

Indian Creek Newsletter

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Legion Breakfast



The Towanda American Legion will have a breakfast on **Sunday, February 7, 7:30am to 11:00am**. 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.

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.

Girl Scout Bake Sale

The annual Girl Scout Bake Sale will be held during the Towanda Boy Scout Pancake and Sausage Breakfast, **Saturday, February 13** at Towanda School. The booth will be open from **8:00 am – 1:00 pm**.



Legion Fish/Shrimp Dinner

The American Legion will have a fish/shrimp dinner on **Friday, February 19, 5:30pm to 7:30pm**. Dinner will include fish or shrimp, potato, coleslaw, roll, dessert and drink for \$8. Carry outs are available.



Lions Club Ham & Beans Dinner



Friday, March 12
Towanda Community Building
4:30 pm – 7:00 pm
\$4 per person – in advance
\$5 at door (no exception for under 12)

The menu consists of ham & beans (free refills), corn bread, coffee or juice, and dessert. Hot dogs with condiments and chips will be available for children.

Support your local Lions Club and contact a member for advance tickets. Indian Creek Lion members are Fred Walk, Louie Blank, Bill Priess, and Bob Hancock.

Classifieds

For Sale:

Ron Fontaine, 728-2717

2008 Chevy HHR LS wagon, 21,000 miles, Silver exterior, 5 speed manual, A/C, CD, etc, average 30 mpg (max 37 highway mpg), excellent condition, \$10,900.

Bob Hermann, 728-2621

Wood Stove, \$100 or best offer



Fourth of July Committee



The next meeting of the Fourth of July Committee is **Thursday, February 25th at 7:00pm** at the community building. Please come out and help with this community celebration. We are in need of someone who would like to be chairman of the committee. If you are interested let Gail Briggs know. We are in need of help in all areas.

Towanda Area Historical Society



The next meeting of the Towanda Area Historical Society will be **Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at 7:00pm** at the Community Building. Work on the history book continues. Several publishers are being considered. A final decision will be made on a publisher in the coming months. We would like to interview any person who has historical information. If you are interested in being interviewed, please contact Pat Pulokas at 728-2118.

Towanda Elementary Winter Supper & Basket Raffle



Towanda Elementary PTO's winter supper and basket raffle will be held **Thursday, February 25, 2010** at the school. A supper of LaGondola Spaghetti and bread, with dessert and drink will be served from **5:00pm to 6:30pm**. Carry outs are available. Raffle drawings will begin at 6:15. Cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. See Corny the Cornbelter! Free face painting by the Zoo Lady! Tickets are available at the school office, at the door the night of the event, or you may call Jamie Jackson at 728-2725 with questions or to purchase tickets.

Kindergarten Registration



Towanda Elementary School will be holding kindergarten registration on **Tuesday, March 16 at 1:00pm at the school**. Please bring your child's medical records, birth certificate, and proof of residency. Students entering kindergarten must turn in a current physical exam and all immunizations by the first day of school. If you are a new family to Towanda Elementary School please call the office at 728-2278 to have paperwork sent to your home before registration. Thank you and please call the office with questions.

Towanda Library News

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

Immediate Opening: Library Clerk at Towanda District Library.

15 to 20 hours/week. Responsible for weekly Story Hour and Summer Reading Program. See the library website at <http://towandalibrary.org> for more details.



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.

THCE Programs

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



The Towanda Home and Community Education group will meet on Monday, February 8 at 7:00 pm at the Towanda Community Building. Jeanie Wager will be giving the major program on "Memory Fitness". The Fact Find will be: Diabetes Preventive Diet. Other February HCE activities include a Cultural Enrichment workshop- "Candy Making" on Friday, Feb. 12, 1-5 pm at the Extension Office. The fee is \$10 for members and \$12 for non-HCE people.

