

Indian Creek Newsletter

October 2010

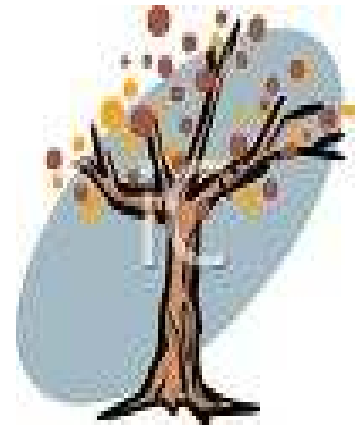
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October Schedule:

- Oct. 3: Towanda American Legion breakfast 7:30 to 11:00 a.m.
- Oct. 5: Last day to register to vote in Nov. 2, 2010 Election
- Oct. 7: Towanda Ladies Night Out (TLNO) meets at CJ's Restaurant at 6:00PM
- Oct. 8: Towanda American Legion steak/shrimp dinner 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 11: Unit 5 -- No School (Columbus Day)
- Oct. 13: 1-Hour Late Start for Unit 5 students
- Oct. 15: NCHS Homecoming - parade at 2:15 p.m. (early dismissal for Towanda and KJHS students)
- Oct. 22: Unit 5 -- No School for students (Parent-Teacher Conferences)
- Oct. 26: Towanda Area Historical Society, 7:00 p.m., Community Building
- Oct. 27: 1-Hour Late Start for Unit 5 students
- Oct. 28: Halloween party at the Towanda District Library (pre-registration needed!)
- Oct. 31: Halloween (treats available at the Towanda Community Center)

Looking ahead:

- Nov. 4: Frontier Forum at the Towanda District Library at 5:30 p.m.
- Nov. 6: A Cup of Christmas Tea at the Towanda District Library
- Nov. 7: Daylight Savings Time Ends at 2:00 a.m.



Towanda Lions Club

On Thursday October 14th, the Lion's club will be selling Nestle-Beich candy bars for \$1.00 in Towanda, Indian Creek, and Lamplighter starting at 5:00 PM. All profits from this fund raiser go toward sight improvement sponsored by the Lion's foundation of Illinois.

Indian Creek Fall Work Day

The Indian Creek work day is a tradition we've had for many years and is a great opportunity for residents to contribute to the maintenance of the beautiful neighborhood we all enjoy. I would like to gauge the level of interest in having a work day in October and solicit your ideas for what to accomplish. Two possibilities are:

Highway clean up – As part of the Adopt-A-Highway program, Indian Creek is responsible for litter clean up along Route 29 from the I-55 overpass to Hudson Road. At least 4 volunteers are needed to accomplish this. Safety vests and trash bags are provided.

Bridge clean up – With the creek so low this time of year it would be a good time to remove overhanging branches and cut up fallen trees around the bridge. This would open up the view of the creek from the bridge and potentially eliminate the snag that's been building up on the east side.



Please email jmr1234@frontier.com or call 728-8042 to let me know that you are interested in helping out and what additional work day ideas you have. Also let me know the dates work best for you.

Thank you,

Jim Russell, Homeowners/Grounds Chair

Towanda Baptist Church

We would like to thank everyone for their donations to the Mission. As we are continuing to collect items such as canned goods, baby items, and cleaning supplies through October, please take them to the church or call Adam Wilson 728-8864. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Also, through October we are collecting items for Shoe Boxes that are sent to children for Christmas. Items needed are: school supplies, toys, wrapped candy and hygiene items. These need to fit in a shoe box. Call Sandy Porter 728-2742 or Kristie Wilson 728-8864 for pick-up.

On October 31st (Halloween), we will be giving out trick or treats at the Community Building. All children are welcome, hope to see you there!

Towanda Seniors



The Towanda Seniors will meet October 13th for a Noon Potluck at the Community Building. Meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring your own table service. Jean Miller and Rita Mills will be hostesses. If you have any questions please contact Beverly Meginnis at 728-2769.



