 PM**-so be sure to mark your calendars and join us for great conversation and community.

We're especially excited to announce this year's Summer Reading theme: "**Plant a Seed, Read / Planta una Semilla, Lee.**"

And don't miss our **Summer Reading Opening Party** on **May 29th from 5:00–7:00 PM**! Come celebrate the start of a fun-filled summer with us and get ready for a season full of reading, activities, and excitement for all ages.

We can't wait to kick off summer with you!



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Water Hydrant Flushing Schedule – 2026

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 5:00 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. weather permitting. Hydrants will not be flushed in freezing conditions or other inclement weather.

Monday, May 25	Monday, August 31	Monday, November 30
Monday, June 29	Monday, September 28	Monday, December 28
Monday, July 27	Monday, October 26	

Summer Lawn Watering

Please follow our recommended summer watering schedule by only watering on even or odd days corresponding to your street address number and limit watering to 3-4 hours. This will help ensure our well pump can replace water being used in our tower. Summer water usage typically is much higher than the rest of the year and can strain our water system capabilities.

Call JULIE before digging (800-892-0123)

Please be sure to call JULIE to mark utility and water lines (shutoff valve) before doing any projects involving digging. If damage is done to any utility or water lines after marking it is critical you contact the vendor who marks the lines (USIC) and a Board member immediately. Additional information is available on our Indian Creek website (Information/Water – “When You Dig”).

Jim Larson – ICHWA Water Chairperson

Towanda 4-H

The Towanda 4H club will meet on May 3, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at the Towanda Community Building. Siddhu Thuppal will lead a club discussion about what we learned from the Miller Park Zoo tour we took in April. We will have a program about Ireland given by Mrs. Carrie Vogel. Club members will take turns giving talks or demonstrations about the various projects they are completing for the McLean County Fair. Talks this month will be given by Carley Nourie, Sahasra Namburi, Quinn Weber, Kaitlyn O'Kraski, Carter O'Kraski, and Camryn Knapp. Siddhartha Thuppal and Ishaan Shukla will give the demonstrations.

The McLean County Fair is June 29 - August 2, 2026.

For more information about our club or the projects we are doing please contact Jeanie Wager at 309-728-2852 or Carrie Green at 309-846-7888.

Grow Solar Bloomington-Normal Returns for 2026

The Midwest Renewable Energy Association (MREA) is thrilled to announce the return of the Grow Solar Bloomington-Normal program for 2026. Building on the success of last year's pilot program and over 70 previous solar group buys across the Midwest, Grow Solar is an opportunity for residents of McLean and DeWitt counties to purchase a home solar system at a below-market cost.

Partnering once again with the Ecology Action Center in Normal, the Grow Solar program is designed to help homeowners and small businesses take control of their energy costs by offering discounted solar installations, at a moment when those costs are rising faster than ever before.

"Previous Grow Solar programs have collectively saved participants hundreds of thousands of dollars on their energy bills, and we want more Bloomington-Normal residents to access those savings!" says Michael Bay, Energy Program Coordinator with the Ecology Action Center. "With energy prices rising and incentives still available for small businesses and nonprofits, 2026 is an especially smart time to make the switch to solar, and a group buy program is the best way to do it."

Going solar through a group buy program unlocks additional savings. By joining together as a community, participants take advantage of the power of bulk buying, resulting in lower prices than a consumer could find on their own outside the program. Grow Solar will host free educational sessions, known as "Solar Power Hours," to help everyone understand the ins and outs of solar energy. After these sessions, interested homeowners will be connected with a trusted, local installer for personalized site assessments and project proposals.

StraightUp Solar was independently selected as the 2026 program installer. "For our company's 20th anniversary, there is no better way to celebrate than working with the Ecology Action Center and the Midwest Renewable Energy Association to deliver high quality and affordable solar energy for our neighbors in McLean and DeWitt counties", said Shannon Fulton, Vice President of Pre-Construction and leader of StraightUp Solar's Bloomington team. "Last year, we helped 20 new Grow Solar homeowners lower their electricity bills and protect the environment with solar, and we expect more community savings this year." (Cont'd)

Grow Solar programs have been offered in 24 markets across six Midwestern states over the past 16 years. Nearly 25 megawatts of new clean energy generation has been added through those programs, producing millions of kilowatt-hours of clean electricity every year.

“Electricity prices are being pushed higher by powerful, long-term forces,” says Michael Brown, Executive Director of the Ecology Action Center. “Thankfully, there are many resources to help residents keep prices as stable as possible. Municipal aggregation offered by both local governments can help stabilize your electric costs, and our solar group buy is another great way to add stability to your finances, reducing your electric bills for decades to come.”

The program's free Solar Power Hours will be hosted throughout the spring and summer, both in-person and virtually. The program's first event will be on Tuesday, May 14, 5:30pm at Keg Grove Brewing Company in Bloomington. The first webinar will be on Thursday, May 28 at 1:00pm, online via Zoom. For more information about the program and a full schedule of events and registration links, visit www.growsolar.org/bn.

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The Midwest Renewable Energy Association promotes renewable energy, energy efficiency, and sustainable living through education and demonstration.

Grow Solar Bloomington-Normal, led by MREA and the Ecology Action Center, facilitates group buying of solar panels to make solar energy accessible and affordable for residents and businesses in McLean and DeWitt Counties.

Road Safety in the Neighborhood

Hi neighbors,

We wanted to share a quick safety note as our daughter is learning to ride her bike around the neighborhood.

She is deaf and uses cochlear implants, which give her some access to sound, but it is limited. She has difficulty telling where sounds are coming from, and sometimes her helmet can shift the processors, causing her to lose sound access completely while riding.

We are actively teaching her safety skills (staying to the right, using a mirror, etc.), but as a new rider she may not be aware of approaching cars or their direction.

If you happen to see her riding, we would really appreciate extra caution—slowing down and giving her a little more space when passing.

Thank you so much for helping us keep her (and all the kids in the neighborhood) safe.

We're grateful to be part of such a thoughtful community.

—Steven and Rachel



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For Hire:

Millie Harmon is available for both pet sitting and babysitting. Millie has experience pet sitting, is a member of the Junior Zookeepers at Miller Park Zoo and is part of the equestrian team at Lone Ridge Farm. Millie has completed a safe sitter's course and enjoys being with children. She can be reached at 309-665-9053 (Millie) or 309-530-5360 (parent).

Lydia Lueschen is available for babysitting and/or pet sitting. Please call her cell at 309-808-9098.

Jaeden Proesel - Age 16 is willing to do odd jobs such as dog walking, pet sitting, lawn care, etc. Please reach out! 309-310-7470

Caden Lueschen is available for mowing, yard cleanup, and snow removal. Please call Brett Lueschen at 309-728-2353.

Hannah Safranek is available for pet-sitting, dog walking, watering flowers and other household chores. She can be reached at (309) 660-6418

Joey Safranek is available for pet-sitting, yard work, dog poop pickup and any other chores you might need. He can be reached at (309) 660-6405.