

Indian Creek Newsletter

May 2010

on the web at <http://www.frontiernet.net/~indiancreek>

Are You Getting the Newsletter?

Oh, no! Newsletters are planned to be sent via e-mail starting this month, but we do not have everyone's address! If you have not sent us your e-mail address or verified home delivery, please contact Nicole Hartman and Tish Hamblen at indiancreeknews@hotmail.com.

The Merry Month of May Schedule of Events

01: Route 66 Festival in Towanda 8:00am to 5:00pm, includes lawnmower races on Main Street and the Velvet Groove Band will perform 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm @ North Park. Both days will include Flea Market, Antiques, Crafts, Garage Sales, Food, Raffle, Schenk's Garage, and much more.

02: Route 66 Festival in Towanda will 8:00am to 5:00pm. The car show will be on Old Route 66 and the Cattle Bandits perform 11:00am - 2:00pm @ North Park

10: Money Creek Township Meeting at 7 P.M., north of Indian Creek on Hwy. 29. The actual address is 25397 N 1925 East Rd.

26: Unit 5 School Improvement Day - No School

27: Unit 5 Last Day of School

29: Unit 5 NCHS Graduation



Towanda Area Garage Sales

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

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

“Are there any restaurants that deliver to Indian Creek?”

At this time, we were only able to verify three restaurants that deliver to our subdivision.

The delivery charge does not include the tip for the driver.

Rosati's: 309-888-4949. The delivery charge is \$3 and there is no minimum order requirement.

You can see the full menu at www.rosatisnormal.com-menu

Avanti's: 309-662-4436. The delivery charge is \$2.75 with a minimum food order of \$25. No delivery charge for food orders over \$50. Delivery is about one hour to one hour and 15 minutes. They accept cash, credit or check (with driver's license or state i.d.).

China Star: 309-451-1888. The delivery charge is \$6 with a minimum food order of \$24. They deliver from 2 P.M. till 8 P.M., Monday through Saturday.

“I have seen a sign that says “20 mph speed limit when children are present” in school zones. Does that mean 20 mph all the time; only when school is in session; or only when you can actually see children (either on sidewalks or at the building)?”

According to Normal Chief of Police, Kent D. Crutcher, that section of the statute applies when school children are physically present at the intersection, walking down adjacent sidewalks, etc.

Towanda Area Historical Society



TAHS will meet on **Tuesday, May. 25, 7:00 p.m.** at the Community Building to plan the summer and early fall meetings and events. If you haven't done so, please “check out” the new sign at the Library. Thanks to a State Farm Good Neighbor Grant received through the work of Rod Merritt the sign includes 'Historical Society.'



4th of July Planning Meeting

The May planning meeting will be held on **Monday, May 24, 7:00 p.m.** at the Community Building (meetings are on the 4th Mondays, not the last Monday, of the month). These meetings are open to the public; please attend and help with the planning and implementation of the annual celebration!



Towanda American Legion

The Towanda American Legion will have a breakfast on **Sunday May 2nd** 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. Carry outs are available.

The Sons of the American Legion will have a steak dinner on **Friday May 14th** from **5:30 to 7:30**. Dinner will include rib eye steak, baked potato, salad, roll, dessert and drink for \$10. Carry outs are available.

We are continuing to collect donations for our troops overseas. If you know of a service person you would like to receive a package, please let us know.

Towanda Library News

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



Library Sign Dedication

Monday, May 17th at 6:30 p.m. the new sign for the Towanda District Library and Towanda Area Historical Society will be dedicated. We wish to recognize all of those who contributed to this project. A Boy Scout Court of Honor will also be held at that time.

May Story Hour Themes:

May 3 Birds
May 10 Fabulous Families
May 17 Milk and Cookies
May 24 Vacations

**Story Hours resume the Monday after Labor Day.

Summer Reading Program: Families may begin to sign up for the Summer Reading Program. There will be a drawing on the first day of the program. Any parent or guardian who pre-registers a child for the program will be eligible to win a \$50 gift certificate. Register now at the library.

Scare Up a Good Book: The More You Know, The Less You Fear: Summer Reading sessions will be held each Wednesday morning at 10:30 to 11:30 from June 23 through July 28.

Rural Entrepreneurship: As part of a State Library grant, the library is seeking a cadre of teen youth who would like to learn to use a FLIP video camera and movie-making software. Youth will volunteer to interview and film local business people. The goal of the project is to highlight local area businesses and entrepreneurs. The resulting short video clips will appear on a web portal highlighting rural entrepreneurship.

