

Indian Creek Newsletter

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Neighborhood Morning Coffee

Approximately 15 people enjoyed the neighbor morning gathering at Ruth Parson's home in October. Helen and Tim Mogill are extending an invitation to the Indian Creek neighborhood to meet again on **Monday, November 10, 10:00am**. Everyone is welcome – male, female, retired, or younger. Please let Helen know if you are planning to come: 728-2048, hmogill@frontiernet.net. The Mogills live at 18 Bent Tree Lane. The December coffee will be on Friday, December 19 at Marilyn Blank's home.



Cookies for Soldiers



The McLean County HCE is again preparing to send boxes of holiday cookies to our soldiers overseas. Our goal is 500 dozen cookies to pack. If you can help us out by baking cookies, please bring them to the Extension Office, 402 N. Hershey Rd, Bloomington, before or on December 2 by 9:00am. so they can be packed up that morning.

McLean County HCE members will be selling Bergner's November 15 "Community Day" coupon books for \$5. Each \$5 coupon book has a \$10 coupon towards any \$10 purchase on November 15 along with many other value coupons. You can shop in advance, starting November 3 and lay away your purchases using your coupons if you are not available to shop on November 15. The full \$5 from each coupon booklet will go towards expenses. It costs \$11 to send each box to a central Illinois soldier. For questions or to purchase a coupon, contact Leatha at 452-9164 or Pat, 728-2118.



American Legion Fish Dinner

The Legion is having a **FISH DINNER** on **Friday, November 14, 5:30am - 7:30am**. Dinner includes catfish or white fish, French fries, baked beans, coleslaw, roll, dessert and drink for \$8. The public is invited. Carry outs are available.



Curly Willow Junction



Curly Willow Junction, owned by Barb Johnson, has recently opened at 110 Main Street in Towanda.

The shop carries crafts, gifts, and home accessories, all home made. Items for sale include home made furniture, stained glass, jewelry, Christmas items, kitchen accessories, greeting cards, dog beds, and much more.

Open Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00am – 5:00pm.



Indian Creek Fall Work Day

Submitted by Jim Russell - Grounds Chairman



Left to right:

Back Row: Jim Ferrier,
Jim Russell,
Greg Beneze,
Helen Mogill,
Brian Krause

Front Row: Michael Morales,
Kevin Krause,
Kay Liebenow

A big thank you goes out to a hardy band of Indian Creek volunteers who braved a stiff wind on a chilly Saturday to clean up the 2 mile portion of Route 29 that the Indian Creek Homeowners Association has adopted. Greg Beneze, Kay Liebenow, Jim Ferrier, Brian Krause and his sons Kevin and Michael, and Jim Russell collected 6 bags of litter plus 1 car bumper and got a little exercise and fresh air. Also a big thank you to Helen Mogill, another IC volunteer, who sanded and re-stained the Nature Area gate. It really needed it and now looks great! There were even more IC neighbors who wanted to help but couldn't on that day.

We're fortunate to live in a neighborhood where so many are willing to donate their time for the common good.

Towanda Library News

(on the web at <http://towandalibrary.org>)

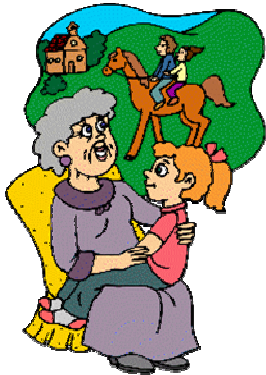
Gaming Day @ your library, Sat, Nov 15, 10:00am – noon

Join your neighbors as thousands of libraries throughout the country host special gaming events in celebration of National Gaming Day @ your library. Play board games or games on the library computers. The library has many games that you can check out, too.



Family Reading Night, Thur, Nov 20, 5:00pm

Family Reading Night happens to fall on International Children's Day this year. Stories that help children learn about customs and games played by children around the world will be read. Stop by the library at 5:00p.m. for this global awareness and diversity appreciation program.



Pre-School Story Hours, 11:00 am - weekly on Mondays

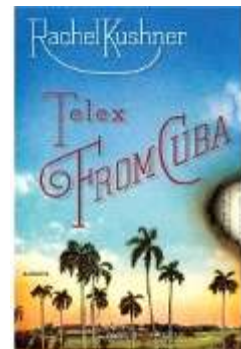
Mondays each week preschoolers learn the "joy of reading". Youth Services Librarian Joanna Ranniger reads to children ages 3 through 5 and leads them in educational activities. Open enrollment allows children to enter the program whenever they turn three. Younger brothers and sisters listen to online, animated TumbleBooks and enjoy board books with parental supervision.

Buying children's books as gifts?

You can help support the Towanda Library by purchasing your books through the Friend's of the Library online book sale at *Usborne Books*. A percentage of each sale will go to benefit the library. Go to the library website for a link to the book sale website.

Friends of the Library and Towanda Reads, Wed, Dec 10, 6:00pm

The next meeting of the Friends of the Library and the Towanda Reads book club will be Wednesday, December 10, at 6:00pm at the home of Kay Liebenow, 33 Candle Ridge Road. The book to be discussed will be *Telex from Cuba* by Rachel Kushner. The meeting will be a holiday party with each attendee bringing either an appetizer or a desert. Contact the library for more information.



New Hours at the Library – starting December 1, 2008

Monday	10a – 7p
Tuesday	1p - 7p
Wednesday	10a – 7p
Thursday	1p – 6p
Friday	3p – 6p
Saturday	9a – noon

Classifieds



For Rent:

- **Kay Liebenow**, 728-2427, email: <mailto:kayliebenow@hotmail.com>
A Marriott Grand Vista time share in Orlando, Florida is available for one week in 2009 in August, September, October, November, or in the first 2 weeks in December. 2 Bedrooms, kitchen, dining room, living room, 2 baths, washer and dryer and of course all the amenities of a very nice resort. \$800.00 for 7 days and 7 nights. See <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mcogv-marriotts-grande-vista/>.



