

INDIAN CREEK NEWSLETTER

April 2012

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Calendar

Mar. 26-30 – Unit 5 – spring break
Sun. Apr. 1 – Legion Breakfast
Mon. Apr. 2 – Unit 5 – School Resumes
Fri. Apr. 6 – Unit 5 – No School (Good Friday)
Sat. Apr. 7 Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by Lions Club
Sun. Apr. 8 – EASTER
Wed. Apr. 11 – 4th of July Theme and Grand Marshal suggestions due (see note)
Fri. Apr. 13 – Legion Dinner
Mon. Apr. 16 – IRS Tax filing due
Wed. Apr. 18 – Unit 5 – Late Start
Mon. Apr. 23 – 4th July Planning, 7:00 p.m. at Community Building
Tue. Apr. 24 – Towanda Area Historical Society, 7:00 p.m. at Community Building
Wed. Apr. 25 – Towanda Area Garage Sale information due (see note)
Mon. Apr. 30 – Unit 5 – No School for students (School Improvement/staff only)
Thu-Sun, May 3-6 – Area Garage Sales (see flyer for advertised days/times)

Easter Egg Hunt



The Towanda Lions Club will be having an Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 7. Please plan to come early because we will start promptly at 10:00 a.m. Registration is open to babies up through 4th grade.

New Grandparents

Barbara and Lane O'Connor became grandparents March 15th. Julius James Fabrizio was born 11:45pm on the Ides of March weighing 7 lbs., 10 oz. and 21 inches long.



Grounds Chair Resigns

It is with significant regret that the ICWHA Board announces that Jim Russell has stepped down from his position as Grounds Chair. Jim did an amazing job over the years (since 2004)! Many of the innovations to improve and protect the common areas were Jim's ideas. We will miss his contributions, pragmatism and humor on the board. If any Indian Creek residents are interested in filling this position, please contact Brian Krause.

Towanda American Legion Meals



The Towanda American Legion will have a breakfast on Sunday April 1st from 7:30 – 11:00. Breakfast includes eggs, egg casserole, sausage, bacon, hash browns, pancakes, fresh fruit, biscuits and gravy, juice, milk and coffee for \$8.

There will be a pork chop dinner on Friday April 13th. Dinner will include a pork chop sandwich, French fries, green beans, dessert and drink for \$8.

All breakfasts and dinners are open to the public. If you know of a service person who could use a little care package, please let me know. We have a box ready to go. We just need a name and address.

Towanda Area Garage Sales

This year's garage sales dates are May 3-6 (Thursday-Sunday) ~ held in conjunction with the Route 66 Red Carpet Corridor Festival (May 5-6). To be included on the list of area sales, please provide ~ by Wednesday, April 25:



- Sale location
- Contact information (phone, email)
- Days and times of your sale (you do not need to have your sale each day)
- List of items (include as much as you like, in priority order, and depending on space available, they will be listed)
- \$7 fee (for flyers, Pantagraph ads), checks payable to Gail Ann Briggs

Email info to rgbriggs@frontiernet.net (preferred) or Send to 112 Hunt St; Towanda IL 61776
Call (728-2187) with questions.

4th of July Theme and Grand Marshal nominations

A list of past themes and Grand Marshals is posted at the Library, Community Building and Post Office. Please nominate both! Selection will be based on the connection between them. Suggestions are requested by Wednesday, April 11 for Towanda's 44th Annual 4th of July Parade.

Theme: Please include:

- Theme suggestion, and
- Your name and contact information

Grand Marshal: Please include:

- Name of person being nominated, and
- Information about the nominee

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

Blue Herons



Blue Heron nesting – photo by Tim Mogill

Several blue herons have taken up residence and are nesting in the woods along the creek east of the homes on the middle of Bent Tree Lane. One neighbor has reported seeing a whole flock flying together. Another neighbor noted that Blue Herons tend to nest in large groups. Many Bent Tree Laners are enjoying the sight of these magnificent birds.

Towanda HCE

The Towanda HCE will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 9 at the Towanda Community Building. Kathleen Emery will present the program “To Soy or Not to Soy” and the fact find of Soy Recipes. Hostesses are Kathleen Emery and Joyce Theobald.

McLean County Home and Community Education is sponsoring a Spring Trip on Tuesday, April 17 to Ottawa, IL to the Reddick Mansion Tour and then on to Starved Rock for a meal and entertainment. There are still a few seats available (HCE members- \$70, non-members \$75) and call Jane, 473-2844 for availability. On Monday, April 16, there will be a Read & Share at the Extension Office on the book, *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins. This is free and call LaVonne, 661-6391 for more information.

Visitors are always welcome to all our HCE functions. Call Cindy, 663-4796 or Robin, 815 579 1650 for more information or just come to our April 9th meeting.

