

Indian Creek Newsletter

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Neighborhood Morning Coffee



Tommie Crouthammel has extended an invitation to the Indian Creek neighborhood to meet on **Monday, November 16, 10:00am** for refreshments and good company at her home. All Indian Creekers are welcome.

Please let Tommie know if you are planning to come: tcrouthamel@aim.com, 728-2311. Tommie lives at 22 Bent Tree Lane.

Girl Scout Food Drive

Towanda Girl Scouts Thursday Night Troop will be sponsoring a food drive during the first week of November, collecting non-perishable food for local pantries. A collection box will be at the American Legion on Sunday, November 1 during the breakfast. Donations will also be accepted on **Thursday, November 5** in a collection box at the Towanda Community Building from **9 am – noon** or during our regularly scheduled meeting time, 6-7 pm. We will also collect donations from the front porch of Towanda residents who call ahead of time to let us know that they have a donation. Please contact one of the following leaders if you would like food picked up from your front porch on Thursday evening, November 5 (village of Towanda/Lamplighter only): Becky Domkuski 728-2964, Jackie Kraft 728-2692 or Malissa Kraft 825-1235.



Legion Breakfast



The Towanda American Legion will have a breakfast on **Sunday November 1 from 7:30am to 11:00am**. Breakfast will include scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash brown potatoes, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, fruit and drink for \$8. Carry outs are available.

Legion Pork Chop Dinner

There will be Pork Chop dinner on **Friday November 13, 5:30pm - 7:30pm**. Dinner will include pork chop sandwich, green beans, fries, drink and dessert for \$7. Carry outs are available.



Towanda Library News

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

Read to Dogs on Tuesday evenings

Reluctant readers blossom when they practice their reading skills with a canine friend. The **first 3 Tuesdays of November and December** children may come to the library from **5:30pm to 6:30pm** for a 15-minute appointment with one of the certified dogs who listen attentively. Children must be registered with parent's permission to participate. Call, e-mail or stop in at the library for more details.



November Movies

November 24 from 5 to 7 pm Tom and Huck
November 25 from noon to 2 Pocohontas

Kringle Delivery is the Week of November 16th - Exact Date TBA

Food for Fines

Between Thanksgiving and Christmas the library will accept donations of non-perishable food items in lieu of fines. Gifts will be shared with area food pantries.

Volunteer Recognition Event -- November 5th from 6:30 to 8:30

Family Reading Night

Towanda District Library will participate in Family Reading Night activities at Kingsley Junior High School on November 23rd.

Collection for Troops



The American Legion and Auxiliary will be collecting items to send to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Some suggested items to send would be pop tarts, granola bars, nuts, raisins, cup of soup, snack cakes, tuna in "fresh pouch", chewing gum, hard candy, tea bags, hot cocoa, disposable cameras, towels/wash cloths, t-shirts, socks, playing cards, kleenex, baby wipes, deodorant, shampoo, hand sanitizer, insect repellent, chapstick, lotion. Items can be dropped off at the Legion or at the Community Building.

Towanda Seniors Potluck luncheon

The Towanda Seniors will meet **November 11** at the Fort Jesse Cafe at **11:30am** for lunch. If you have any questions please contact Beverly Meginnes at 728-2769.



Towanda Lions Steve Liebenow Memorial Scholarship Winner



Since the year 2000, the Towanda Lions Club has been sponsoring a \$500.00 scholarship in honor of Steve Liebenow who passed away in February, 1999. Lion Liebenow was a great educator, community leader, fellow Lion and most important a genuine person who cared about others in need.

Congratulations to Nicholas Patti from Indian Creek who is this year's winner of the scholarship award. Nic is the son of Kurt and Kellie Patti who live on Candle Ridge Road. Nic is beginning his second year at Illinois Wesleyan University majoring in Accounting and considering a minor in English. For the fall semester he is studying in London through the University's study abroad program. This photograph is Nic's High School Graduation picture - good looking kid!

