

# INDIAN CREEK NEWSLETTER

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## Towanda American Legion

Towanda American Legion will have a breakfast on Sunday April 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. Carryouts are available.

There will be a fish/shrimp dinner on Friday April 8th and Friday April 22nd from 5:30 to 7:30. Dinner will include fish or shrimp, au gratin potatoes, cole slaw, roll, dessert and drink for \$8. Carryouts 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.

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## Towanda Seniors

The Towanda Seniors will meet April 13th at noon for a potluck at the Towanda Community Building. Meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring your own table service. Hosts will be Ken and Mary Jones and Ivy Fackler. If you have any questions please call Beverly Meginnes at 728-2769.

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## Towanda 4th of July Fundraiser



Due to increased expenses from last year, the 4TH of July committee is asking the citizens of Towanda to help raise funds for the 4TH of July activities. By purchasing baking goods, you will contribute to the funding of the 4TH of July events, and ensure the tradition will continue to live on! As well, you will have desserts that are convenient to prepare, for Holiday cook-outs. Cookie Dough and Butter Braid Pastries will be available to order by Sunday, April 10 for delivery/ pick up by Saturday, April 23 (available at Community Building during Egg Hunt). Contact Linda Potts, 728-2384, Debbie Kinsella 728-2216, Mary Merritt 728-2810, or Gail Ann Briggs, 728-2187 to order.

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# Towanda Busy Bees Meeting Notes

by Reporter Jacob Bonner

On Tuesday, March 15, the Towanda Busy Bees held their monthly meeting at the Towanda Community Building. President Taylor Morris called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Craig Morris led the Pledge of Allegiance and Emma Reints led the 4-H Pledge. The roll call topic this month was favorite kind of pie, for Pi day. During the business portion of the meeting, Craig Morris gave the treasurers report and Anna Dickerson gave the secretary's report. In new business the club set a date for the annual Red Cross blood drive for June 21 2011 at the Towanda Community Building. The Library clean up will be in May.

***The club has been learning about food pantries and will hold a food drive. Information cards will be delivered on Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup> around the Towanda area, with food pick up on May 7<sup>th</sup>***

In other business, the club decided to donate a plaque for the fair. The date for McLean county attendance at the 4-H Memorial Summer Camp is June 26 -30 . Anna Dickerson gave a talk and demo on Japanese items. After the meeting there was an international food tasting and homemade ice cream.

The Towanda Busy Bees meet the third Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is on Tuesday, April 19. Membership is open to boys and girls ages 8-18—or Cloverbuds between the ages of 5-7 --everyone is welcome. Please contact Tom and Janet Morris at 664-0360 with questions.

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## Towanda Elementary Community Night

**Thursday, April 7**

**Enjoy a night of fun at Towanda Elementary School!**



You do not have to be enrolled at the school to participate in the activities, and it promises to be a GREAT evening!

- The Zoo Lady and her Zoo Crew will be available for face painting.
- There will be a Student Art Show on display at the school.
- All proceeds benefit the Towanda PTO to support special school events and purchase building wish list items such as leveled library books.
- Walk-a-Thon prize presentation. Students will participate in a walk-a-thon at school earlier in the day. Please support Towanda Elementary with a donation to a Towanda student!
- Enjoy live entertainment!

You may call the school with any questions @ (309)557-4426 (NOTE the new number)

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# Local Calendar

## APRIL

**Tue. April 5**.....Election Day, VOTE  
.....Unit 5 Board of Education Members  
.....Towanda District Library Trustees  
.....Village of Towanda Trustees and Mayor

**Thur. April 7** ..... Towanda School Event

**Sat. April 9**..... Recycling Pickup  
..... (in Lamplighter and Towanda)

**Sun. April 10** ..... last day to order 4th items

**Sun. April 13** ..... 4th Theme & GM due

**Thur. April 21** ..... SIP, Unit 5, No School for Students

**Fri. April 22** ..... Unit 5, No School

**Sat. April 23** ..... Lions Easter Egg Hunt, CB, 10:00 am  
..... Bake Sale, CB, 9:00 am  
..... 4th fundraising items available

**Sun. April 24** ..... Easter

**Mon. April 25** ..... 4<sup>th</sup> July Planning, CB, 7:00 pm

**Wed. April 27** ..... Garage Sale info due

**Sat. April 30**..... “Cook’s Tour Event

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**Thu-Sun. May 5-8** .....Area Garage Sales

**Sat-Sun. May 7-8** .....Rte 66 Red Carpet Corridor Festival

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## Unit 5 Pre-Kindergarten Screening

Call the Brigham Early Learning Center at 309-557-4411 to schedule an appointment for **Tue. April 12** ~ Appointments are required and limited.