Towanda Community Coffee

The Community Coffee is meeting from 8-10 again this fall at the Community Building, on the first and third Monday of the month. Come out and enjoy coffee, donuts and fellowship.

Towanda HCE



The regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 11, 2010, at 7:00 pm at the Towanda Community Building. The program will be "Basic Home Repairs" and the Fact Find will be "WD 40 Tips". Guests are always welcome and encouraged to come see what Home and Community Education is all about. For more information, please contact Cindy at 663-4796 or Robin at rbnprsn@mchsi.com.

Other HCE activities in the county are as follows:

October 8, 1-4 p.m.: Beginning Knitting Workshop, call Eileen N. 309-722-3796 for more info. This class is held at the Extension Building Auditorium.

By October 15, 2010, Operation Santa Christmas Stockings (for the soldiers) need to be brought to the Extension Building at 402 N. Hershey Road. If you would like to participate, call 309-452-9164 for more details.

Ecology Action Center



Recommendations to Protect Local Water Supplies: As the season morphs into autumn, certain seasonal practices can contribute to storm water runoff pollution, eventually contaminating area bodies of water, which may be important for drinking water, recreation, or wildlife habitat. The Ecology Action Center urges area residents to help protect our area water supplies by adopting some easy practices.

At this time of year, many private homeowners are winterizing backyard swimming pools. Draining chlorinated pool water to the street or one's yard will often result in the pool water flowing into the storm sewer system and ultimately contaminating creeks and streams, where the chlorine may kill fish, plants, and insects. In order to protect our local bodies of water, all swimming pool water should be completely dechlorinated before draining.

Celebrate America Recycles Day with the Ecology Action Center's Art Contests and recycling at area Schools. America Recycles Day takes place each year on November 15. The Ecology Action Center announces several opportunities for students to become involved with McLean County students in kindergarten through 8th grade invited to enter an Art and Poetry Contest and 8th grade through 12th grade students are invited to compete in a contest to design a billboard advertising America Recycles Day. The winner's artwork will be displayed on billboard space provided by Prairie Signs. Details about the contest and deadlines can be found on the EAC website. Winners of the art contests and participants in the recycling program will be recognized at a special America Recycles Day event at the Children's Discovery Museum on Saturday, November 13. The event, cosponsored by the EAC and CDM, will also feature activities for children and families. Activities will be free with regular paid admission to the museum.

For more information, residents may contact the Ecology Action Center at (309) 454-3169 or consult <http://www.ecologyactioncenter.org>.



Towanda American Legion

Towanda American Legion will have a breakfast on **Sunday, October 3rd** from 7:30 to 11:00. 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.

There will be a steak, shrimp or steak/shrimp combo dinner on Friday October **8th from 5:30 to 7:30**. Dinner will include rib eye steak, shrimp or combo, baked potato, salad, roll, dessert and drink for \$10. Carry outs are available.

We are continuing to collect donations for our troops overseas. If you know of a service person you would like to receive a package, please let us know. Thanks again for your support of the Legion and our troops.

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



Read to Dogs

Tuesday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30 youth read one-on-one to a trained and certified canine friend - by appointment only with parent's permission. Digital bookmarks are used to time the 15-minute appointments.



Frontier Forum on November 4th at 5:30, continues the conversation between customers and Frontier execs. This civic discourse should result in improved broadband service in our rural area.



Halloween Party on Thursday, October 28 from 5:00 to 7:00: The first 60 pre-registered pre-school and elementary school-aged children will play candy-corn bingo, perform Reader's Theater, hear not-too-scary stories, and feel a simple fright or two....at the Library Halloween Party. Come in costume as a character from your favorite book. Spooky refreshments courtesy of the FRIENDS of the Library.