This includes all supplies. Call Carmen, 309-379-3141 for details and to RSVP. On Monday, February 15, 2:00-3:30 there will be a Read & Share at the Extension Office where they will discuss the book *Riding the Bus With My Sister* by Rachel Fimon. Call LaVonne at 825-6558 for more details. This is a FREE activity. The extension office is located at 402 N. Hershey Road, Bloomington. All activities are open to all. Call Cindy Kelley, 663-4796 for more information about Towanda HCE and or other Home and Community Education activities.

Tuition Waiver for Children of Veterans



There is a tuition waiver available for children of Veterans living in Illinois. The waiver may be used for any University of Illinois campus. Up to six waivers per Illinois county are awarded each year, one for each of the following conflicts: World War II, Korean Conflict, Vietnam Conflict, Southeast Asia Conflict, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Applications are now available and the deadline is Monday, March 1, 2010. To learn more about this tuition waiver, go to: <http://www.DanRutherford.com>. Any questions can be directed to The Office of Student Financial Aid, Ph: 217-333-0100.

Email??

Are you receiving my emails about the newsletters and subdivision events? If not, and you would like to, please let me know at hmogill@frontiernet.net or 728-2048.



Minutes for the IC Annual Meeting



The Annual Meeting of the Indian Creek Water and Homeowners Association was held Thursday, January 21, 2010, at 7 p.m. at the Towanda Community Building. Board members and homeowners introduced themselves.

Zach Ziler from the Normal Cornbelters, a new independent league baseball team, spoke to the attendees. Zach would like us to consider holding an "Indian Creek" night at the new ballpark this summer. Seat prices range from \$5 to \$8. Brian Krause will be the point of contact with Zach, should the subdivision decide to hold an event at the ballpark. Information about the new team can be found at www.normalbaseball.com.

Minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting were read and adopted.

Dave Schulthes provided the treasurer's report. He shared that the Association balance was \$37,277 as of 12.31.09. We utilize a service (Tri-County) to do the water "locates" for us. The charges are reasonable and Tri-County's work is very professional and accurate. Dave then provided an update on the Water Tower event: Over a year ago, the two injured workers in the water tower incident file a lawsuit against the Indian Creek Water and Homeowners Association and our water tower operator seeking additional compensation and charging negligence. State Farm Insurance is our liability insurance carrier and is representing the homeowners association in the litigation. As of January, 2010, depositions had been taken from the injured parties and ICWHA's water operator. A case management hearing is scheduled for March 4, 2010 to be attended by the plaintiff and defense attorneys to further discuss the case. State Farm's position continues to be ICWHA and its water operator were not negligent.

Bob Hancock reported that in 2009, our water usage was approximately the same as in 2008, with more gallons used in the summer months, less in the winter months. In May 2009, Bob reported that there were switch problems at the Tower. The switches were replaced and pressure set. Bob issued a boil order and made residents aware of it through a phone tree. Bob also shared that the 2008 Consumer Confidence Report was disseminated to homeowners. Also, a survey on cross connections showed no violations. There are occasional complaints about the color of the water. Bob now has Frank Cottrell flush the lines each week. There was discussion about water treatment options. Funding for a subdivision-wide solution would be considerable, and not optional on the part of individual homeowners. Some homeowners reported that they have invested in home-based systems and have found them to be very successful. Such systems allow the homeowner to determine the level of iron, chlorine, color, gas content, etc. that they desire.

Jim Russell gave the Groundskeeper report. He shared that there was a spring work day in 2009, but no fall work day because it was so rainy during the fall. We will have a spring work day in 2010. Jim shared a copy of the new flood plain map for the subdivision. Note that a great portion of the common area is in a flood plain. Jim thanked Bob Hancock and Jim Kellenberger for their continued maintenance of the subdivision tractor (fondly named "Old Blue").

Barb Ulbrich reported no news.

Brian Krause requested to know of any new business to discuss. Brief discussion about the tree lodged behind the Liebenow home and brief discussion on hunting on private land adjacent to subdivision land. No suggested action from these items. Brian adjourned the meeting at 8 pm.