Route 66 Meeting

A Route 66 planning meeting will be held on Thursday, November 5 at 7:00pm at the Community Building. All organizations are asked to send a representative to help plan next year's Route 66 Red Carpet Corridor week end event.



Towanda Area Historical Society - Special Event

On **Sunday, November 15, 2:00pm - 4:00pm** the Society will host an Open House at the Towanda Community Building. The event will highlight the family of Lillian Peterson Michael, who died in 1992 at the age of 102. Lillian served the Towanda community as village clerk, postal clerk, and as a member of many service and social clubs. Mrs. Michael has left us glimpses of life that are captured in her engaging stories and a collection of scrapbooks. These pieces of history span the lives of her grandparents, her parents George W. (a Civil War veteran) and Mary Elva Jones Peterson, and that of her own family. Lillian was an artist who enjoyed painting landscapes, making afghans and cards. She was a devoted daughter, wife and mother. Two of her daughters, Rose Remschner (83) and Winnie Nice (90), still live in Towanda.



Lillian Michael in 1979 at age 89

A drawing for a wildlife afghan made and donated to the Society by Winnie Nice will be held at 4:00 p.m. during the Open House. Tickets are on sale until the drawing for \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00. They may be purchased at the Library, village office, or by contacting Gail Ann Briggs, 728-2187; Pat Pulokas, 728-2118; Mary Merritt, 728-2810; Rose Remschner, 728-2126. Tickets will also be sold, and the afghan will be on display, at the Senior Citizens luncheon November 11 at the Community Building. Proceeds will go toward publishing a new Towanda area History.

Due to the holidays, TAHS will NOT meet in November or December. For more information about Towanda, the Towanda Area Historical Society or the Peterson and Michael families, go to <http://www.towandahistory.org/>

Festival of Trees



The Festival of Trees, November 18 -22nd, a holiday event to benefit The Baby Fold is just around the corner! You and your team/organization members are invited and encouraged to participate in a wonderful community volunteer opportunity. We are in need of large groups as well as individuals to help with all aspects of the festival. A volunteer form can be accessed at <http://www.thebabyfold.org/fot/contact.html>.

Volunteers are needed beginning with set-up on November 15th through tear down on November 23rd. 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 mail your completed form to the address listed on the form. Shortly before the festival you will receive a volunteer confirmation letter.

For 106 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 16th 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.

Community Walking at NCHS



Free, open walking for community members is on-going at NCHS. Parking and entry is on the west side of the building, through the main door from the student lot. The door is open about 5:45 a.m. on days students and/or staff are scheduled. Sign-in is located in the staff lounge/workroom, just past the cafeteria on the left (across from the school office. Please sign a waiver (once) and wear the provided 'Community Walker' lanyard. Sign-out and leave the lanyard before departing. Zero hour is 6:20-7:10; first hour begins at 7:15; leaving before 7:00 is recommended. Contact Virginia

Lowery at: h) 728-2686; w) 862-3870 Ext.228; cell) 825-6341 or by email: vlowery@ag-auditing.com - OR Sue Sutter at: h) 728-2149 to get information. Information about the school and events is available at <http://www.unit5.org/nchs/>

Deer in Yard

Nicole Hartman took this photograph when she spotted a deer across the street in Kay Liebenow's yard. It watched Nicole walk her son to and from the bus stop.

Nicole says, "he just sat there and looked at me, got up and casually walked down to the creek. It was SO amazing!"



WARNING: 2010 Census

Cautions from the Better Business Bureau



With the U.S. Census process beginning, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) advises people to be cooperative, but cautious, so as not to become a victim of fraud or identity theft. The first phase of the 2010 U.S. Census is under way as workers have begun verifying the addresses of households across the country. Eventually, more than 140,000 U.S. Census workers will count every person in the United States and will gather information about every person living at each address including name, age, gender, race, and other relevant data. The big question is - how do you tell the difference between a U.S. Census worker and a con artist? BBB offers the following advice:

** If a U.S. Census worker knocks on your door, they will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering their questions. However, you should never invite anyone you don't know into your home.

