

# Indian Creek Newsletter

## June, 2009

on the web at <http://www.frontiernet.net/~indiancreek>  
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### Neighborhood Morning Coffee



Jim Kellenberger has extended an invitation to the Indian Creek neighborhood to meet on **Friday, June 5, 10:00am** for refreshments and good company in the area by the soccer field behind his home. All Indian Creekers are welcome.

Please let Jim know if you are planning to come: 728-2494, [jkellenberger@lrs.com](mailto:jkellenberger@lrs.com). Jim lives at 27 Candle Ridge Road.

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### Legion Breakfast

The Towanda American Legion will have a breakfast on **Sunday, June 7, from 7:30am to 10:30am**. Breakfast will include scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash brown potatoes, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, fruit and drink for \$8. Carry outs are available.



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### Legion Steak Dinner



The Sons of the American Legion will have a steak dinner on **Friday, June 12, 5:30pm to 7:30pm**. Dinner will include rib eye steak, baked potato, salad, roll, dessert and drink for \$10. Carry outs are available.

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### Volleyball

Jim Kellenberger has set up a volley ball net in the soccer field and has made it available to any Indian Creekers and guests who would like to use it. No need to sign up. Thanks, Jim!!



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### No More Yard Waste Pickup

**Yard Waste**

I am sorry to report that the person who had volunteered to pick up yard waste once a month is no longer able to do so.

## Congratulations Graduates!

**Elisa Beneze**, daughter of Greg and Carol Beneze, has graduated from Scripps College in Claremont, California, with a degree in Political Science/International Relations. She spent a semester studying abroad at the University of Buenos Aires and worked last summer as an intern in Senator Barack Obama's Washington DC Senate Office. She is currently working as a research analyst in Washington, DC.



**Lindsay Bertsche**, daughter of Mark and Kim Bertsche, has graduated from Millikin University Tabor School of Business with a B.S. in Marketing. She plans to work for an advertising firm.

**Kathy Parsons Chandler**, daughter of Ron and Ruth Parsons, is graduating from Northwestern University. She has earned a Master's degree in Organizational Behavior.

**Kendall Cox**, son of Dan and Denise Cox, has graduated from Central Catholic high school and will be going to Western Illinois University in the fall.

**Anna Cummings**, daughter of Craig and Terri Cummings, is graduating from Normal Community high school. She is the recipient of a Community Scholars scholarship (a 2 year tuition/books scholarship to Heartland Community College with a weekly obligation of 5 hours community service). She plans to transfer to Illinois State University in two years and major in Social Work.

**Mick Larson**, son of Jim and Marsha Larson, has graduated from the University of Missouri (Columbia) with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a minor in Management. He plans to pursue a Master's degree in Health Care Administration also at Mizzou.

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## Water Report

by Bob Hancock, 728-2990



While most of you were still asleep Thursday morning, May 21, Brian Krause reported to me at 4:00 a.m. that we had no water. Fortunately, at the tower there is a manual override switch to start the pump. The water tower began filling at 4:20 a.m.

I would like to thank Frank Cottrell, Water Technician and Laesch Electric for getting out here quickly and diagnosing the problem. The cause of the water outage was a failure of a water level switch which controls the pump. Since we had no water pressure earlier (below 20 psi), the EPA calls for a mandatory boil order. The boil order was lifted Saturday afternoon. At the time of this writing, we still have issues with the new switch. We are hopeful to resolve this soon!

I would like to thank the following people for their efforts: **Brian Krause** for alerting me to the problem so quickly. I would rather know about a water problem early in the morning than mid day when more people are relying on water. Helen Mogill for sending the mass email communication on the Boil Order/Boil Order Lifted. **Helen Mogill, Mary Ann Boyd, Faith Meyers, Connie Priess, Wilbur Hofmann, & Tom Smith** for helping with the phone tree communication. Bloomington Water Department for having someone come in on a holiday weekend to test our water sample which lead to the release of the boil order. Also, thanks to all of you who recently completed the Cross Connection Survey. We have no violations which require further investigation."

## Communications



During the time of the water boil order we attempted to email and call all Indian Creek residents. If we do not have your current email address and/or phone number and you wish to be contacted for this type of emergency, or with other subdivision news, please notify Helen Mogill: 728-2048, [hmogill@frontiernet.net](mailto:hmogill@frontiernet.net).



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## Towanda Library News

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

### **Summer Teen Nights, June 11, 7- 9pm, July, August**

Teens enjoy a place to relax and socialize with their peers. The library plans to offer teens a monthly opportunity for casual, unstructured fun in a name-your-own activities format. Starting with a **coffee house atmosphere and Open Mic on Thursday, June 11**, swinging into a game night in July, and by August offering a movie of the teen's choosing – the library invites teens to consider the library when they say, "What is there to do around here?"

