



INDIAN CREEK NEWSLETTER

March 2013

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ICWHA

Indian Creek Water and Homeowners Association

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 and we look forward to seeing residents there!

Indian Creek History

For those that are interested in the history of Indian Creek, there are some interesting aerial photos of our land before it was developed. You can visit the website <http://www.mcgisweb.org> and download silverlight and then view, under history, pictures of McLean County. Of particular interest is a 1940 aerial photo which shows the wiggle in road 1900east near the current water tower and it shows the gravel pit near the back end of Bent Tree Lane. Remember that these photos are not in HD, so they are a little fuzzy when you try to drill down close.

I have also updated the history of Indian Creek on our website with a little more detail relevant to Bent Tree Lane.

Ron Parsons



Dog Courtesy/Snow Road Advisory

Please pick up after your dogs when walking.

Because the roads within Indian Creek subdivision can make it difficult to navigate a large truck, Money Creek Township has asked for our cooperation in keeping vehicles off the street and parked in driveways when snowplows are out and about. Please pass along this information as a reminder to all drivers in your household.



Garden Tips

Introducing Helen Leake - McLean County Master Gardener as a contributor to our newsletter with gardening information.

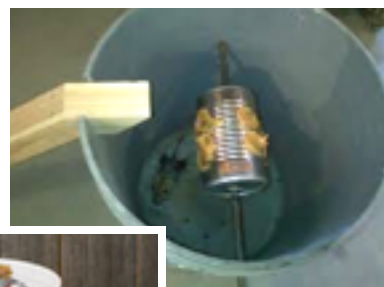
We use poisons to kill rodents, when there are other effective alternatives that are safer for people, pets, and wildlife. We dislike the site of a mouse or rat and the damage they leave behind. They contaminate our food and spread disease. The easiest thing to do is put out some d-Con, Hot Shot, Talon, etc. The only problem is they are anticoagulants rodenticides, which prevent blood from clotting by inhibiting vitamin K.

A mouse doesn't take just one bite of the rodenticide, it continues to eat it and stumbles around for 3 - 4 days, displaying itself as an especially tempting meal, not just for owls, etc, but also fox, coyotes, raccoons, bears, skunks, cats and dogs. All of which can suffer lethal poisoning from eating poisoned rodents. Mice and rats are important in the food chain. A lot of animals eat them. If the animals eat several poisoned mice, they become poisoned also and die.

Insects that pick it up, can also poison the birds that eat the insects, killing the pretty song birds. If you find a mouse or rat that has died from poisoning, put it in the trash. Do not feed it to a cat or whatever.

This does not mean we need to just put up with the mice. There are safe alternatives, such as snap traps, electrocuting traps, glue traps, provided you use them indoors and frequently dispatch the stuck rodents.

Then there is a "better mouse trap". Take a metal rod, run it through holes drilled in the center of both ends of an emptied soup can, So the can becomes a spinning drum. Fasten both ends of the rod to the top of a plastic bucket by drilled holes. Coat the can with peanut butter and fill the bucket with water and a shot of liquid soap. The soap will break the surface and make a quicker more humane drowning. Mice and rats jump onto the can, it spins them into the water.



Helen J. Leake
McLean County Master Gardener

Towanda Scouts

The Towanda Scouting Organization would like to thank the community for their support at the 57th Annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. This tradition could not continue without the support of the community members who volunteered their time to work in the kitchen and dining room, who placed advance orders and attended the breakfast. This year we served nearly 1,100 people. With the support of the community, Scouting will continue to thrive in Towanda.

Towanda HCE

The Towanda Home and Community Education group will meet on Monday, March 11, 2013, 7 pm at the Towanda District Library. Bev Hornickel and Joann Steinberg are the hostesses. The program "Disaster Preparedness" will be given by Connie Carstens. The fact find is on thyme. Members and friends should bring paper products to give to Unity Center and Clare House. The Towanda HCE has Bergner Community Days Booklets for \$5/booklet. Use your booklet on March 1 and 2. The total \$5 donation goes to McLean County HCE. Contact Kathleen Emery, 728-2784 for a booklet. Some booklets will be available from Karen or Robin at the library.