Thank You: Bernice Gilchrist for your donation to library landscaping
Family and friends of Lucille Woodrum for memorials

THCE Programs

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



The Towanda HCE will meet on **Monday, May 10, 2010, 7:00 p.m.** at the Towanda Community Building. The program will be McLean County Localvore given by Judy Rollins. For more information, call Cindy Kelley, 663-4796 or Robin Pearson, 815-579-1650.

McLean County HCE is sponsoring a Cultural Enrichment class on **Friday, May 14, 1-5 p.m.** at the McLean County Extension Auditorium: "Wheat Weaving". Call Karen, 309-724-8461 for more information and to RSVP.

June Cultural Enrichment activities to be offered include "Learn to Paint" on **Friday, June 11, 1-5 p.m.** at the Extension auditorium. Call Carmen S. 309-379-3141 for more details.

A Read & Share will be on **Monday, June 21** with the book to be decided yet. Call LaVonne at 309-825-6558 for more information.



Towanda Lions Club

Steve Liebenow Memorial Scholarship

The Towanda Lions Club is sponsoring a \$500.00 scholarship for a 2010 High School college bound senior and/or currently enrolled college student attending classes full time from the Towanda area. This is a one-time scholarship not open to renewal.

Applicants for this scholarship must meet the following criteria:

1. The applicant must have a Towanda mailing residence address.
2. Average grade of C verified by a high school transcript.
3. In 250 words or less, submit a letter of application containing a brief biographical profile which includes your college plans, school activities, community service activities and work history. Indicate your plans for using the scholarship money and why you are deserving of the award.
4. Submit 2 letters of recommendation: one from a teacher, counselor or administrator, and one from a non-relative in the Towanda area.

5. Submit a copy of your fall 2010 class schedule of the college/university you will be attending.
6. Letter of application, recommendations, transcript, and class schedule must be received by the Scholarship Committee Chairman by September 15, 2010.

Mail to:

Steve Liebenow Memorial Scholarship
C/o Mr. Robert Hancock
7 Bent Tree Lane
Towanda, IL 61776

The Towanda Lions Club committee will review all applications and select one scholarship winner. All applicants will be notified by mail of the committee's choice. This scholarship is offered in memory of Steve Liebenow, a long-time Lions Club member, educator, and community leader who passed away in 1999.

Pawpaw Tree Blossom by Helen Mogill



I have walked in the woods of the Nature Area hundreds of times over the years and have loved the Pawpaw trees with their huge leaves and large pear like fruit. But I had never noticed their pretty little flower until this year when a friend pointed out the maroon blossoms on several small trees near the entrance to the creek trail.

The Pawpaw prefers moist, fertile soil and commonly grows in stream valleys. It is very tolerant of shade and typically is found beneath larger trees in a forest. Pawpaw fruits are a favorite food of opossums, raccoons, foxes, mice, and people.



Money Creek Township

The Money Creek Township meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Monday, May 10th. Regular monthly meetings are held throughout the year on the second Monday of each month.

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.)



Ecology Action Center

The Ecology Action Center is conducting an anonymous online survey to assess behaviors and attitudes towards recycling in the community. The information collected will be used to evaluate how to improve recycling rates and to decrease the amount of garbage going to landfills. Participation is requested from all McLean County residents, regardless of current recycling practices. The deadline for completing the survey is **May 2, 2010**. The short online survey may be found by using a link at <http://www.ecologyactioncenter.org>.

Residents can find out more information on local recycling can be found at the Ecology Action Center's website or by calling 309-454-3169.



Usborne Books Open House

Chrissie Isaacs is hosting an Usborne Books Open House (21922 N. 1975 East Road, Towanda.), on **Thursday, May 7th from 4:30-7:00**. Some of the proceeds will benefit the Towanda Library's Summer Reading Program. Call Chrissie at (309) 728-2109. Books may also be viewed at: www.OneMoreBookMom.com.



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 at **6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4th** at the Towanda Community Center. The club is also having a lemonade stand on Saturday, May 1st for the Red Carpet event. More information will be presented at the meeting concerning the "Learn and Fun Day with Towanda 4-H" taking place on Saturday, May 22nd. 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 everyone for their donation's that we received from the memorial of Richard Nice.

The Towanda fire department has been awarded a grant for \$26,000 for air packs from the office of the State Fire Marshal. It was a small equipment grant.



Classifieds and Wants section

If you have anything that you want to get rid of, or are in need of, please Notify us at indiancreeknews@hotmail.com.

For Sale:

* 2008 Chevy HHR LS wagon, 23,000 miles, Silver exterior, 5 speed manual, A/C, CD, etc, average 30 mpg (max 37 highway mpg), excellent condition, \$10,000.

Ron Fontaine
(309)728-2717

Manual pole saw (\$5), splitting maul (\$5), axe (\$5), and 2 splitting wedges (\$5). Contact Dennis Maze at 728-2614.



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!