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## Towanda 4th of July Theme & Grand Marshal

Your Suggestions are Requested for Towanda’s 43rd Annual 4th of July Parade THEME and GRAND MARSHAL. A list of former themes and grand marshals is posted at the Community Building, Post Office and Library

**Theme** - Please include: theme suggestion and your name and contact information.

**Grand Marshal** - Please include: name of nominee, and information about the nominee.

Suggestions are requested by Wednesday, April 13 to:

Towanda 4th of July Parade Committee;  
112 Hunt St; Towanda IL 61776



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## Towanda Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt and Senior Bake Sale – Saturday Apr.23 @ 10:00 a.m.



Location: Community Building  
Senior Citizens Group will sell baked items  
Pre-school thru grade 4  
Bring your own basket  
Register for prizes  
4th of July fund raiser items will be available to pick up  
The Towanda Ladies Night Out group will have donuts, juice and coffee for sale

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## A 'Cooks Tour' Fund Raiser

A self guided tour of six new kitchens in homes in Normal and Bloomington will be held **Sat.Apr.30**.

In addition to seeing the kitchens between 1:00-5:00, the ticket allows you to enjoy a reception from 4:00-7:00 at the McLean County Museum of History that will feature musical performances by Unit 5 and District 87 students, wine and tidbits, raffle prizes and more ~ AND ~ tour the traveling exhibit "The Way We Ate" at the Museum between 1:00-7:00. The proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit the Beyond the Books Educational Foundation, which annually awards grants to educators in Unit 5 and District 87.

Tickets are \$35.00 and available at the Garlic Press, Growing Grounds and Casey's Garden Shop.

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## Check out these websites for LOTS of information:

- <http://towandail.org/> Towanda area
- <http://www.unit5.org/> Unit 5
- <http://towandahistory.org/> Towanda Area Historical Society
- <http://www.unit5.org/ejhs/> Evans Junior High School
- <http://www.mcleanhce.org/> Home, Community Education
- <http://www.towandalibrary.org/> Towanda District Library
- <http://www.beyondthebooksbn.org/> Beyond the Books Educational Foundation
- <http://www.ecologyactioncenter.org/> Ecology Action Center
- <http://www.unit5.org/nchs/index.shtml> NCHS
- <http://www.unit5.org/towanda/index.php> Towanda Elementary



## Towanda HCE

The Towanda HCE will meet on Monday, April 11 at 7:00 pm at the Towanda Community Building. Helen Guth and Pat Schumm are hostesses. Pat Pulokas will give the lesson, "Waste Not, Want Not" that was prepared by the Ecology Action Center. The Fact Find is "101 Ways To Go Green". The roll call is answering the question of "Do you Recycle? How?"

County activities include a cultural enrichment class, "Interior Decorating" on Friday, April 8, 1-4 pm at **The Cottage, 1328 E. Empire, Bloomington**; Call Karen, 724-8461 by April 4 so as to accommodate enough seating. There is no fee. On Monday, April 18, there will be a **Read & Share** at the Extension Building and will review the book, ***The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down*** by Anne Fadiman. This non-fiction book shows how a family navigates through western culture medicine and medical doctors that clashes with their ethnic history when their young daughter is stricken with epilepsy. The book will give you great insight and history of the Hmong people of Cambodia. Contact LaVonne C. at 661-6391 for more info.

There will be a local leader lesson on Thursday, April 21, 1-3 pm on **Food Substitutions** by Robin Bagwell, program coordinator of Nutrition/Family, McLean County Extension Unit Office. Everyone is invited to attend but be sure to call the extension office at 663-8306 to reserve a spot and program materials.

Money Smart Week is April 2-9<sup>th</sup> in McLean County. Brochures are available at the Towanda District Library. Read of the many classes available around the county and are free.

For more information about these and other programs or the Towanda Home and Community Education group, please contact membership chair, Robin P. at 815-579-1650 or President, Cindy Kelley, 663-4796.



### Pepper Profit Program

Bring this voucher when you visit (Dine In or To Go) the Chili's location identified below and 10% of your purchase (excluding taxes) will benefit:

**McLEAN COUNTY HOME  
& COMMUNITY  
EDUCATION**

Group/Charity

**MONTH OF APRIL**

Event/Exp. Date

One coupon per person, per visit at participating Chili's restaurants only. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Offer ends per expiration date above

**2107 N. Veterans Pkwy 309-663-8060**

Chili's Location/Telephone

**#99999000000793**

***HCE's Pepper Profit Program - Won't you consider helping HCE by participating in our Pepper Program? A new certificate needs to be taken each time you visit Chili's during the month of April. Copies will be available at the post office and the Towanda grain elevator.***

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## Classifieds

### **For Sale:**

Two 1972 Schwinn 10 speed Continental bicycles in excellent condition, \$250 for both.

Exercise bike in excellent condition. \$25.

Culligan water dispenser with 5 gallon bottle, \$25.

Ron Fontaine (309) 728-2717



### **For Hire:**

McKenzie Hayes, Age 15, will babysit.

