

Indian Creek Newsletter

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Upcoming Changes....

After several years of volunteer service, Helen Mogill has made the decision to retire from newsletter publishing. She has agreed to act as an advisor for the new volunteers, Nicole Hartman and Tish Hamblen as they continue a great tradition. We would like to publicly thank Helen for the years of wonderful newsletters! We have all enjoyed the information and news. Thank you, Helen!



THIS IS THE LAST TIME A HARD COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER WILL BE DELIVERED TO ANYONE WITH EMAIL. Future newsletters will be sent via e-mail starting in May. If we do not have your e-mail address, please contact Nicole Hartman and Tish Hamblen (indiancreeknews@hotmail.com), to provide your email address or arrange for home delivery if you do not have email.



Prairie Thunder Hockey

A portion of the proceeds from a Prairie Thunder (hockey) game at the Coliseum on Saturday, April 3, will be donated to the Friends of Kirby Foundation and to some of her favorite Children's Charities. Kirby was the daughter of Rodney & Joni Brittain of Fox Creek Rd in Indian Creek.

Please feel free to call Rodney Brittain directly at (309) 660-1680 with any question or to hear more about how to help sponsor Friends of Kirby Foundation.



Towanda Area Garage Sales

Area garage sales will be held Thursday April 29 – Sunday May 2 in conjunction with the Red Carpet Corridor Event.

Please let Gail Briggs 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 21 to be included on the map and list (depending on available space). (Sales do not need to be held all 4 days!)

Mail to 112 Hunt Street. E-mailed information will receive a reply: rbriggs@frontiernet.net Call with any questions.

42nd Annual 4th of July Parade

THEME and GRAND MARSHAL



A list of former themes and grand marshals is posted at the Office and Library

For the theme, please include:

- 1) Theme suggestion
- 2) your name
- 3) your phone number and address

For the grand marshal, include:

- 1) name of person being nominated
- 2) information about the nominee

Suggestions are requested by **Wednesday April 7** to: Towanda 4th of July Parade Committee; 112 Hunt St; Towanda IL 61776 or by email to rgbriggs@frontiernet.net

Towanda Area Historical Society



TAHS, meets the 4th Thursday of the month, January-October at 7:00pm at the Towanda Community Building. Any questions, please call Gail Briggs at 728-2178. Check out the website at <http://towandahistory.org>.

McLean County Produced Less Waste in 2009



Press Release
March 25, 2010

Total waste generated in McLean County in 2009 saw a significant decrease from the year prior but unfortunately the rate of recycling county-wide also decreased. During 2009, a total of 228,306 tons of municipal solid waste was generated in McLean County, which is a 13 percent decrease from the 261,441 tons generated in 2008.

Of the 228,306 tons of waste generated in 2009, a total of 80,217 tons were recycled for a county recycling rate of 35.1 percent. While this is a slight reduction from the 2008 recycling rate of 37.6 percent, McLean County is still within 5 percent of reaching its goal of recycling 40 percent of its municipal solid waste according to the McLean County Solid Waste Plan. The Ecology Action Center annually collects data on the amount of municipal solid waste generated and recycled for all of McLean County; these figures are then reported to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for use in calculating statewide statistics.

Information on residential recycling, recycling of non-traditional items, and information on recycling or disposal of household hazardous wastes may be found at www.ecologyactioncenter.org or by calling 309-454-3169.

Towanda American Legion



Due to Easter, the Towanda American Legion will have a breakfast on the second Sunday of the month. Breakfast will be **April 11 from 7:30am to 11:00am**. Breakfast will include scrambled eggs, egg casserole, sausage, bacon, hash brown potatoes, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, fruit and drink for \$8.00. Carry outs are available.

Towanda Library News

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



April is National Financial Literacy Month

Towanda District Library will hold a financial literacy empowerment event on **Monday, April 12th** from 1 to 4 p.m.

The “Smart Investing” van from Alliance Library System will host individuals with questions about finances. The van is fully equipped with on-board computers and staff that can help you discover and explore a wealth of financial resources.

National Library Week is April 11 through the 17. This week is also Fine Free Week. Return overdue materials without paying fines.

Half-price book sale: FRIENDS of the Towanda Library are holding a half-price book sale during National Library Week. Books (and videos) are for sale at the library. These materials have been donated by local residents or pulled from the library users.

April Story Hour Themes:

April 5- Dirt
April 12- Kites
April 19- Flowers
April 26- Fishy Tales

Meet the New Library Staff Member:

Tommie Crouthamel has recently joined the staff of Towanda District Library. She will happily assist you during your next visit or call her at 728-2176.

THCE Programs

by Pat Pulokas, 728-2118; palp@mchsi.com



The Towanda Home and Community Education group will meet on Monday, April 12 at 7:00 pm at the Towanda Community Building. Joyce Theobald will be giving the program on “Container Gardening”.

