

INDIAN CREEK NEWSLETTER

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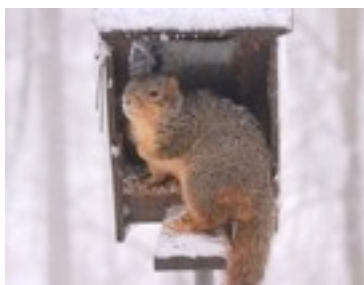
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Towanda Fire Department

The village of Towanda would like to thank the members of the Towanda fire department for generously opening their doors for shelter during the latest blizzard. The Towanda fire department went out on two rescue calls that night. Taking 5 people stranded out in the country to the fire station, and taking a cold related injury patient to the hospital. A total of 8 people were given shelter that night. 👍

CALLS FOR JANUARY: Medical - 7 / Vehicle Fire - 1 / Vehicle Accident - 2

Images of Winter in Indian Creek



Squirrel photo taken by Jim Ferrier.

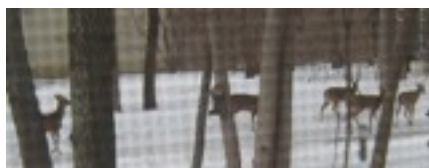


Photo taken by Tim Mogill in mid February. Deer traveling down a plowed Bent Tree Lane.



Snowman at home of die hard Packers fans, the Hartman's, on Candle Ridge Road.

Towanda American Legion News

The Towanda American Legion will have a breakfast on Sunday March 6th 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. Carryouts are available.

The American Legion will host their Annual St Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on Thursday March 17th from 5:30 to 8:00. Dinner will include corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, carrots, rye bread, dessert and drink for \$9. Carry outs will be available.

Thanks to your donations, we have a box ready to be shipped to a service person over seas, but we need a name. If you know of anyone overseas, please send me their address and we'll get this box shipped out to them. Thank you for your continued support of the Legion and our troops.

Kindergarten Registration at Towanda Elementary



"Home of the Bulldogs"

Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2011

Time: 1:00 pm

Age Requirements: Children reaching the age of five on or before September 1, 2010 will be eligible for enrollment in kindergarten

Birth Certificates: A certified birth certificate must be presented on registration day or the first day of school and proof of residency.

Immunizations and Health Exams: Students entering kindergarten must turn in a current physical exam and all immunizations by the first day of school or they will not be allowed to attend classes. Call office for forms.

New Families: Families new to Towanda are asked to call the office at 557-4426 to notify us of your attendance for the 2011-2012 school year. A mailing will follow.

First Baptist Church Of Towanda

Our Vision

Glorify God by being who He called us to be as the church. Promote and exemplify unity in the body of Christ by worship and fellowship with one another in and outside of the church building. Reaching others with his love by community service, and missions giving to all those in need.

Our Mission

"Love God, Love Each Other, and Minister to People"

Come and grow with us at the First Baptist Church of Towanda. Sunday School begins at 9:30, and Worship Service is at 10:15. Wednesday Bible Study 6:00

Towanda Seniors



The Towanda Seniors will meet March 9th at noon for a Pizza/Salad and potluck at the Towanda Community Building. The Pizza, Salad and drinks will be provided. Please bring your own table service. Hosts will be Phil Meginnes and Rita Mills. If you have any questions please contact Beverly Meginnes at 728-2769.

Towanda HCE

The Towanda HCE will meet on Monday, March 14, 7:00 pm at the Towanda Community Building. Judy Rollins will give the major education lesson, ***Mental Health Issues in McLean County***. The minor lesson or Fact Find is: ***Allergies***. Connie Carstens and Jeanie Wager are the hostesses. The roll call will be answered, ***“Your Favorite Ways to Decorate for Spring.”***

Other county activities for March include a Local Leader Lesson on Monday, March 28, 1-3 pm, Extension Auditorium, ***“Waste Not/Want Not”***, presented by Ecology Action Center, Kris Hall. Everyone is invited to attend this class, offered free.

Another event planned is an Illinois Association for Home and Community Education, District 5 meeting (McLean County is in District 5) ***International Studies: Scotland***, presented on Saturday, March 26, beginning at 11:00 am at the Heyworth Christian Church, 308 N. Vine, Heyworth. Allison Burnett is the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) treasurer from Scotland and will be our speaker and those attending will receive Scottish recipes. All HCE members and interested citizens are invited to attend and all HCE members in Illinois. There will be a donation box to help defray expenses. Contact Cindy Kelley, 309-663-4796 or [Jeanie Wager, 309-728-2852](tel:309-728-2852) for more information and to RSVP. We would like to know by March 6 if you can attend to accommodate planning this informative program.

Cultural Enrichment classes include a Genealogy workshop on Friday, March 11, given at the McLean County Extension Auditorium, 1-4 pm. Call Eileen, 309-722-3796 for further details. A Interior Decorating program, scheduled for March 11, has been moved to April 8 instead. More information about the Interior Decorating program will be given next month.