Notices, Want Ads and Classifieds

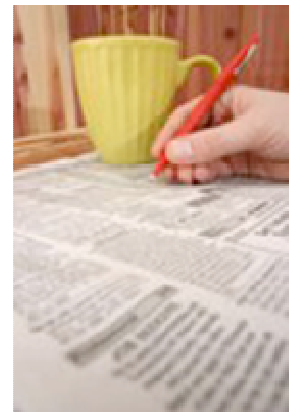
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Jim and Faith Russell, 728-8042 jmr1234@frontier.com

Black lacquer entertainment console for large flat screen TV. Frosted glass top. 7 feet long. 18 inches high. 2 doors, 2 drawers, 2 open shelves for other components. Purchased 2 years ago for \$600. Very high quality and in perfect condition. Pictures available. Asking \$375.

Wesley Church Annual Rummage Sale – Huge sale at the Interstate Center

Saturday April 14th 8am to 2pm. Something for everyone. Housewares, clothing, furniture, appliances, baby items, tools, antiques, electronics, sporting goods. Lunch available.



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

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK APRIL 8 TO 14:

Join the fun! Tell us "Why I Love My Library" if you stop in for chocolate during the week. Treats are courtesy of the FRIENDS of the Library.

Chocolate Cooking Contest: Bring 10 bites plus your recipe to the library by 4:00 pm on Wednesday, April 11th. Prize winners will be announced at 4:00 pm on Thursday, April 12th at the library. FRIENDS of the Library are judges.

Money Smart Week Programs

Saturday, April 21: Money Smart Kids "Big Read" at 10:00 a.m. - It's never too early to learn about money: a special hour that will include a story, an age appropriately activity and take home items for the children, ages 3 and up. We will read *Dollar and Sense* by Stan and Jan Berenstain.

Monday, April 23:

Cooking from your Cabinet at 4:00 p.m. - Learn how to stock your cabinet with staples to be able to cook creatively and economically. A food demonstration with food samples provided.

Shop at Home before Going to the Garden Center at 5:00 p.m. -A focus on container gardening using what you already have, recycling containers and using houseplants and perennials from your garden.

READ TO DOGS - Tuesday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30 through May:

Parents, register your child to read to a certified canine friend! Your child gets individual one-on-one attention for 15 minutes with a dog and his trainer. Even reluctant readers can't resist the chance to practice their reading skills with a furry friend listening.

May Story Hours -- Mondays at 10:30:

5-7-Going on a Bear Hunt; 5-14 Too Many Frogs; 5-21 Marvelous Mud

Tuesday Evening Knitting Group

At 5:00 every Tuesday evening a group of knitters, crocheters, and felters meet to work and share ideas. Join the fun!

Towanda Reads: Come and Get It!, Author to speak at Library on May 14th

The public is invited to attend a 6:00 p.m. presentation by author Robert Dirks who wrote *Come and Get It!* - which traces the history of cooking and dining in McLean County. An Emeritus Professor of Anthropology at Illinois State University, Dirks was guest curator for the Come and Get It exhibit at the McLean County Museum of History. He has published extensively about food, famine, dietary patterns of various cultures, and nutrition. Join the discussion with the author. Bring your questions about our local food history. Dirks will speak at Normal Public Library at 2:00 p.m. on May 14th, as well.

Towanda 4-H Club

The Towanda 4-H will have their next meeting on Tuesday, April 3rd, at the Towanda Community Building. The Junior Leader is John Richard. Katie Sandage, David Salegna and Madison Kraft will give talks while demonstrations will be given by Joseph Anderson, Molly Borth, Sam Clement, Anna Myrvold and Anne Simpson. Sophie Dorgan is in charge of recreation. The refreshments will be provided by J. Kraft (drinks) & Kinsella (snack).

On Monday, April 30th, the group will take a tour of the Wind Farm. At the March meeting the group made miniature versions of the wind mills. Then they tested the wind mills to see how much energy could be made by the wind mills.

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

McLean County Waste Generation Declines for Third Year in a Row

208,026 tons of municipal solid waste was generated in McLean County last year. This amount is a 3.2 percent decrease from 2010, an 8.9% decrease from 2009 and a 20.4% decrease from 2008, the highest rate recorded. This is the third year in a row that waste generation in McLean County has declined. As this trend mirrors recent stagnation or declines in retail sales of general merchandise according to data from the Illinois Department of Revenue, it is likely that the economic recession has resulted in less consumer spending that generates waste.

2011 also saw a significant decline in the county-wide recycling rate, from 2010 the rate of 37.5% to 34.2%. While normally this would be a disappointing trend, this deceptive drop stems from more accurate reporting from some of McLean County's major recyclers. So while this sets the current recycling rate at further from the county goal of 40%, some increases within this rate point towards a trend of increased recycling and promising future increases.