April HCE activities include a Cultural Enrichment class on Jewelry Making (bracelet) on Friday, April 16, 9am-12noon. Call Carmen, 379-3141 for more information and to RSVP. Supplies needed: please bring only crystals or glass beads in color of your choice. Be sure you have enough to go around your wrist. Class fee: \$10.00-HCE members; non-HCE members-\$12.00. Class fee is charged for additional supplies and is taught by Barb Erdman

Other activities are Monday, April 19 **Read & Share** at the Extension Office, 2:00-3:30 pm. **Jodi Picoult's** 14th novel, **Nineteen Minutes**, will be discussed. Call LaVonne, 825-6558 for more information.

For more information about the Towanda HCE until, please call Cindy Kelley, 663-4796 or Robin Pearson, 815-579-1650.

US Census



The US Census still has temporary employment in McLean County. April 9th will be the last chance to test for employment with the US Census Bureau. We have temporary, part-time positions available with flexible hours up to 40 hours a week. The starting wage is \$12.50 per hour and you will be reimbursed for mileage. The jobs should last 8-10 weeks. Applicants must bring 2 forms of ID to the test. There is a practice test online or you can obtain a practice test at your local library. Anyone interested should call 1-866-861-2010 or go to the website at <http://www.2010censusjobs.gov>.

Not getting group e-mails??

By: Helen Mogill



In Frontier e-mail you can set a level of spam filtering. The choices are none, moderate, and severe. I have been puzzled for a long time why my husband, Tim, was not receiving my e-mail to his e-mail address (tmogill) if I sent it as part of a group, but I could receive the group mail at my e-mail address (hmogill). I discovered that Tim's spam filter was set to 'severe' whereas, mine was set to 'moderate'. I changed it, and he is now able to get my group e-mails. If you are not receiving my group e-mails, check your spam filter setting! It will need to be set to 'moderate'. Contact me at hmogill@frontiernet.net if you have questions on how to do that.

Money Creek Township



Money Creek Township meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, April 13th with the annual meeting immediately following at 8:00 pm. Regular monthly meetings are held throughout the year on the second Monday of the month at 7:00pm.

All meetings are held at the Money Creek township building located north of Indian Creek on County Rd. 29. (The actual address is 25397 N 1925 East Rd.)

Towanda Lions Easter Egg Hunt



On **Saturday April 3** there will be an Easter egg hunt at the Towanda Community building. The hunt begins promptly at **10:00am**. All kids are welcome!

Village Clerk Position Needed



Part time position, e-mail resumes to Andrew Hughes at jobs@villageoftowanda.org.



Towanda Route 66 Festival

On Saturday, May 1st, there will be lawnmower races on Main Street. Anyone interested in participating, please call Sharon at 728-2811 or 728-2169. Also new Route 66 t-shirts and other items available at the Village Clerk's office from 8:00-12:00 weekdays.



Towanda 4-H

The Towanda 4-H Club will meet on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 6:15 pm at the Towanda Community Building. We will then carpool out of the Building to a rural site for an off-site visit. Stan and Jeanette Baurer will be talking about raising their alpacas. All of us will be able to see a loom that is used to make items with the alpaca wool and how to take care of an alpaca. If we have any time left when we return to the community center, we will do Talks, Demonstrations, and Recreation. People doing talks are: Amber Conder, Harrison Martin, Megan Schultz, Sarah Schultz. Demonstrations are: Sydney Auth and Samuel Scheltens. Alaina Domkuski is in charge of Recreation. Martin and M. Kraft are going to do Refreshments. Our junior leader for this meeting will be Katie Sandage. For more information contact Kathy Schultz at 728-2137 or Jeanie Wager at 728-2852.



Towanda Fire Protection District

The Towanda fire department would like to thank and wish Gary Cornell the best of luck, as he is leaving the fire department after many year's of our E.M.S. coordinator and respected firefighter. James Crow will be taking over as the new E.M.S. coordinator. All firefighters have taken their yearly physical agility test. All firefighters are required to pass these yearly tests. The Lexington fire department hosted a RITT training class, firefighter's were taught various rescue drags and rescue carry's to help get lost or downed firefighter's. Mike Donald, Brett Lueschen, and Tom Wagner attended the two day class. The Towanda junior firefighters would like to welcome their two newest member's Alex Tomaski and Lauren De Volder.

Towanda Seniors

The Towanda Seniors will meet **April 14th** for a Noon Potluck at the Community Building. Meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring your own table service. Ken and Mary Jones will be hosts.

If you have any questions please contact:
Beverly Meginnes at 728-2769.



Classifieds and Wants section

If you want to place an ad in the newsletter, e-mail indiancreeknews@hotmail.com.



Please Drive With Caution!

Now that the weather is getting nice, please keep an eye out for children playing outside, as well as avid walkers!