** Census workers are currently only knocking on doors to verify address information. Do not give your Social Security number, credit card or banking information to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the U.S. Census.

Remember, no matter what they ask, you really only need to tell them how many people live at your address. While the census bureau might ask for basic financial information, such as a salary range, you don't have to answer anything at all about your financial situation. The census bureau will not ask for social security, bank account, or credit card numbers, nor will employees solicit donations. Any one asking for that information is not with the census bureau.

Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail, or in person at home. However, the Census Bureau will not contact you by Email, so be on the lookout for Email scams impersonating the Census. Never click on a link or open any attachments in an Email that are supposedly from the U.S. Census Bureau.

Towanda HCE



Monday, November 9, 7:00pm at the Community Building, programs: "A Home for all Seasons", "Eye Sight and Hearing", "Reverse Mortgages".

Friday, November 20, 9am – 5 pm: Christmas Tree Skirt workshop in preparation for the Festival of Trees, Nov. 19–22 at the Interstate Center. For more information and to register, contact Carmen, 379-3141.

Monday, November 30, 1-3 pm on Alzheimers. Classes are open to the public. Call extension office, 663-8306 for more details or to sign up for classes.

Cookies will again be collected to be taken to the extension office on Tuesday, December 1 to be packed in boxes to send to soldiers overseas. Last year we sent 147 boxes and this year we hope to send 175 boxes. Please box your cookies together and not individually. All kinds of cookies are appreciated.

Water Q & A

By Water Commissioner, Bob Hancock



1) Is there a way to get debris (mainly dirt) out of the pipe when the shut-off is located in a PVC pipe in a driveway? This may not be an easy task especially if rocks have wedged their way inside the PVC pipe. You might try a small spoon to see if you can get the majority of the debris out. Though this is labor intensive, it is worth a try. If that doesn't work you might try a garden hose and let the water run slowly. If the pipe is just filled with soil, it might settle down below where the shut-off valve is located. If you find that the water is not going down the pipe, you might try a power washer. If that doesn't work you can give up and take your chances you will not have to ever shut off that valve or you may have to break up some of the concrete to get to the valve. I hope that is not necessary!

2) Would adding a pressure tank to my home help with the water pressure? A pressure tank works well as long as you do not need long term high water pressure. For example, if you were wanting to water your lawn the bladder inside of the tank could not keep up with the demand. If you are just wanting better pressure throughout the house, then yes a water pressure tank works well. Also, if you do install one of these devices make sure you put a backflow device in place to prevent water from feeding back towards the water source. You can find these water pressure tanks at Menard's, Lowe's and Home Depot. Of course, we have a local plumber, Pete Spencer in our own subdivision who can probably assist with any of your plumbing needs.

Recycling

Information from the Ecology Action Center

Compact fluorescent lamp (CFL) bulbs may be recycled at the following sites:

- Town of Normal, Facilities Management Parking Lot, 207 S. Linden, 24 hours a day
- City of Bloomington Public Service – Drop Off Facility Blue receptacle located in compound at Jackson Street and East Street. Hours vary seasonally.
- Springfield Electric, 902 Four Seasons Road in Bloomington.
- Ecology Action Center, 202 W College Avenue Monday - Friday, 9am to 5pm.
- Home Depot, 795 Veteran's Parkway, Bloomington.
- Menards, 900 Greenbriar Drive, Normal.



Residents are asked to wrap CFLs in newspaper or replace in original packaging before recycling to reduce breakage.

Unused or expired pharmaceuticals can be dropped at:

- Eastland Pharmacy in OSF Eastland Medical Plaza I
- Atrium Pharmacy at BroMenn Regional Medical Center
- Merle Pharmacy, 203 E Locust Street in Bloomington
- Chenoa Pharmacy, 209 S Green Street in Chenoa
- Doc's Drugs, 304 Sunset Drive in LeRoy



Bloomington and Normal police departments are accepting drop-offs of all medicine, including controlled substances/narcotics (strong painkillers like morphine, codeine, hydrocodone, and oxycodone) and other prescriptions.