### **Reading for the Dogs, Tuesdays, June 23 - July 28, 6–7pm**

Youth can read one-on-one with a trained and certified canine friend - by appointment only - from June 23 - July 28 on Tuesdays between 6:00pm and 7:00pm. See <http://www.therapyanimals.org/read/article86.html> for the benefits of this program.



### **Summer Reading Program – Weds, 10:00–11:30, 6/17–7/29**

The Summer Reading Program is held each Wednesday morning from 10 to 11:30. Weekly programs at the library will provide engaging, interactive performances, community speakers, craft projects, games, readers' theater, and reading challenges. Joanna Ranning and Karen Bersche will provide a variety of age-appropriate programs for youth - ages 3 to 6 years and 7 to 12 years. Open enrollment allows children to join the fun anytime during the 7-week program – June 17 through July 29, 2009. The full schedule of summer activities is posted on the library website at <http://towandalibrary.org>.

### **Friends of the Library, Wed, June 10, 6:00pm**

The next meeting of the Friends of Towanda District Library is **Wednesday, June 10 at 6:00pm**. Purpose: plan for the 4th of July book sale. The meeting will be held at the home of a member. Contact the library for location and directions.

### **Towanda Reads Book Club, Wed, June 10 at 7:00pm**

The next book for TOWANDA READS club book to discuss is: "**The Coal Tattoo**" by Silas House. It is part of a trilogy that includes "Clay's Quilt" and "A Parchment of Leaves". It is also the selection for the Bloomington-Normal "One City" events. TOWANDA READS welcomes new participants at any of its sessions. The meeting will be held at the home of a member. Contact the library for location and directions.

### **Family Movie Nights** , Movies begin at dusk (about 8:30).

June 12 Jungle Book  
June 26 Godzilla

## Classifieds

### Free:

**Connie Priess**, [priess@frontiernet.net](mailto:priess@frontiernet.net), 728-2343

Like-new computer stand to give away. Wood top with metal base and keyboard shelf.



### For Sale:

**Stephanie Busing**, [busings\\_01@yahoo.com](mailto:busings_01@yahoo.com), 826-4557

Double stroller and pack and play for \$50 each, and single stroller and high chair for \$25 each. All are neutral colors. Blue and yellow crib sheets, and girl clothes ranging from 12-18mos. (summer to fall), as well as some other baby things.

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## Blood Drive, June 23



The Busy Bees 4-H Club will sponsor their annual blood drive on **Tuesday, June 23, 3:00pm - 7:00pm** at the Towanda Community Building. Mark your calendars and call for an appointment: Pat Pulokas, 728-2118 or Brandon Bonner, 454-2275. You are eligible to donate if you donated on or before April 28. Be a HOLIDAY HERO and donate at our blood drive.

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## Raccoon Latrine

Did you know that raccoons establish community latrines—sites where they repeatedly deposit fresh feces on top of old feces. They prefer sites that are flat and raised off the ground, but they also use the base of trees, and occasionally, open areas. This is unsightly, but you must be very careful if you clean up a raccoon latrine because 60% of raccoons carry a roundworm (*Baylisascaris procyonis*) which can cause blindness and neurological damage and death in humans.

To clean up:

- Wear disposable rubber, plastic, or latex gloves.
- Wear disposable plastic booties, or rubber boots that can be scrubbed and left outside.
- If working in a confined area, such as an attic or crawl space, wear a N95-rated particle mask (home renovation or safety supply stores carry them) to prevent accidental ingestion of eggs or inhalation of fungal spores or dust.
- Thoroughly launder your clothes with hot water and detergent after cleaning up the latrine
- Avoid stirring up dust and debris. You can lightly mist the latrine area with a little water from a spray bottle to reduce the amount of dust.
- Use a shovel or disposable rigid scoop to gently lift feces and any other contaminated material and place it into a heavy-duty plastic garbage bag.
- Close the plastic bag tightly with a “twist-tie” or tape, place it into a 2nd garbage bag, discard it in your garbage collection can, and make sure that raccoons cannot get into the can.
- Disinfect hard, smooth surfaces (including shovel blades) with boiling water.



**Raccoon Latrine on Bent Tree Lane  
after several days of rain**

See more at

<http://icwdm.org/Publications/pdf/Diseases/Baylisascaris%20procyonis/raccoonlatrineSantabarbaraCA.pdf>





## 4th of July Events

Volunteers are needed to help with parade line-up and to be one of the fifty American Flag carriers in the parade. Please consider being a part of the 40th Annual Celebration. To sign up contact Gail Ann Briggs 728.2187 or [rgbriggs@frontiernet.net](mailto:rgbriggs@frontiernet.net). The 4th of July Planning Committee will meet **Mon, June 1 and Mon., June 22 at 7:00pm** at the Community Building.

