

Towanda 4th of JULY CELEBRATION – 2008

Towanda, Illinois 61776

Website: www.geocities.com/TowandaJuly4

(Exit 171 - on I-55; 7 miles North-East of Bloomington)

Thursday, July 3, 20084:30 – 7:00 pm Spaghetti Dinner *Community Building**The Following Events will be held at South Park*

6:00 pm **Pet Contest** (for Youth 18 and younger)
 7:45 pm Miss / Master Introduced
 8:00 – 12:00 pm Community Dance - Music by DJ
 'Absolute Light and Sound'
 Raffle Drawings will be held at the Dance

Friday, July 4, 2008

All Day Flea Market *North & South Parks*
 All Day *Community Bldg & Parks*
 Beverages, pork chop sandwiches,
 BBQ, brats, hot dogs, funnel cakes
 walking tacos, snow cones, kettle corn
 8:45-9:30 am Parade Lineup *School*
 10:00 am Parade Begins
 evening 'Olde Tyme' Games *School*
 Dusk Fireworks

Thursday, July 3**SPAGHETTI SUPPER**

Spaghetti, salad, bread prepared by Avanti's; homemade dessert and beverage, at the Community Bldg 4:30-7:00 pm.

PET CONTEST for YOUTH- (18 and younger)

Dogs, Cats, and Critters - judging at 6:00 pm, South Park - All pets must be leashed; owners are responsible to keep their pets under control. Prizes awarded. Pre-registration is not required

MISS & MASTER

The Miss and Master Contest is for girls and boys 5-8 years old. All previous Miss & Master winners are ineligible. An Entry Form is to be completed and turned in at the Library by Sat.Jun.21 (no photos). Winners will be notified by Thu.Jun.26, and ride in the Parade. Entry forms are available at the Library and in the June newsletters in Towanda, Indian Creek and Lamplighter.

The Miss and Master will be introduced and presented with trophies at 7:45 pm in South Park. Heather Lueschen~ 728.2840

COMMUNITY DANCE and ENTERTAINMENT

Dance music will be provided by DJ 'Absolute Light and Sound' beginning around 8:00 pm (following the 7:45 pm program) until midnight. Raffle drawings will be held during the evening. Hot dogs, walking tacos, kettle corn & soft drinks will be sold & collection will be taken to help defray expenses. Bring lawn chairs if desired.

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 Linda Potts~ 728.2384

Friday, July 4**FLEA MARKET**

The Flea Market will be held all day in North and South Parks. Furniture, primitives, bottles, coins, art glass, china, pressed and cut glass, jewelry, brass and copper, handcrafted items, books, clocks, antiques, collectibles; many booths will have LOTS of items for sale.

Admission is free; dealer space reserved @ \$35. A black smith and other novelty work will be on display.

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FOOD CONCESSIONS

The Towanda Scouting Organization will serve pork chop sandwiches, BBQ, soft drinks & water at the Community Building.

Local organizations and vendors will be selling other food items. Watch for posters.

PARADE**"History Comes Alive in Towanda - 2008"**

8:45 am Registration and line up at Towanda School
 9:45 am Grand Marshal Award presented to the float which best represents the parade theme.
 10:00 am Parade 'steps off' from the school

Emcee Dennis Kirby will be located on the grain scale.

Parade Route: Adams & East St go West; Jefferson turn North; Washington go East; Madison turn South; Monroe go East; and Taylor go South and exit at Hely and the school playground.

Participants: Parade Grand Marshal, Miss & Master & Court; elected dignitaries and candidates; Color Guard, Tin Lizzies, Community Band, Shriners Calliope Unit, floats, antique vehicles, horses, bicyclers, walkers, others.

Special Parade Unit: 'The 50 American Flags Living Memorial' is a spectacular and breathtaking unit! **Local flag bearers will carry the flags in the parade** – older youth and adults are asked to **call to sign up** (route is hilly and about 1 mile long).

There will be a 'Speed Check-in' and flags for those who are pre-registered. No fee to participate; but donations appreciated.

Gail Ann Briggs~ 728.2187

'Olde Tyme' GAMES / FIREWORKS !!

Games will be held at the school in the evening – until the fireworks at dusk.

**Plan now to be a part of the 40th Annual
 Celebration of Towanda's 4th of July**