

# TOWANDA TIMES

## November 2025

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### MAYOR MINUTE

“Help others and give something back. I guarantee you will discover that while public service improves the lives and the world around you, its greatest reward is the enrichment and new meaning it will bring your own life.” ~ Arnold Schwarzenegger

#### ARE YOU WILLING TO HELP IN THE COMMUNITY?

Next Years Committee Agendas, Organization Gatherings, and Village Events behind the scenes planning starts now to ensure success for what's up and coming.

There will be works on the Sausage and Pancake details to see what they look like this year.

The Red Carpet Corridor will be extra special regarding events, being the 100<sup>th</sup> year for Route 66.

There are a variety of opportunities and organized events considered to take place along Route 66 along with collaborating during other communities participation.

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July will be expanding some events, working on getting some of the traditional items back, and adding new things for next year.

Please reach out by email, text, phone call and I would be more than happy to get you in touch with the helping leaders of any of these various groups or events.

As always, if there are any questions regarding the village events, any general village questions, comments or concerns within the community...

Feel free to contact me personally or attend a Board Meeting for anything you would like to be addressed.

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### **4-H**

For more information contact Jeanie Wager at 309 728-2852 or Carrie Vogel at 309 825-2468.

### **4TH OF JULY**

The Committee has begun plans for the 2026 July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration in combination and in honor of the **250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the USA** as well as the **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Route 66.**

We are looking for volunteers and suggestions on how to make 2026 the best year yet!

4TH OF JULY (cont.)

The Committee meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month, **EXCEPT** November and December. The next meeting will be on **Monday, January 26, 2026** at 6:30 pm at the Community Building. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us! If you can't attend meetings, ask how you can help, there are A LOT of things to do! ***It takes a Village!***

Questions can be directed to: [towardajuly4th@gmail.com](mailto:towardajuly4th@gmail.com) and Virginia Lowery at [vlowery1@hotmail.com](mailto:vlowery1@hotmail.com) or 309-825-6341.

## **FUNERAL COMMITTEE**

The Funeral Committee hosts receptions for our Village residents. Please let us know if we can be of help. Thank you to all those on the call list that continue to support this tradition. Also, we are looking for volunteers for our "call list" for food donations. Contact Tammy Pate call/text (309) 826-8776 or Janet Collins (309) 706-3390 for more information.

~Thank you to all that donated and assisted with Henry "Nat" Livingston's Celebration of Life. We could not continue this tradition without you!

## **HCE**

(Towanda Home and Community Education)

Towanda HCE invites YOU to their November meeting on Monday, Nov. 10, 6:30 p.m. at the Towanda Community Building. The program on Herbal Teas will be given by Linda Conder. The minor lesson is on the study of "South Africa, Their Government and Flag." The community outreach project for the Humane Society of Central Illinois is to bring "new" hand towels that can be brought to this meeting. We will be working on gift bags for the nursing home residents following the meeting. For more information, Cindy, 309-824-4797.

The county HCE activities include the following events and are open to the public. HCE "Cookie Exchange," Thursday, Nov 13, 9 a.m. to noon at the Farm Bureau Auditorium. To RSVP by Nov 2 and details, Debi 309-825-8458. Read & Share group will be discussing the book, *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt, Monday, Nov 17, 2-3:30 p.m. at the Extension Office, 309-825-6558. Community Service Day is Tuesday Nov 18, 9a-2p at Farm Bureau, working on blankets. Sewers and non sewers are invited to come and go as you can, and we welcome all to come and help as the need is great. A local leader lesson (free and open to the public), Tuesday, Nov. 25, 12:30-1:30 p.m. at Farm Bureau, with the topic, "Altering Food Recipes," given by Jenna Smith, U of I Extension Nutrition and Wellness Educator (309-532-2125).

## **TOWANDA AMERICAN LEGION**

Thank you to those that support us, we greatly appreciate it!  
email: [towandalegion@gmail.com](mailto:towandalegion@gmail.com) and find us on facebook

**NEW MEMBERS:** *We are looking for members!* Are you a Veteran, son of a Veteran, or would like to be in the Auxiliary? Join us for our **monthly meetings on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm** at the Towanda Legion.

**RENTALS:** The legion is a great place to rent for your events!  
Text Sharon Engel 309/531-8898 or Email us: [towandalegion@gmail.com](mailto:towandalegion@gmail.com)

**\*\*\* HALLOWEEN! Friday, October 31 @ 5-8 p.m. \*\*\***

Come trick-or-treat at the Legion!  
Pizza, treats, & fun! No charge, donations appreciated!

### LEGION ~ FALL/WINTER 2025 MENU ~

BREAKFAST: Saturday, 11/1/25 @ 8-10:30 a.m.

sausage, bacon, biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs,  
pancakes, hash browns, drink \$12

DINNER: Friday, 11/14/25 @ 5-7:00 p.m.

chili or chili mac, hot dog, chips, dessert & drink \$12  
kids: hot dog, chips, dessert & drink \$5

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!

Saturday, 12/13/25 @ 8-10:00 a.m.

pancakes, sausage, & drink  
free/donations appreciated!