See the full schedule of events at [http://towandail.org/index\\_files/2009-4thOfJulyFlyer.pdf](http://towandail.org/index_files/2009-4thOfJulyFlyer.pdf)

### **Friday, July 3, 2009**

4:30–7:00pm *Community Building*

7:45pm *South Park*

8:00–12:00pm *South Park*

**Spaghetti Dinner**

**Miss / Master and Theme Winners**

**Community Dance** Music by *Unknown Road*

**Raffle Drawings will be held at the dance.**

### **Saturday, July 4, 2009**

All Day *North & South Parks*

All Day *Community Bldg & Parks*

8:45-9:30am *School*

10:00am

Evening *School*

Dusk

**Flea Market**

**Food Concessions**

**Parade Lineup**

**Parade Begins**

**'Olde Tyme' Games begin**

**Fireworks**

The Miss and Master Contest is for girls and boys **5-8 years** old. Previous Misses or Masters are ineligible. Complete the *Entry Form* and turn it in at the Library by Saturday, **June 20** (NO PHOTOS). Winners will be notified by Thursday, June 25. Winners will be introduced before the dance (7:45 p.m. Friday, July 3) and ride in the Parade on Saturday, July 4 (lineup is at 9:30 a.m. in front of the school).

Questions? Call Heather Lueschen 728-2840

### *Miss and Master Entry Form*

*Please print*

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Age: \_\_\_\_\_ (birthdate) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



### **HCE SPAGHETTI SUPPER**

**TUESDAY, JULY 3<sup>RD</sup>**

**4:30 TO 7:00 P.M.**

**TOWANDA COMMUNITY BUILDING**

**ADVANCE TICKET PRICES:**

**ADULTS/\$5.00, CHILD/\$3.00**

**Or 50 CENTS MORE AT THE DOOR**

Sponsored by:

**Towanda Home&Community Education**

**PHONE: 728-2118 or 663-4796**

**Spaghetti, bread & Salad by Avanti's**

**Homemade Desserts & Drinks**

**\*\*\*\*CARRY OUT AVAILABLE\*\*\*\***

## Indian Creek Spring Work Day



On the afternoon of May 31st a small group of neighbors volunteered their time to help keep Indian Creek an attractive place to live. Our neighborhood's Adopt-A-Highway 2 mile portion of Route 29 was cleaned up. Several bags of litter were collected. After that a couple people cut down a split tree and removed branches overhanging the Nature Area trails. Earlier in the month, Nature Area tree tags were checked and some were moved. Thanks to Bob Hancock, Dave McCarty, Carol Beneze, Brian Krause, Kurt Patti, Kelly Patti and Jim Russell. Suggestions for the Fall work day? Email Jim Russell [jf3b@frontiernet.net](mailto:jf3b@frontiernet.net) or call 728-8042.

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## Unit 5 Redistricting



- **Tuesday, June 16** ~ at 6:00 p.m. Unit 5 will host a Community Redistricting Forum at NCHS (3900 E Raab Rd, Normal)
- **Wednesday, June 17** ~ at 6:00 p.m. Unit 5 will host a Community Redistricting Forum at NCWHS (501 N Parkside Rd, Normal)

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## Towanda Lions sponsored Steve Liebenow Memorial Scholarship.

The Towanda Lions Club is sponsoring a \$500.00 scholarship for a 2009 High School college bound senior and/or currently enrolled college student attending classes full time from the Towanda area. This is a one-time scholarship, not open to renewal.

Applicants for this scholarship must meet the following criteria:

1. The applicant must have a Towanda mailing/residence address.
2. Average grade of at least a C, verified by a high school transcript.
3. In 250 words or less, submit a letter of application containing a brief biographical profile which includes your college plans, school activities, community service activities, and work history. Indicate your plans for using the scholarship money and why you are deserving of the award.
4. Submit two letters of recommendation: one from a teacher, counselor, or administrator, and one from a non-relative in the Towanda area.
5. Submit a copy of your fall 2009 class schedule of the college/university you will be attending.
6. Letter of application, recommendation, transcript, and class schedule must be received by the Scholarship Committee Chairman by September 15, 2009.



Mail to: Steve Liebenow Memorial Scholarship  
c/o Robert Hancock  
7 Bent Tree Lane  
Towanda, Illinois 61776

The Towanda Lions Club committee will review all applications and select one scholarship winner. All applicants will be notified by mail of the committee's choice.

