

Indian Creek Newsletter

August 2010

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Towanda American Legion Breakfast



The Towanda American Legion will have a breakfast on **Sunday August 1st from 7:30 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.

Towanda Area Directory

The **Directory of Area Organizations** will be updated within the next six weeks and included in the October newsletter and on the village website. PLEASE provide the following information about your organization to Gail Ann Briggs 728-2187 or rbbriggs@frontiernet.net as soon as possible:

- * contact person with phone number
- * day, time and location of regular meetings

The current directory can be found on the Towanda website ~ <http://towandail.org/>

School News

Monday, Aug 23 - Unit 5 - 1st half day of school for students

Tuesday, Aug 24 - Unit 5 - 1st full day of school for students



Unit 5 - Information can be found at www.unit5.org

Immunization: <http://www.unit5.org/departments/schoolhealth/docs/Early-Bird-english-poster.pdf>

Registration: <http://www.unit5.org/departments/curriculum/registration.shtml#regDates>

Calendar: <http://www.unit5.org/districtinformation/aboutunit5/events/docs/DistrictCalendar2010-2011.pdf>

Towanda American Legion Pork Chop Dinner



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

We continue to collect items to be sent to our troops. Thank you all for your continued support.

Welcome Baby Hartman



Welcome to Charlie Benjamin Hartman, 6 lb, 15 oz, 20 in, born at 8:19am, July 22 and congratulations to the Hartman family.

Towanda Library News

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

See You at the School Picnic: Library staff plans to attend the School Picnic on August 31st. We will have watermelon treats for you!

Family Movie Nights:

August 5th at 4:00 The Princess and the Frog 6:00 UP

August 19th at 4:00 Under the Sea 6:00 Cloudy with the Chance of Meatballs

Register to Vote at the Library: Registration for the November 2, 2010 General Election closes on October 5, 2010. You may register at the Towanda District Library during business hours through October 5th by presenting two forms of ID.

New Shelving in Memory of Lucille Woodrum: Just in time for school, the library will install new wood and metal shelving in the Children's Area. Part of the cost of this welcome improvement is covered by memorials for Lucille Woodrum. Lucille loved reading! Lucille's love lives on!

Shelving for Sale: Twenty-four (24) running feet of metal shelving is for sale at the library. It may be broken into smaller 3' units. This sturdy shelving is suitable for garages or work areas. Make an offer. Please pick up by August 4th.

Library Hours: Monday and Wednesday = 10 am to 7 pm;
Tuesday = 1 pm to 7 pm;
Thursday and Friday = 1 pm to 5 pm;
Saturday = 10 am to 3 pm.
Open every day after school!

Towanda Area Historical Society

Towanda Area Historical Society's regular meeting will be held **Tuesday, August 24**. At the 7:00 p.m. meeting plans will be discussed for the Sunday, September 26 event.

'Stories about early times in Towanda' is the theme. We are looking for people to share their memories and stories ~ the humorous, sad, joyful and ordinary times of by-gone years. It may be that some of these will be used in the History Book so come ready to talk, or just to listen, to 'That's the Way it Was in Towanda' event.



Towanda's Main Street in 1948

Morning Coffee

Anyone willing to host a morning coffee for residents of Indian Creek, please contact us at indiancreeknews@hotmail.com. The time and date will be of your choosing.



The Spirit of Indian Creek

Local wildlife artist Aaron Yount was the guest speaker at the library's volunteer appreciation dinner last fall. Ruth Parsons was so impressed with the artist that she raved about him to her husband, Ron, who then commissioned this painting as a surprise Christmas gift for Ruth. The painting is based on an Indian Creek 9-point stag whose photograph was taken by Nicole Hartman as the buck rested in Kay Liebenow's back yard. The background of the painting is from a photograph of trees in the Parson's back yard. Prints of the painting can be purchased from Aaron, whose website is at <http://www.aaronyount.com/>. To see the painting on Aaron's website, enter the website, then click on 'What's New' and scroll down. The painting is called the 'Spirit of Indian Creek'.



The Spirit of Indian Creek, painting by Aaron Yount



Photo by Nicole Hartman

Towanda Seniors Luncheon



The Towanda Seniors will meet August 11th for a Noon Potluck at the Community Building. Meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring your own table service and a dish to share. If you have any questions please contact Beverly Meginnes at 728-2769.

Notary



Becky Domkuski, Village Clerk, is now registered as a Notary Public. Office hours are M-F 8:15 – Noon at the community building, 103 South Jefferson Street, (309)728-2811. <http://towandail.org>

Money Creek Township



The Money Creek Township meeting will be held at **7:00 pm on Monday, August 9**. Regular monthly meetings are throughout the year on the 2nd Monday of each month.

All meetings are held at the Money Creek township building located north of Indian Creek on County Rd. 29. (The actual address is 25397 N 1925 East Rd.)

Fall Garage Sales

Towanda Area FALL Garage Sales will be held **Thursday through Saturday, September 9-11**. Please let me know the days, times and location of your sale in addition to your contact information, \$7 fee, and the items you have to sell by **Wednesday, September 1** to be included on the map and list (depending on available space). Mail to 112 Hunt St. Emailed information will receive a reply: rgbriggs@frontiernet.net (call 728.2187 with ??s).



