

Indian Creek Newsletter

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Annual Homeowners Meeting

The Indian Creek Homeowners Association Annual Meeting will be **Thursday January 21 at 7:00 pm** at the Towanda Community Building. We are awaiting confirmation, but there may be a speaker, Zach Ziler, from the Normal Cornbelters to talk with us about the baseball team and potential opportunities for our little community. Please plan to attend.

2010 Census Jobs

The US Census Bureau is currently looking for employees to help with the 2010 census. Many jobs are available in the Towanda area. The jobs are temporary and have flexible hours with good wages. Flyers and brochures are available at the community building, the post office, and the library.

The Census Bureau will be testing at the Bloomington Public Library through February. Test times vary – so call for more information: 1-866-861-2010. Applicants need to bring 2 forms of identification to the test. Applicants must be 18 and a U.S. citizen. For more information please call 1-866-861-2010 or go to <http://www.2010censusjobs.gov>. Practice tests area also available on the website.



Legion Breakfast



The Towanda American Legion will have a breakfast on **Sunday, January 3 from 7:30am to 11:00am** at the Legion Hall on Hely Street. Breakfast will include scrambled eggs, egg casserole, sausage, bacon, hash brown potatoes, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, fruit and drink for \$8. Carry outs are available.

Emergency Services & Disaster Agency



The Village of Towanda is looking for ESAD volunteers to help during an emergency. We need volunteers to assist during a storm watch, help with a temporary shelter during snow storms and other disasters.

If interested, applications are available at the community building, Monday through Friday 8:00am to Noon. If you have questions contact: Alan Kocar at 309-728-8874.

Legion Pork Chop Dinner



The American Legion will have a pork chop dinner on **Friday, January 8 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm** at the Legion Hall on Hely Street. Dinner will include an American cut pork chop, green beans, baked potato, salad, roll, dessert and drink for \$8. Carry outs are available.



Towanda Junior Firefighter Program

The Towanda fire department is still looking for boys and girls the age of 14-17 to join our Junior Firefighter program. The Junior Firefighters meet on the **1st and 3rd Monday at 7:00pm** at the Towanda fire department. You will learn proper firefighting skills, firefighter techniques, and train along side the firefighters. If interested, come to the meetings or call Tom Wagner (309) 319-0130 or James Crow (309) 838-6826.

Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast



The Towanda Boy Scouts will have their Annual Pancake Sausage Breakfast on **Saturday, February 13, 2010 from 8 am to 2:30 pm** at the Grade School. The ticket prices in advance are; adults \$5.50, K-12 \$3.50. Tickets will be available at the door for \$6.00 for adults, and \$4.00 K-12.

Call any Scout or Mike & Linda Potts to order sausage or meat to take home. See prices below. Meat orders should be placed by January 28, 2010 and may be picked up on February 12 or 13. Country Store will have a limited supply of additional meat, etc., at the breakfast, beginning at 8:00am Saturday on a first come, first serve basis.

Please support our Towanda Scouting Organization.

WHOLE HOG SAUSAGE	Price
BULK SAUSAGE (Packaged in 2# packages)	\$2.95/lb.
LINK SAUSAGE (Packaged in 5# packages)	\$2.95/lb.
BACK RIBS (Packaged in 5# packages)	\$2.75/lb.
COUNTRY STYLE BACON (Packaged in 1# packages)	\$2.95/lb.
ITALIAN SAUSAGE	
ITALIAN BULK (Packaged in 2# packages)	\$2.95/lb.
ITALIAN LINK (Packaged in 5# packages)	\$2.95/lb.
CHICKEN BREASTS	
BONELESS/SKINLESS (Packaged in 5# packages)	\$4.00/lb.

Water News

By Bob Hancock



In order to reduce the amount and frequency of reddish or brownish coloring to the water, we have implemented flushing of the hydrants **every** Thursday morning around 9:00am, weather permitting. We will make every attempt to stick to this schedule. So, if you notice a drop in water pressure please keep in mind the day/time of the week this occurs before reporting a problem.

Also, another reason for a drop in pressure could be your water softener/conditioner recycling during the day. Some systems are based on number of gallons used and when they reach this limit, they will start recycling immediately. If you have one of these systems it is unlikely you will be able to change it to run based on time of day.

Towanda Library News

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

Wii for Fwii at the Library

Tuesday evenings 4:00 to 6:30: Play Wii games with your friends.

Wind Power, Thurs, Feb 4, 4:30pm - 5:30pm:

Ag and Energy will be presented by Randy Lloyd, University of Illinois Agriculture Awareness Coordinator for McLean County, at the library. Learn about wind-powered energy production, the local energy grid, and even ask Randy what it's like to have multiple wind turbines on your property. Randy speaks from first-hand experience.