A Cup of Christmas Tea @ the library will be held **Saturday, November 6th from 10 am to 2 pm**. Shop for holiday gifts while supporting the FRIENDS of the Library. Area vendors will have chocolate, cookware, food (and food samples), bags, jewelry, and, of course, books for you to browse and/or purchase. The FRIENDS will serve tea - along with tea cookies. Coffee drinkers, we won't forget you! Save the date and watch for more details as the vendor list grows.

Story Hours: Monday mornings at 10:30 am

October 4 = Apples
October 11 = Explorers
October 18 = Pumpkins
October 25 = Halloween Stories

Harvest Brunch: Grab an opportunity to meet Sandra Steingraber, Local Chefs and Farmers at a Harvest Brunch and a screening of a new documentary: *Living Downstream*.

Sunday, October 17
11:00 am to 12:30 pm
Medici's — Upper Level
Ticket Price: \$50 per person

The VIP Harvest Brunch is your opportunity to sample delicious local foods prepared by local chefs from Medici and Epiphany Farms, while mingling with great people from our community. You will meet internationally-recognized scientist, author, and cancer-survivor Sandra Steingraber, and speak with *Living Downstream* documentary filmmaker Chanda Chevannes. You may purchase and have Sandra sign your copy of the new, revised edition of *Living Downstream*.

Living Downstream Screening: Screening of New Documentary: *Living Downstream* at the Normal Theater in Uptown Normal on **Sunday, October 17th from 1:00 TO 2:30 PM Q &A from 2:30 to 3:30 with internationally-recognized scientist, author, and cancer-survivor Sandra Steingraber; *Living Downstream* documentary filmmaker Chanda Chevanne; and a panel of local farmers.**

Walk in the morning at NCHS



Community members may begin their early morning walking exercise on **Monday, October 4** at Normal Community High School, 3900 East Raab Road, Normal.

All that is required is to sign a liability waiver for the 2010-11 school year, and to sign in and out on the days that you walk. The waiver must be signed by the first day you participant and will be available at the school (in the staff workroom next to the cafeteria) which is where the sign-in/out sheet is located. The school will be open for walkers between 5:30 and 7:00 a.m. on the days that school is in session (not open on holidays, school breaks, or weekends). Spaces that are available to walkers include the hallways (both second floor and the main level) and the gymnasiums. Please park in the student parking lot on the west side of the school and enter through the main door.

Questions may be directed to Virginia Lowery (728-2666, 825-6341), Sue Sutter (728-2147) or Gail Ann Briggs (728-2187)

YWCA SENIOR SERVICES OFFERS FREE WALK-IN MEDICARE INSURANCE COUNSELING FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND THEIR FAMILIES



The Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) offers free Medicare counseling services to older adults and their families. The Illinois Division of Insurance certified volunteers are available to counsel in four insurance areas: Medicare Supplement and Medicare Advantage insurance, prescription drug plans and long-term care insurance. The dates and locations for the walk-in counseling service are:

- October 4, 1-2 pm, Westminster Village, 2025 E. Lincoln, Bloomington
- October 12, 1-2 pm, Advocate BroMenn Regional Medical Center, Normal
- October 19, 1-2 pm, OSF St. Joseph Medical Center, Bloomington, (by appointment only, call 309-661-5151)
- October 26, 1-2 pm, Normal Township Community Activity Center, One Normal Plaza, Normal

For more information, call YWCA Senior Services, 454-1451, or 1-800-227-2509.

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An Indian Creek neighbor is looking for an early morning running partner. If you are interested in hitting the road running at 5:00a.m. to run a moderate pace for 3-5 miles, please call 728-8008. I would enjoy the company!

Thanks, Marta

Our neighbor, Chrissie Isaacs, invites everyone to a **Fall Ladies Night Out Open House** at 21922 N. 1975 East Road, Towanda, on **October 7th from 5:30-8:30 pm**. Door prizes, holiday gift ideas and more...vendors include 31 Gifts, Pampered Chef, and Upper Case Living, and Usborne Books so it can be your one-stop shopping for the holidays!

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