## Supplies Needed for HCE Soldier Care boxes



The McLean County HCE will be collecting items/supplies for soldiers Care Boxes at the Legion's breakfast on **Sunday, June 7** and also at their dinner on **Friday, June 12**. This collection is part of a county project of McLean County HCE. They will have a display available to view, including many letters received from soldiers from McLean County or sons and daughters of local

McLean County residents thanking HCE for thinking of them. Last December, HCE sent 150 boxes of Holiday Cookies to individual soldiers. HCE is also accepting money collections to be used toward postage expenses incurred from sending care boxes every other month to soldiers. Last year the expenses were close to \$4,000. This year we expect it be near \$6500. Please respond by bringing your care package donations and your financial support.

### WRITING MATERIALS, GAMES & BOOKS

Paperback books	Board Games	Small pocket size notebooks
Current Newspapers	Playing cards	Writing paper/envelopes
Magazines (not too racy)	Checkers (travel size)	Permanent black markers
DVD's & CD's Movies and/or music	Chess (travel size)	Pens/pencils
Crossword or word search books	Squirt guns, Yo Yo's	Frisbees (must be the dog Frisbees)

### DRINKS & FOOD (NO PORK PRODUCTS)

Instant Coffee	Coffee Creamer	Pop tarts
Small bags Peanuts	Tea mixes	Hot chocolate
Fruit, Pudding cups	Beef Jerky, Tuna	Sunflower seeds
Hostess snacks	Peanut butter	Oatmeal, Cereal (Individual)
Jelly in plastic bottles	Ravioli	Little Debbie cakes, cookies etc.
Breakfast bars	Goldfish crackers	Canned fruit in flip top cans
Gum	Gatorade(individual) Freezer	Kool-aid sticks to freeze
Powdered Drinks mixes (individual Crystal Light, Sweetened Kool-Aid)		
MICROWAVE ITEMS:	Ramen Noodles, Ramen soup in a cup; Campbell's soups in a cup, popcorn; Hormel meals, or any dry meals that can be microwaved.	

### CLOTHING

Long boot length socks	Kneepads	Short sport type socks
Sweatbands	Travel size pillows	Fitted Sheets (twin size)

### TOILETRIES, Etc.

Chapstick with sunscreen	Q-tips	Baby Wipes
Mouthwash, Toothpaste	Nail Clippers	Dental Floss
Tylenol (individual packets)	Bar Soap	Wash rags
Disposable razors	Shampoo	Eye drops
Waterless Hand Sanitizer	Hair brushes	Toilet Paper
Feminine Hygiene products for Women	Throat Lozenges	Tissues (Puffs)
Cold water wash for laundry (woolite)	Men's Stick Deodorant	Plastic soap containers

### MISCELLANEOUS

Small American Flags	Patriotic Magnets	Batteries (AA, AAA, C)
Baggies with zip lock	Bug repellent wipes	Plastic silverware
Disposable cameras	Flash lights	Fly swatters
Cushion Shoe insoles	Small mesh bags	Scotch Tape
Small photo albums	Small can opener	Duct Tape
3M plastic wall hooks (used to hang towels)		Neck coolers
Telephone Cards for International calls		Helmet Liners

This collection is a county project of McLean County Home & Community Education County Board. To donate items & postage money, receive patterns for neck coolers & helmet liners call: Leatha Poshard, 309-452-9164. Check website for more details at <http://www.mcleanhce.org>

## Towanda HCE



The Towanda HCE will have their June Outing on **Tuesday, June 9** when they will car pool to or meet at Michaels Restaurant in Bloomington at 5:30 p.m. and then go across to the street to the McLean County Museum of History. We will be visiting the new exhibit on food ways called **Come & Get It! The Way We Ate 1830-2008**. This exhibit offers an exploration of the history of local food, evolving eating habits, traditions, and methods of preparation. Guests are welcome to join us.

Call Deb Kinsella, 728-2216 or Pat Pulokas, 728-2118 to RSVP and to arrange car pools.

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## Glorious Garden Festival

**Fri., June 19 & Sat., June 20**

The Glorious Garden Walk offers self-guided tours through some of the loveliest private gardens in the Bloomington-Normal community. This breathtaking adventure allows you to appreciate the beauty of the gardens, while taking the time to gather ideas and enjoy the many gifts that nature has to offer.

Visit <http://gloriousgardens.tripod.com>. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$7 for ages 1-17. TICKETS ARE GOOD FOR BOTH DAYS.

**Fri., June 19, 1 p.m. – 8 p.m.**  
**Sat., June 20, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.**



**Reservation deadline is Wed., June 17.** Tickets will be distributed at time of purchase.