



INDIAN CREEK NEWSLETTER



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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, Southwest Asia Conflict, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Applications will be available beginning December 1, 2011. Students need to apply before March 1, 2012. To learn more about this tuition waiver, go to:

<https://secure.admin.illinois.edu/osfa/scholarship-database/detail.aspx?id=1522>

Any questions can be directed to The Office of Student Financial Aid, Ph: 217-333-0100.

Legion News

The Towanda American Legion will have a breakfast on Sunday December 4th 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 not be a dinner this month, but the dinners will continue in January.

Thanks to your generous response, we will be sending 2 boxes to Jeff Kretlow this month. Thank you all for your support of our service men and women, our veterans and the Legion. May you and your family have a wonderful holiday season.

Towanda 4H

The Towanda 4H met on Tuesday, November 1st. We had a speaker who talked to us about healthy eating habits. And talked about "ChooseMyPlate" which has replaced "MyPryamid".

Our next meeting will be on Friday, December 3rd. We will have a pizza party and plan to clean & decorate the Towanda community building for the holiday season. We asked that every member bring canned goods to donate for our food drive. If you would like to make a donation, you can drop off your donations at the community building on Friday, December 3rd between 6:30pm and 8pm.

The Towanda 4H is open to boys and girls from ages 8 to 18 by September 1st. And Clover Buds are for kids ages 5 to 7. For more information, contact Kathy Schultz at 728-2137 or Jeanie Wager at 728-2852.

Library News

Reception and Art Display for Towanda Native Aaron Yount

December 7th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm



The FRIENDS of the Towanda Library are hosting a reception for local artist, Aaron Yount, on December 7th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. at the library. Aaron has been selected by the Hiram Blauvelt Art Museum in Oradell, New Jersey to be their 2012 Artist-in-Residence. Aaron's art is in galleries and private collections throughout the

United States. He works in a realistic style to depict wildlife in their natural habitat. Aaron will have his work on display for the evening. Come and wish Aaron well on his year-long adventure to this prestigious east coast museum.



TOWANDA READS Tuesday, December 13th at 7:00

The next meeting of this book discussion group is Tuesday, December 13th at 7:00 at the home of a member. Call the library for details. The group will read and discuss [DESTINY OF THE REPUBLIC: A Tale of Madness, Medicine and the Murder of a President](#) by Candice Millard. Amazon says this book is - "Meticulously researched, epic in scope, and pulsating with an intimate human focus and high-velocity narrative drive, The Destiny of the Republic will stand alongside The Devil in the White City...as a classic of narrative history."

Quiddler and Banana-Gram Tournaments 2:00 to 4:00 on Thursday, December 29

These games are fun for all ages - 8 to adult! Stop at the library to join the tournament and win food prizes. Good readers are typically good spellers and have larger vocabularies. Each of these makes your chances of being a Quiddler or Banana-Gram champ greater. If you know how to spell simple words and are quickly able to see letter patterns that form words, you can win!

Book Bingo 2:00 to 4:00 on Friday, December 30

Are the days getting boring with no school? Join us for a rousing afternoon of Book Bingo - with candy for Bingo markers, of course. If your child is too young to read, then parents may be a team mate. If you were one of the people at the library's Halloween Party who said, "Keep playing Bingo longer!" - then this afternoon of fun is for you. Books will be the prizes most of the time, but we do have a few other surprise prizes.

Library Closing Dates: December 24, 26, 31 and Monday, January 2

Food-4-Fines: During December the library will kick-off our Food-4-Fines drive. You may bring in nonperishable food items and the library will forgive \$2 of your fines for each donated item. *Note: Fines will not be removed from unreturned items or items returned damaged.*

December Story Hours at 10:30 Monday mornings -- 12/5 - Cookies: 12/12 - Stars: 12/19 - Holiday Celebrations.

Cup of Christmas Tea: The artists and vendors at this library event wish to thank all the shoppers who made it a resounding success!

Library Position Open: The library is currently seeking a part-time staff member. Excellent customer service and computer skills are required. Prior library experience is desirable. Online cataloging skills, plus a desire to work with youth are needed. Applications are available at the library. Position includes one evening per week, plus some Saturdays and availability for subbing.



Deer Sighting

This deer wandered into the Mogill's backyard. It's that time of year we start seeing deer as they forage closer to homes for food.



Village Of Towanda Holiday Party

Santa Claus is coming to town! Join Santa for donuts and drinks, pictures, games and crafts. Saturday, December 17, 8:30 - 9:30 am at the Towanda Community Building. Please RSVP by Monday, December 12 so that we will have enough food, drinks and supplies. RSVP to: Clerk@villageoftowanda.org or 728-2811



Members of the club working on electricity experiments

Towanda Busy Bees Meeting Notes

by Reporter Jacob Bonner

On Tuesday ,November 15 2011 , the Towanda Busy Bees held their monthly meeting at the Towanda Community Building. President Taylor Morris called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Logan Bonner led the Pledge of Allegiance and Gabby Vaughan led the 4-H Pledge. The roll call topic this month was your favorite electronic device. During the business portion of the meeting we talked about the annual library clean up on November 19 at 9 am. The club also discussed bell ringing at Macy's on December 20 from 6-8pm.

During this month's meeting the program focused on electricity. The club explored experiments with parallel and series circuits. Jeff Marquis demonstrated various project options members can explore for entering the fair.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

The Towanda Busy Bees meet the third Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is on Tuesday, January 17 2012. 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.



Leaf raking at the Towanda Library

*Warm wishes for a
Merry Christmas!*

