



INDIAN CREEK NEWSLETTER

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ICWHA

The Indian Creek Homeowners Association Annual Meeting will be held Wednesday, March 20 at the Towanda Library. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. (Note change in location and please be prompt since we need to be out of the library by 7:30. Thank you, we look forward to seeing residents there!

Unit 5 Calendar

NCHS Students on Stage (SOS) performances will be Thursday – Saturday, January 31 – February 2. This is the last, and 40th, year that student-written, and directed, plays will be performed at the high school. Shows begin at 7:00 p.m. The cast list can be found at http://old.unit5.org/nchs/drama/2013_SOSCastList.pdf

February 13 & 27 ~ 1-hr late starts

February 18 & 19 ~ No School for Students

Redistricting Forum

Due to increasing enrollment resulting in overcrowding at some schools, changes in attendance areas will be made beginning in the fall of this year. The open forum will be held at Evans Junior HS (2901 Morrissey Dr., Bloomington) ~ February 21 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Please attend to learn more and talk with Unit 5 officials. Directions to the school are found at: <http://www.unit5.org/Domain/26>

Towanda Busy Bees

The Towanda Busy Bees met at the Towanda District Library on January 15th. A program on photography was presented by Jim Ferrier. He began being interested in photography as a member of 4H in his boyhood and still is an avid photographer. Jim presented many photographs that he has taken around Central Illinois as well as some from his many travels with State Farm before his retirement. Jim also shared valuable information about lighting, shutter speed and editing. The next meeting of the Towanda Busy Bees will be February 12th at 6:30pm at the Towanda District Library. The program will be given by two local videographers. Guests are always welcome. For more information contact: Martha Rients @ hrients@frontiernet.net or 728-2178.



Towanda 4-H

The Towanda 4-H will meet on Tuesday, February 5th at 6:30pm at the Christ Lutheran Church in Normal. The YWCA will be presenting a babysitting clinic. There will also be talks given by Arianna Scheltons, Sophie Dorgan and Sarah Kraft. Demonstrations will be given by Megan Schultz, Sam Scheltons and Abby Feit. Refreshments will be provided by the Salegna family and drinks by the Clement family. Avery Wiedfelt is in charge of recreation. We will be collecting donations of pasta and ravioli for the Lexington Food Pantry.



At our last meeting, we learned about candle making and we brought in donations of spaghetti sauce and peanut butter for the Lexington Food Pantry.

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

Towanda HCE



The Towanda Home and Community Education group will meet on Monday, Feb 11, 7 pm at the Towanda District Library. Jeanie Wager and Connie Carstens are hostesses. Sharon Joplin will present the program "Grandparents play an important role in the life of a child" where we will learn about important free or inexpensive gifts that grandparents can give their grandchildren. We will also study the herb Rosemary.

McLean County HCE will be hosting a **Friendship Tea** at the Extension Auditorium, 402 N Hershey Rd., Bloomington on Saturday, Feb 9, 2013 beginning at 2 pm. HCE members are encouraged to bring guests to enjoy a special afternoon when speaker, Paul Simpkins of Rantoul, IL will talk about his collection of English 'Hall China'. All are welcome and can bring a favorite teacup with you to enjoy tea and cookies. RSVP at 309-963-5552.

There will be a cultural enrichment workshop about "Smocking on an Easter Egg" on Monday, Feb 11 9am-12noon at the Extension Auditorium. Cost of the workshop will be \$10/HCE members, \$12/ not HCE members. All supplies will be provided but participants should bring a needle and white thread. Call Carmen, 309-963-3141 for details and to RSVP.

In the afternoon on Feb 11, from 3-5 pm there is "KIDS SEWING CLUB" for kids 8 yrs and older to learn how to sew. Cost is \$5 - call Barb at 309-242-6187 for more details and what supplies you can bring. All skill levels are invited.

Check the HCE website at www.mcleanhce.org for more details regarding these workshops and activities.

57th Annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast



Towanda Scouting Organization

Saturday February 9th 2013

Towanda Grade School

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Cost in advance ~ Adults \$5.50; Children (11 & younger) \$3.50.

Cost at the door ~ Adults \$6.00; Children \$4.00.

If you are interested in placing an advanced meat order, contact any Boy Scout or call 728-2384. We have bulk and link sausage, bulk and link Italian sausage, ribs, country style bacon and boneless skinless chicken breasts.

Advance tickets to the breakfast are also available.

Towanda American Legion

The Towanda American Legion will have a breakfast on Sunday February 3rd from 7:30 – 11:00. Breakfast includes eggs, egg casserole, sausage, bacon, hash browns, pancakes, French toast, fresh fruit, biscuits and gravy, juice, milk and coffee for \$8.

The Legion will have a fish, shrimp or combo dinner on Friday February 15th from 5:00 to 7:00. Dinner will include fish, shrimp or fish/shrimp combo, au gratin potatoes, coleslaw, roll, drink and dessert for \$9.

All dinners are open to the public. Carry outs are available.

We continue to collect items for our deployed troops. Thank you for your continued support of the Legion and our Veteran's.

Thursday, February 21st is the American Legion, Auxiliary and Sons of the Legion meeting 7pm at the Legion.

Towanda Library



February Events:

Appy Hour: Monday evenings at 5:00. Bring your mobile device and your recommendations for Apps you have found useful. The group will swap ideas. Library staff will have new apps to recommend too.

Knitting/Crocheting/Felting Group: Tuesday evenings at 5:00. Bring your questions or your current project – or just come to listen and learn.

Make a Twirly Scarf: Tuesday, February 19th at 5:00. An instructor shows you how to create one of those twist-y, twirl-y scarves everyone is wearing. Bring #10 knitting needles or a K crochet hook. Textured yarn will be provided. Yarn fee \$5.

Story Hours: Wednesday mornings at 10:30. February 6th – Moose! February 13th – Valentine's Day; February 20th – Hats! February 27th – Being Sick☹

Book Discussion: Read [Same Kind of Different As Me: A Modern-Day Slave, an International Art Dealer, and the Unlikely Woman Who Bound Them Together](#) by Ron Hall for the March 12th Book Discussion. The public is welcome to attend whenever a book peaks your interest.

Classified Ads



For Hire:

Looking for someone who teaches piano lessons and has an opening for our 8-year old daughter. If interested or have any recommendations, please contact Jeremy and Angela Thomas at 300-728-2246 or japathomas@gmail.com.

Lauren Smith, age 12 and Myles Smith, age 14 will provide child care and pet care - call 728-2930

Grace Rients and Emma Rients will babysit for you! Both would be willing to babysit while you run errands, mow the lawn or have a date night. Both are certified by the Red Cross and have CPR training too! Grace and Emma Rients are also experienced pet caretakers. Please call them at 728-2178. In addition to dogs, we have experience with hermit crabs, hamsters and rabbits too!

Towanda Elementary

The Towanda Elementary PTO will host our annual Mini Basket Raffle during the Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, February 9th. The cost of the raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. Tickets can be purchased the day of the Pancake Breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This year, tickets will also be available through pre-sale. If purchasing tickets via pre-sale you can send your completed ticket form and payment to the school with your student or drop it off at the school office. All pre-sale ticket forms are due in the school office by 9:00 a.m. on Friday, February 8th. Use the following link to access a description of each basket and the ticket pre-sale form. www.unit5.org/Domain/24

Thank you for your continued support of Towanda Elementary School and Good Luck!