Friends of the Library

The next FRIENDS meeting will be **Wednesday, March 10 at 6:00pm** at the library

TOWANDA READS Book Club

TOWANDA READS will meet **Wednesday, March 10 at 7:00pm** at the library. The group will read "***They Did It with Love***", a mystery described as Desperate Housewives meets Agatha Christie. "A secret lurks under the surface of a wealthy Connecticut neighborhood, until a murder reveals all."

Towanda District Library To Take Part In New Library Technology Institute

Karen Bersche, Director of Towanda District Library, was selected to participate in ILEAD U (Illinois Libraries Explore, Apply and Discover), the 21st Century Technology Tools Institute for Illinois Library Staff. Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White says, "Librarians need to constantly enhance their skills to keep up to date with the latest technology, and ILEAD U represents an exciting, innovative new program to build technology and leadership skills among Illinois librarians."

Only 35 librarians from across Illinois were selected to participate on five-member teams in the year-long cooperative I LEAD U grant. Towanda's partners for the grant are Eureka Public Library and Farmington Public Library. Each participating community selects a community mentor to serve during the grant. Helen Mogill agreed to serve in this role for Towanda and will provide ongoing feedback throughout the grant year.

Route 66 Corridor Events Planning



The Route 66 Red Carpet committee will meet at the Community Building in the Board Room on **Thursday, January 7, 7:00pm**. This is the perfect opportunity for organizations to become better known to the public and to make money. Individual volunteers are also needed to help during the two day event. Please join us, or call Sharon Arteman at 728-2169 or 728-2811. The festival will be May 1 & 2. Please come out and help plan this fun event.

THCE Programs

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



The next meeting of the Towanda HCE will be on **Monday, January 11, 2010 at 7:00pm** at the Towanda Community Building. The major lesson will be on Alzheimers. Visitors are always welcome to attend. This is also considered our "Snowmen" meeting and members and guests should wear clothing with snowmen and should bring snowmen to show and tell about. Contact Cindy Kelley, 663-4796 with any questions.

General Assembly Scholarship

Applications for the 2010-2011 General Assembly Scholarship are now available. Anyone who lives in our Senate District and will be attending a four year state university next fall may apply for the scholarship. Applications and instructions are accessible from Senator Dan Rutherford's website: <http://www.DanRutherford.com>.



Completed applications, along with letters of recommendation, must be returned to his district office no later than January 15, 2010. Applications that are not in his office by January 15 will not be considered. The General Assembly Scholarship is a one-year tuition waiver to a state university in Illinois.

To qualify, applicants must live in the 53rd Senate District, which includes all or parts of Champaign, Ford, Iroquois, LaSalle, Livingston, McLean, Tazewell, Vermilion, and Woodford counties. Rules for eligibility are posted on the website.

Towanda Seniors Luncheon



The Towanda Seniors will meet **Wednesday, January 13** at the Community Building for a **noon** meal consisting of everyone bringing hors d'oeuvres. Drinks will be provided. Please bring your own table service. The Towanda 3rd Graders may perform their Christmas music if weather permits, since they were not able to do so at the December meeting because of the inclement weather. The annual birthday calendars are on sale at the FS Station or at the Community Building. If you have any questions please call Beverly Meginnis at 728-2769.

Fourth of July Planning Committee

We know ~ the 4th of July isn't on the calendar for another 6 months ~ however, much needs to be done to carry off the annual celebration. The group needs representatives from organizations, as well as individuals who want to be involved, to attend planning meetings. The first meeting for the 42nd celebration is on Monday, January 25, 2010, 7:00pm at the Community Building.



Specific help that is needed includes work on:

- publicity
- planning special events
- parade
- flea market
- concessions
- special activities
- fundraising
- new ideas

Towanda Area Historical Society



TAHS is kicking off its 6th year of organization on Tuesday, January 26, 2010. Plans for the year (programs, events, and work on the history book) will be made during the meeting which begins at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Building. This is a perfect time to get involved, so plan to attend and/or let us know your interests. Questions? Contact Gail Ann Briggs, President, rbriggs@frontiernet.net - or - 728-2187.

Walking Mornings at NCHS



Between 5:30 and 7:00 a.m. the halls, gyms and stairs at NCHS are open to community walkers (on days that students and/or staff are in attendance). To date more than 20 folks have signed waivers and enjoyed the early morning exercise; there is ample room for more to join us. Park in the west/student lot. Sign in & out and walker lanyards are available in the staff workroom.

School News



Monday, Jan. 4 ~ No School for Students (Teacher Institute Day)
Tuesday, Jan. 5 ~ School Resumes for Students
Monday, Jan. 18 ~ No School in Unit 5 - M. L. King birthday observance