For more information about Home and Community Education (HCE), please contact Robin Pearson, 815-579-1650 or Cindy Kelley, 309-663-4796.

Classifieds

For Sale:

Culligan water dispenser with one 5 gallon bottle, \$25.
Exercise Bike for sale, excellent condition \$25.
Ping Pong Table for sale, excellent condition \$25.

Ron Fontaine
4 Eastwood Ct
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Towanda Library

Go Green @ your library Workshops

May 18 @ 5:30 - Master Gardener on Veggie Gardening

August 17 @ 5:30 - Ecology Action Center Offers Tips

September 7 @ 5:30 - Dig Into Composting

Story Hours

Monday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

March Story Hours: Younger brothers and sisters are welcome to play while the 3 and 4-year-olds listen to stories and create art projects. All children enjoy a snack together at the end of the hour.

March 7Umbrellas
March 14Lady Shamrock
March 21Think Spring!
March 28Kites

March 8th - Final day to register to vote in the April 5th Consolidated Election. Register at the library.

March 12th -- TOWANDA READS group attends Scott Altman presentation at Heartland College at 7 pm

March 17th - GO GREEN -- Recycle your batteries at the library.

April 4th - Money Smart Week Programs

4:00 pm -- Slow Cookers, An Inexpensive Method of Cooking

5:00 pm -- Important Papers: Organize Your Financial Affairs

6:00 pm -- Gardening Is Healthy for You and Your Pocketbook

April 11- 16 is National Library Week with the theme "Create Your Own Story @ your library"

April 13th at 6:30 - Volunteer Recognition Dinner: *The Wonderful Renewable Resource - Our Volunteers* - This event is meant to recognize, renew, and revitalize our volunteers. Let us treat you to a relaxing dinner. You helped your community library all year - now we want to thank you. Local artists Stan and Janetta Bauer will demonstrate their artistic process.

Barnes and Noble NOOK Demo: Stop at the library any time between 4:30 and 6:30 on Monday, March 28th for a personal demonstration of the NOOK e-Reader. Beginning in May, our library will offer free download of e-books that are compatible with the NOOK and the SONY Reader.

Calendar and News Items

Sun.Mar.13 ~ DST begins (set clocks ahead 1 hour @ 2:00 a.m.)

Tue.Mar.15 ~ Towanda Area Historical Society will meet in the Board Room at the Community Building at 7:00 p.m.

Unit 5 Schools Information

Note ~ New telephone numbers for Towanda Elementary ~ Office: 309-557-4426.
Attendance line: 309-557-4475

2011-2012 District Calendar

<http://www.unit5.org/districtinformation/aboutunit5/events/docs/DistrictCalendar2011-2012.pdf>

Wed.Mar.9 ~ Late Start

Sun.Mar.13 ~ Open House/Tour ~ Evans Junior High School from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m.,
2901 Morrissey Dr; Bloomington IL <http://www.unit5.org/ejhs/> ~ The public is invited.

Tue.Mar.15 ~ Unit 5 Kindergarten Registration.

<http://www.unit5.org/index.shtml> or call Towanda Elementary 309-557-4426 with questions

Mon.Mar.21 - Fri.Mar.25 ~ Spring Break, No School

Mon.Mar.28 ~ School Resumes after Spring Break

Tue.Apr.12 ~ Pre-Kindergarten Screening

<http://www.unit5.org/index.shtml> ~ Appointments are required. Call the Brigham Early Learning Center at 309-557-4411 beginning **Tue.Mar.1** to schedule an appointment. Appointments are limited.

Towanda 4-H



The Towanda 4-H Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1st at the Towanda Community Center. Our Junior Leader will be John Richard. Our speaker will be Julia Wehrenberg. She will talk about her mission work in Africa that she has completed there in the past year, and what she will be doing there in the next year of her service there. The talks will be given by Adam Kraft, A. Feit, Alex Kraft, M. Stoltz, MacKenzie Kraft.

Demonstrations will be given by A. Lovel, H. Lovel, M. Reginer, J. Richard, and S.Kraft. The Dorgans and Glasscocks are in charge of refreshments. Sam Clement is in charge of recreation. For more information, contact Kathy Schultz at 728-2137 or Jeanie Wager at 728-2852.

Towanda Girl Scouts

The Girl Scouts wish to thank everyone for their donation of baked items and support to our Bake Sale during the Boy Scout Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. We couldn't have done the sale without all of your help! The money earned will be used for our annual "Mom and Me" event in May. Girl Scout cookies will arrive the week of March 7.

Village of Towanda

Show Bus

Show Bus is public transportation available to residents in Towanda and surrounding areas including Indian Creek. The bus is available for everyone and it is equipped with lifts for easy wheelchair access. A bus runs Monday, Wednesday and Friday and picks up in Towanda at 10:00 am, in Indian Creek at approximately 10:30 am, and will return from Bloomington/Normal between 2:30 and 3:15. Fees/donations apply, call 1-800-525-2454 for appointments and more information.