NO Dinner in December.

All meals are subject to change without notice. Carry out available.

*Thank you for your continued support!*

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### TOWANDA DISTRICT LIBRARY

November is full of cozy fun at Towanda District Library! Join us for themed **Storytimes** like *Starry Night*, *Migration Station*, *Busy Bears*, and *Pumpkin Pie* throughout the month. Don't miss **Adult Craft Night** (Nov. 4), **LEGO Club** (Nov. 11), **Book Club** (Nov. 18), and a creative **Homeschool Event: Mini Art Museum** (Nov. 24). The library will be **closed Nov. 27-29** for Thanksgiving. Come enjoy stories, crafts, and community all month long!



## NOVEMBER PROGRAM SCHEDULE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<u>11/24 @ 2:00 pm</u> Homeschool Event: Mini Art Museum	<u>11/4 @ 5:30 pm</u> Adult Craft  <u>11/11 @ 2:30 pm</u> Lego Club: Sign Up Only  <u>11/18 @ 5:30 pm</u> Adult Book Club: Copies available for pickup!	<u>Storytimes every Wednesday at 10:30 am!</u>  <u>11/5-Starry Night</u>  <u>11/12-Migration Station</u>  <u>11/19-Busy Bear</u>  <u>11/26- Pumpkin Pie</u>		<u>Storytimes every Friday at 10:30 am!</u>  <u>11/7-Starry Night</u>  <u>11/14-Migration Station</u>  <u>11/21-Busy Bear</u>

### **TOWANDA FIRE DEPARTMENT (TFD)**

Come see us on the 1st (Officers Meeting), 2nd (Regular Meeting), 3rd (EMS Training), or 4th (Regular Meeting), Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm. Or join us on the last Monday of the month at 6:30 pm (Work Night/Business Meeting). Members of the Towanda Fire Department would like to thank the citizens of the Fire Protection District for their continued support.

### **TOWANDA HISTORICAL WALKWAY**

If anyone is interested in purchasing a Memorial or Historical brick for their family or friends, please contact Virginia Lowery @ 309 825-6341 or vlowery1@hotmail.com. The bricks are \$50 each with up to three lines of print, 16 spaces per line. Feel free to call or email me with any questions. Next year will be the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Route 66~ It's a good time to leave your "footprint" along old 66! Order your brick today!!! it's "**Towanda is a great little place to call HOME!**"

### **TOWANDA LION'S CLUB**

**Ham & Bean Dinner** - The Towanda Lions would like to thank everyone who attended the Ham & Bean Dinner, Friday October, 10. Good weather, good food, and community support make for good memories.

**Small Change** - For the third quarter of 2025, the Towanda Lions Club collected \$115.96. Checks in the amount of \$28.99 were distributed to the Towanda Library, Towanda Elementary School, Towanda Fire Dept. and Towanda American Legion.

Total collected to date, \$11,562.24.

**Caring Cupboard** - The cupboard continues to amaze us; however, we could use canned fruit, toilet/facial tissue, noodles, oatmeal, and hand soap.

Please consider joining our club! We are looking for new ideas, younger members, and forming new friendships. Contact Bob Hancock at (309) 282-1801 or email oldcars@frontiernet.net

### **TOWANDA ROUTE 66 PARKWAY**

Please consider purchasing a t-shirt or sweatshirt to support our Route 66 Parkway. Short and long sleeve t-shirts are available in an assortment of colors and can be viewed and purchased at Rayburn Place located at 305 Pine Street in Normal located along Old Route 66. All proceeds go towards the maintenance of our beautiful Parkway. Contact Fred Walk at fwalk@frontiernet.net for additional information about the shirts and for donating to the Parkway.

### **VILLAGE OF TOWANDA WATER CONFIDENCE REPORT**

The annual water report is posted on the Village Bulletin Board.

### **WEDNESDAY WEEDERS ~ Route 66 Parkway**

This is a group of volunteers who maintain the gardens on Route 66 Parkway. WE 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 (309) 533-0412.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b> -Legion Breakfast 8-10:30am
<b>2</b> -Daylight Savings	<b>3</b> -Towanda Board Meet 7:00pm CB	<b>4</b> -Garbage -Election Day	<b>5</b> -TFD Officer Meeting 6:30pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> -4-H @ 2:00pm CB	<b>10</b> -Towanda HCE 6:30pm CB	<b>11</b> -Garbage	<b>12</b> -Recycle -TFD Regular Meeting 6:30pm	<b>13</b> -Lion's Club @ Fire Dept 6:30pm	<b>14</b> -Legion Chili Supper 5-7pm	<b>15</b> -Water Bills Due
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> -Garbage	<b>19</b> -TFD EMS Train 6:30 pm	<b>20</b> -Legion Meet 7:00pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> -TFD Work Night 6:30pm	<b>25</b> -Garbage	<b>26</b> -Recycle -TFD Regular Meeting 6:30pm	<b>27</b> <i>THANKSGIVING</i>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
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**All information for the DECEMBER 2025 Newsletter is due NOVEMBER 20, please send to:  
[news@villageoftowanda.org](mailto:news@villageoftowanda.org)**

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