There will a "Super Saturday" on March 9 which will present three classes at the same time at the Calvary United Methodist Church. Registration/refreshments, 9-10am; Classes are 10:15-11:15 am on the programs: "Beverages-Empty Calories or Not;" "Points of Interest in Illinois;" and "Electronic Devices and Social Media." These classes are open to all and free, call Kathleen at 728-2784 for information. McLean County HCE has a great activity for kids 8 years and older who want to learn how to sew. The next Kids Sewing Club is at the Extension office, March 11, 3-5pm. Call Eileen, 533-1135 for more information. Other activities/programs include Quilt for Kids, March 18, 9-12; and Little Dresses for Africa, 1-4pm. Simple dresses are sewn from pillow case size fabric or larger and given to girls in Africa. These dresses are prized possessions.



Towanda American Legion



The Towanda American Legion will have a breakfast on Sunday March 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.

Celebrate St Patrick's Day at the Legion. There will be a dinner on Sunday March 17th. Dinner will include corned beef, cabbage, carrots, new potatoes, rye bread, dessert and drink for \$10. Dinner will be served from 4:30pm to 7:30pm. All dinners are open to the public. Carry outs are available.



Unit 5 Calendar

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION ~ Tuesday, March 19

Children reaching the age of five on or before September 1 are eligible for enrollment in Kindergarten.

Find information at <http://www.unit5.org/> or call Towanda Elementary **309-557-4426**

One Hour Late Start ~ Wednesday, March 20

Spring Break ~ is the week of March 25-29

Calendar



Sunday, March 10 @ 2:00 am ~ Daylight Saving Time begins

Websites Worth Visiting

Visit these sites for more information:

<http://www.villageoftowanda.org/>

<http://towandalibrary.org/>

<http://www.unit5.org/>



Nominations Requested

Suggestions are being taken for Towanda's 45th Annual 4th of July Parade **THEME** and **GRAND MARSHAL**.

A list of former winners is posted at the Post Office and Library

Your Suggestions are requested by **Wednesday, April 11** for Towanda's 45th 4th of July Parade **THEME** and **GRAND MARSHAL**

Please nominate both! Selection will be based on the connection between them

Theme: Please include:

- theme suggestion
- your name and contact information

Grand Marshal: Please include:

- name of person being nominated, and
- information about the nominee

Suggestions are requested by **Wednesday, April 10** to: Towanda 4th of July Parade Committee; 112 Hunt St; Towanda IL 61776

Towanda Area Garage Sales

Want to share advertising cost (and benefit from a 'built-in' crowd)? Plan to hold your sale during the Rte 66 Red Carpet Corridor Event. This year's dates are May 2-5 (Thursday-Sunday).



To be included on the list of area sales, please provide ~ by Wednesday, April 24,

- 1) Sale location, 2) Contact information [phone, email], 3) Days and times of your sale [you do not need to have your sale each day], 4) List of items [include as much as you like, in priority order, and depending on space available, they will be listed on the flyer and by category in the Pantagraph ad], 5) \$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.

Anyone with specific items they particularly want to sell may want to take out an individual ad as well.

Library News

March Library Events

Barnes and Noble NOOK Demonstration

Monday, March 4 at 5:00

Hands-on demonstration of NOOK HD. Ask questions and try the e-reader. The library's e-book collection is NOOK compatible.

Appy Hour:

Monday evenings at 5:00

Bring your mobile device and recommendations for Apps you have found useful. The group will swap ideas. Library staff will answer questions you may have about mobile device uses.

Knitting/Crocheting/Felting Group:

Tuesday evenings at 5:00

Bring your questions or your current project – or just come to listen and learn.