Ice Cream Social



Aug. 8th 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church of Towanda
205 W. Monroe in Towanda, IL

Classifieds and Wants section

If you have anything that you want to get rid of, or are in need of, please Notify us at indiancreeknews@hotmail.com.



Help wanted:

Before School Child Care Needed -

A Lamplighter couple who both teach at NCWHS are in desperate need of before school care for their 9 year old daughter. They must be at school by at least 6:55 and childcare is needed beginning at 6:30 a.m.

The Mackinson's can be reached at 728-2362. Of course they are willing to pay for the service. If you, or someone you know, might be able to help them, please give them a call. School starts August 23

Towanda HCE

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



The Towanda HCE would like to thank all the people for coming out to the July 3rd Spaghetti Supper. We served 325 guests and approximately 30 workers. The proceeds of the supper go toward community projects and causes and also projects of the McLean County Association of HCE and many causes within McLean County.

Towanda HCE does not meet during July and August but resumes monthly meetings and programs on September 13, 2010, at 7:00 pm at the Towanda Community Building.

August activities for HCE will be going to the McLean County 4-H Fair, held August 4-8 (Wednesday through Sunday). McLean County HCE will be holding their Cultural Enrichment Fine Art and Craft Show beginning on Tuesday, August 3 at the west side of the Interstate Center. Project categories can be found on the HCE website at www.mcleanhce.org and go to Special Projects window on the home page. Entries in the show will be on display during the fair. There will be membership information available and information about our Soldier Projects too. Hope to see you at the fair.

Ecology Action Center to hold Rain Barrel Workshops



The Ecology Action Center has openings available in its current schedule of the popular hands-on workshops where individuals build their own water saving rainwater collection and storage container. Rain Barrels are an ancient technology undergoing a great resurgence as they not only help conserve water but also reduce storm water runoff contamination thereby protecting clean water. The workshops are a very cost-effective alternative to buying a ready-to-use rain barrel.

Workshops are scheduled for **Saturday, August 7 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.** The EAC is offering these workshops at a cost of \$28.00 for members of the Ecology Action Center or \$38.00 for non-members. The rain barrel design now includes an overflow fitting and hose to prevent a full rain barrel from sending water towards your foundation.

Workshop space is limited and pre-registration is required; registration forms are available for download at <http://www.ecologyactioncenter.org> or by stopping by the Ecology Action Center at 202 West College in Normal during regular business hours. Confirmation of registration and workshop location details and will be provided after payment and registration form are received. More information on the workshops is available by calling 309-454-3169.

Sonquest Rainforest - Vacation Bible School

Aug. 1st – 6th 6:00 – 7:45
First Baptist Church of Towanda
205 W. Monroe in Towanda, IL



Please Drive With Caution!

Now that the weather is getting nice, please keep an eye out for children playing outside, as well as avid walkers!

Water Hydrant Flushing



The water hydrants that you see throughout the subdivision are used primarily for flushing suspended sediment or particulate matter from the main water lines. The sediment is stirred up by an increase in the velocity of the water through the system. This can happen due to peak temporary demands on the system. This material naturally exists in the water and concentrates and settles at low points in the system and accounts for some of the yellowish appearance of the water. Tannins are another culprit which is secreted from tree roots. For years to help combat this problem, we instituted flushing of the main lines 1-2 times a month.

For the last several months we have been experimenting with having our water technician flush the lines **every** Thursday morning weather permitting starting around 9:00 a.m. Flushing of the hydrants can take up to two hours. What can you expect during this timeframe? Mostly, a significant drop in water pressure, but you may notice some temporary discoloration of the water. Just be mindful of the day and time that this is occurring before reporting a problem.

If you notice the water is still a yellowish color, the best action to take to clear this problem is run an outside hose until the water clears up. Keep in mind that if the yellowish water has already made it into the house, it may be in the water heater and take a day or two to clear up.

Also, these water hydrants are strictly for flushing lines. They do not have the capability or capacity to handle a large fire. A fire truck cannot hook directly to these hydrants as the trucks water pump could collapse the main lines. The Towanda Fire Department performs training exercises occasionally in our subdivision and has experimented with several options to get water where it's needed. Some of those options have included:

- Using the flushing hydrants to fill a pool from which a fire truck could pump water to an awaiting water truck. Of course, this option would need to be weighed against other options as we could soon deplete the water towers capacity and the well pump capabilities.
- Pump water directly from Money Creek
 - * to fill awaiting water trucks
 - * connecting several fire hoses together to get the water to where it is needed

Steve Liebenow Memorial Scholarship



The Towanda Lions Club is sponsoring a \$500.00 scholarship for a 2010 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 must have a Towanda mailing residence address and meet the following criteria:

1. Average grade of C verified by a high school transcript.
2. 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.
3. Submit 2 letters of recommendation: one from a teacher, counselor or administrator, and one from a non-relative in the Towanda area.
4. Submit a copy of your fall 2010 class schedule of the college/university you will be attending.
5. Letter of application, recommendations, transcript, and class schedule must be received by the Scholarship Committee Chairman by September 15, 2010.

Mail to: Steve Liebenow Memorial Scholarship
C/o Mr. Robert Hancock
7 Bent Tree Lane
Towanda, IL 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. This scholarship is offered in memory of Steve Liebenow, a long-time Lions Club member, educator, and community leader who passed away in 1999.