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## Red Carpet Corridor May 7-8



Saturday and Sunday 8:00am -5:00pm: Flea Market, Area Garage Sales, Crafts, Antiques, Bake Sale, Food and Entertainment at North Park.

### **Saturday**

Lawn mower races at 11:00 am on Main St.

Call Bryan at 309-728-2733 for information.

### **Sunday**

American Legion Breakfast 7-11:00am at Legion Hall.

Car show on Old Route 66. Registration: 8:00am-12:00pm. Call Jodi at 815-579-

Cattle Bandits Band in North Park at 1:00 pm. (Bring your lawn chairs)

Raffle for Wii or 50/50 Drawing; Passport books will be stamped at North Park

Route 66 T-Shirts for sale: \$14.00 - \$ 16.00; Route 66 Hats: \$9.00

Route 66 Glassware, Jewelry also for sale; For information call Sharon at 309-728-2169 or Susie at 309-728-2195.

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## Towanda Area Garage Sales

**Thursday, May 5 – Sunday, May 8**

Garage sales will be held in conjunction with the Red Carpet Corridor Event ~

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, April 27**, to be included on the map and list (depending on available space). (Sales do not need to be held on all 4 days!)

Mail to: 112 Hunt St, Towanda. Emailed information will receive a reply from

[rqbriggs@frontiernet.net](mailto:rqbriggs@frontiernet.net). Any questions, call 309-728-2187.

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## Towanda Library

### April 4th - Money Smart Week Programs

**4:00 pm -- Slow Cookers, An Inexpensive Method of Cooking:** A quick, inexpensive recipe will be prepared along with tips for slow cooker use. Presented by Robin Bagwell

**5:00 pm -- Important Papers: Organize Your Financial Affairs:** Paper clutter costs time and money. Presented by Charlotte Talkington

**6:00 pm -- Gardening Is Healthy for You and Your Pocketbook:** Save money. Grow your own vegetables and flowers. Presented by Charlotte Talkington.

### **April 11- 16 is National Library Week**

The theme is "Create Your Own Story @ your library". Stop in and let us film you telling your story about "Why you love reading or your library or school or community." Chocolate rewards to all participants!

### **April 13th at 6:30 --- Volunteer Recognition Dinner:**

This event is meant to recognize, renew, and revitalize our volunteers. You helped your community library all year - now we want to thank you. Local artists Stan and Janetta Bauer will demonstrate their artistic process. Stan and Janetta have been raising alpacas for more than six years. They focus on the development of wearable alpaca items created from the fiber produced by the animals on their farm. Hear their story of getting into the alpaca business. Learn how they take the fiber from the animal to finished products, including spinning, knitting, weaving and felting. They are true entrepreneurs!

### **April Story Hours:**

4<sup>th</sup> - Bird Nests

11<sup>th</sup> - Trees

18<sup>th</sup> - All About Dirt

25<sup>th</sup> - Eggstravaganza

**Summer Reading 2011:** The Summer Reading theme is so exciting that we can hardly wait for summer this year! *A Midsummer Knight's Read* will allow us to explore everything medieval – from princes and princesses to chess, knights, and dragons. We plan to build LEGO castles! There will be plenty of costumes for our Reader's Theater performances, as well as a culminating Medieval Feast.

**LEGO Donations:** The library will willingly accept any donations of LEGOS (new or used) and/or LEGO building sets from the Kingdom series for our summer program.

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## Towanda Baptist Church

Spring has sprung and the First Baptist Church wants to invite everyone to join us for our Easter week services. Palm Sunday April 17 -10:15 Maundy Thursday service 6:00 - This is a very intimate service remembering the night Christ was betrayed and crucified.

Resurrection Sunday April 24 - 8:30 Kidz Club Breakfast,10:00 Sunday School Program, and Worship Service

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## General Media Release



### EVTown Mitsubishi “i” Electric Vehicles to Make Public Debut at the April 9<sup>th</sup> Illinois Sustainable Living and Wellness Expo

The EVTown Task Force is proud to announce their participation in the April 9<sup>th</sup> Illinois Sustainable Living and Wellness Expo. The Expo takes place on April 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Shirk Center on Illinois Wesleyan University's campus. At the event, the Task Force will publicly debut their Mitsubishi “i” electric vehicles, which have been leased by the Town of Normal. Expo attendees will be able to personally inspect the electric vehicle at all times during the event. A limited number of test drives will also be offered from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. during the event. Registration for the limited test drive offering will take place at the event beginning at 9:00 a.m. near the vehicle display.

The EVTown Task Force is currently scheduling additional special events and test drive opportunities for 2011. Businesses or organizations interested in hosting an electric vehicle should contact Geoff Fruin, Assistant City Manager for the Town of Normal, at (309) 454-9504 or via email at [gfruin@normal.org](mailto:gfruin@normal.org).

For more information on the Illinois Sustainable Living and Wellness Expo please visit their website at [www.islwe.org](http://www.islwe.org) or contact 309-454-3169.