Book Discussion:

March 12 Book Discussion from 6 to 8

Read [Same Kind of Different As Me](#) by Ron Hall. The public is welcome to attend whenever a book peaks your interest.

Read 2 Dogs: Pre-register your child for this. Tuesday evenings 5:30 to 6:30 - 15 minute slots.

March Events @ the library

Barnes and Noble NOOK Demonstration - Monday, March 4 at 5:00

Red Carper Corridor Planning Meeting: Tuesday, March 5 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm

Home Extension:

Monday, March 11 at 6:30 pm

Book Discussion: March 12 — 6:00 to 8:00 pm

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Library Board and 4-H Meeting:

Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00 and 6:30 pm

Indian Creek Annual Meeting:

Wednesday, March 20 — 6:30 to 7:30 pm

March Story Hours @ the library

Story, craft, and snack from 10:30 to 11:30 Wednesday am

March 6 — Colors: Mix Playdough into new colors

March 13 — Green Frogs: Take home a pet frog

March 20 — Feelings: Create a mood door hanger

March 27 — Bedtime Stories: Wear your pajamas



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Ecology Action Center seeks nominations for McLean County Green Awards



The Ecology Action Center wants to know who is making a difference in McLean County. Nominations for the World of Difference Awards and the Recycling and Waste Reduction Awards are now being accepted. The recipients of these awards will be announced on April 13 at the Illinois Sustainable Living and Wellness Expo held at the Shirk Center at Illinois Wesleyan University.



These annual awards recognize outstanding projects, activities, or individuals in McLean County that promote environmental awareness or conserve natural resources. Any business, organization, school, or individual may be nominated for either award.

Creative Entries Sought for Renewable Fashion Challenge

The Ecology Action Center is looking for creative shoppers to participate in this year's Renewable Fashion Challenge which will take place at the Illinois Sustainable Living and Wellness Expo on April 13 at the Shirk Center.

This contest encourages consumers to extend the life of existing textiles, and spread out that environmental cost by re-using clothing which is already here. Each year in the U.S., 25 billion pounds of textiles are produced and over 21 billion pounds of textiles are sent to landfills. Getting a garment from design to retail store requires a mind-boggling amount of environmental resources – water, pesticides, chemicals, energy and more.

Contestants will find a fashion "look" from a magazine or celebrity fashion event. They will then scour area thrift stores, consignment shops and even their own closets to replicate that look, by using only pre-owned garments. The competition will culminate with a fashion show at the April event, and prizes will be awarded to winners.

This event is co-sponsored by the Home Sweet Home's Mission Mart Thrift Store, and a variety of events and special offers for contestants are being planned. Interested fashion designers should pre-register at www.islwe.org in order to learn about the events and offers. The deadline for submitting final entries will be April 5.

For a complete list of the rules for the Renewable Fashion Challenge, please visit www.islwe.org. Questions may be directed to Kris Hall at the Ecology Action Center, 309-54-3169.

The Ecology Action Center is a central resource for environmental education, information, and outreach in McLean County. The EAC educates for environmental action at a walk-in information center and through educational programs on a variety of environmental topics.

Classified

For Hire:

Lauren Smith, age 13 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!



Wanted:

Is there someone in the subdivision who gives violin lessons? (beginner level)
Barb Leathers - 728-2881 or bleathers6@gmail.com

For sale:

Like new clarinet \$150 call Kathy - (309)728-2009

Towanda 4-H

The Towanda 4-H will meet on Tuesday, March 5th, at the Christ Lutheran Church at 6:30pm. The speaker will be talking about Scrapbooking. Talks will be given by Abby Feit, Kenzi Kraft, Nicholas Murray and Ashley Miller. And demonstrations will be given by John Richard, Sarah Kraft, Jasmine Dotson and Avery Wietfeldt. Madison Kraft is in charge of recreation while refreshments will be provided by Dorgans (drinks) and Glasscock (food). Food pantry donations this month will be cans of meat or boxes of macaroni & cheese.



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.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