More For The Poor Campaign

By Scott Mason



Our priest handed out one hundred dollar bills to parishioners to go out and use the hundred dollars to try and double or triple it for the poor. Our family decided to sell Krispy Kreme punch cards. We return the money to the priest on November 17.

Each card good for 10 Punches. You buy one dozen assorted/glazed donuts and get another dozen glazed Krispy Kreme donuts FREE! These cards NEVER EXPIRE! Get yours by sending an email to **Scott Mason** canadamole@aol.com to make arrangements to get your Krispy Kreme card! All proceeds go to MORE FOR THE POOR CAMPAIGN! Thanks for your support.



Festival of Trees

By Kellie Patti

The **Festival of Trees**, a holiday event to benefit **The Baby Fold** is just around the corner! I am writing to pass on a great volunteer opportunity. For 105 years, The Baby Fold has been a place of refuge and help for young children and their families in Illinois. The Festival of Trees is in its 15th year as a family-centered holiday event for the community. Proceeds from the festival go toward serving the children and families of The Baby Fold. Hundreds of volunteers are needed to make the Festival of Trees a success.



I am the Volunteer Co-Chair for the Festival of Trees and would like to invite you and/or your team/organization/club members to participate in a wonderful community volunteer opportunity. We are looking for groups and/or individuals willing to commit to volunteer for a few hours at the Festival in November. We are in need of large groups as well as individuals to help with all aspects of the festival. If you or a group you belong to can spare a few hours of your time and would like to volunteer please **call (309)451-7254** or access a volunteer form at <http://www.festoftrees.org> by clicking on "Contact the Festival". The volunteer form lists the dates, times and areas in need of volunteers. Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age. Please feel free to pass this information on to other individuals and organizations that may have an interest. If I can answer any questions regarding volunteering for The Festival of Trees please don't hesitate to contact me at 728-2065 or kpatti@frontiernet.net.

Towanda Area Historical Society

By Gail Ann Briggs



We appreciated the opportunity to participate with the Barn Keepers' Towanda area tour of barns in September. Thanks to volunteers and donations from Kicks Bar & Grill, Denny's Donuts, and friends of TAHS, we raised \$420.

Duncan Manor T-shirts are still available (limited sizes and colors) at the library and the cost is \$9 each or 3/\$24. Looking for a worthwhile organization to support? We invite you to send checks payable to "Towanda Area Historical Society" to P.O. Box 217, Towanda IL 61776

Be sure to check out our website <http://www.towandahistory.org/> where you will find a new feature on our home page - links to recently added items. The Veterans History Project will be included in the near future.

Anyone with information about the location of Jack Jenkins copy of the history of El Paso IL is asked to contact Gail Ann Briggs 728.2187 - or if it has been located, to leave it at the library. It was last reviewed in late 2006 or early 2007.

Due to holidays TAHS will not meet in November and December. Please put the next meeting, January 27, 2009, on your calendar and plan to join us at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Building. Watch for posters with details about the program which will feature the history book. Questions? Please be in touch through our website or to President Gail Ann Briggs, 728-2187.



Towanda Fire Department

EMT Course

The Towanda Fire Department will begin an EMT course on **Tuesday, December 2**. The EMT course is available for those above the age of 18. Contact Gary Cornell at (309) 275-5303 or by email at Cornell632@yahoo.com for more information about the course including time and price.



First Responder Course

The Towanda Fire Department will begin a First Responder course on **Monday, January 5, 2009**. The first responder course is available for anyone above the age of 16. Anyone interested in learning more about the course including time and price can contact Gary Cornell at 275-5303 or by email at Cornell632@yahoo.com.

Junior Firefighter Program

The Junior Firefighter Program meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station. Anyone between the ages of 15-17 who is interested in joining the program can stop by during the regular meeting time or contact Tom Wagner at 319-0130 or by email at wagbo616@hotmail.com.

Towanda VFW on Veterans' Day

Veteran's Day



State farm will be hosting a Veterans' Day ceremony and lunch on **Tuesday, November 11 at 10:30** at the corporate office. Towanda's VFW Post 462 will be posting the flags of the armed forces and will be honored along with other veterans from Illinois, for their service and dedication to their country.



THCE Programs

by Pat Pulokas, 728-2118; palp@mchsi.com



The Towanda Unit of the McLean County Home and Community Education will be meeting at the Towanda Community Building on **Monday, November 10 at 6:30pm**. The program will be "Slow Cookers" and foods will be brought to sample. Leatha Poshard and Judy Rollins are hostesses coordinating the dishes brought in. Other program materials will be given on "Recycling Update" and "New Gadgets in the kitchen", presented by Leatha Poshard. Members and guests are asked to bring their favorite recipe and if it's a slow cooker recipe would be ideal. The fact find will be on "Sensible Holiday Eating" just in time for Thanksgiving and the upcoming holidays and family events. For more information about this meeting or the Towanda HCE, please contact Cindy Kelley, 663-4796.

Check the HCE website for more information about all upcoming programs and workshops at <http://www.mcleanhce.org>.



School News



- PTO Meeting November 3, 7:00pm
- Book Fair November 17-21
- No School November 26
- Thanksgiving Break November 27-28



Digging by Water Tower



Curious about why there was digging by the water tower? NICOR needed to repair the gas line leading into the subdivision.