

INDIAN CREEK NEWSLETTER

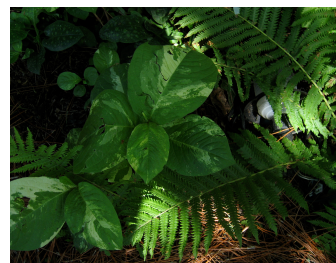
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Contact us by email at indiancreeknews@hotmail.com

Indian Creek is going green!

This is the last issue we will have home delivery of the newsletter. Hard copies will be available at the library as will access to the on-line version using library computers. Send us your e-mail address for on-line delivery at: Indiancreeknews@hotmail.com.



School News

Please be aware that a new parking ordinance was passed by the Towanda Village Board which will affect parking around Towanda Elementary School. The "No Parking" areas will be marked with signs. The Hudson Police will be monitoring the areas and tickets will start at \$15.

Unit 5 - Information can be found at www.unit5.org

Calendar: <http://www.unit5.org/districtinformation/aboutunit5/events/docs/DistrictCalendar2010-2011.pdf>

Morning Coffee

Anyone willing to host a morning coffee for residents of Indian Creek, please contact us at indiancreeknews@hotmail.com. The time and date will be of your choosing

Fall Garage Sales



Towanda Area FALL Garage Sales will be held Thursday through Saturday, September 9-11.

Please let me know the days, times and location of your sale in addition to your contact information, \$7 fee, and the items you have to sell by Thursday, September 2 to be included on the map and list (depending on available space). Mail to: G. Briggs 112 Hunt St. Emailed information will receive a reply: rgbriggs@frontiernet.net (call 728.2187 with ??s)

Classifieds and Want-Ads 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:

Ping Pong table - Excellent condition. Extra paddles, net, and balls - \$25
Call Betty Fontaine

Hunting tree stand - never used, still in box. \$30 Call Kathy Dumler 728-2009

Free ink cartridges for Canon #8 printer, yellow - 1 / cyan - 1 / black - 3
Call Linda Garbe 628-2236 or ltgarbe@frontiernet.net

For Hire:

Emma Rients , age 12 , has just completed a 20 hour babysitting class. She is certified in first aid, CPR/ AED and babysitting. Please call her to babysit. 728-2178

Grace Rients, age 13, is available to babysit. She has attended the American Red Cross babysitting course and is certified in babysitting and CPR. She has experience babysitting toddlers through early elementary age children. Please call her to babysit 728-2178.

Towanda HCE

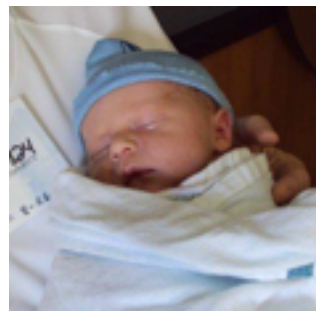
by Pat Pulokas, 728-2118; palp@mchsi.com

Towanda HCE will have their first meeting of the 2010-2011 year on Monday, September 13, 2010 at 7:00 pm at the Towanda Community Building. Charlotte Talkington, U of I Extension, Consumer Education, will be presenting the program on "The Many Shapes and Uses for Pasta". Visitors and guests are always welcome to hear the interesting programs presented each month we meet. Contact Cindy Kelley, 663-4796 for information about the Towanda Home and Community Education Unit.

Other McLean County HCE is sponsoring a Cultural Enrichment class, at the Extension Auditorium, 402 N. Hershey Rd., Bloomington on Glass Etching, Friday, September 10, 1-4:00 p.m. Contact Carmen, at 379-3141 for more details. There will also be a Read & Share on Monday, September 20, 2-3:30 p.m. at the Extension Office on the book. *The Secret Between Us* by Barbara Delinsky. Contact LaVonne at 309-661-6391 for more information.

Welcome Baby Parsons

Ron & Ruth Parsons welcomed their grandson, Maxwell Edgar Chandler into the world at 9:45 a.m. August 26th, weight - 7 lbs. 4 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long. Not bad considering his grandma's genes and he was a week early. Mother and baby are doing well.



Ecology Action Center Freecycle Free-4-All

The Ecology Action Center announces the semi-annual Freecycle Free-4-All on Saturday, September 11 from 9 am – noon at Anderson Park in Normal. This is a Freecycle event open to the public where unwanted household items may be given away or obtained for free. Ultimately, the goal is to prevent useable items from ending up in the landfill.



The rules are simple – individuals may bring used, unwanted items in good condition and take what others have brought. One does not have to bring items to take items, nor take items to bring items. All items must be small enough to be easily carried; large furniture or appliances are not accepted. Additionally, no firearms, animals, foods, medicines or other consumables are permitted.

The Ecology Action Center is the primary 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.

Registration Now Open for Ecology Action Center's Composting Workshop

The Ecology Action Center is excited announce a build-your-own-composter workshop to take place September 27, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. Backyard composting is the easiest way to reduce garbage from home and create rich soil nutrients to feed the garden at the same time. By taking advantage of natural processes, the amount of residential waste being landfilled can be reduced while also producing a valuable organic fertilizer.

This composter workshop will include everything needed to successfully begin home composting. Various types of compost systems and techniques will be discussed in addition to troubleshooting tips to avoid potential problems. In addition, vermicomposting, or composting with worms, will be discussed. Participants will make and take home a composter ready for use. Workshop will be held Thursday, September 27 at 5:30 p.m. Workshop space is limited and pre-registration is required; registration forms are available for download at www.ecologyactioncenter.org or by stopping by the Ecology Action Center at 202 West College in Normal. The cost is \$10.00 for EAC members and \$13.00 for non-members. For more information, contact EAC Assistant Director Kris Hall at (309) 454-3169 or email khall@ecologyactioncenter.org.

The Ecology Action Center is a not-for-profit walk-in information and environmental education center with a mission to inspire and assist residents of McLean County in creating, strengthening, and preserving a healthy environment.

Towanda Area Historical Society

Towanda Area Historical Society's regular meeting will be held Tuesday, September 28. Plan to join us at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Building.



Bettie Arnette (Schultz) on Towanda's busy Main Street in 1948

The **Towanda Area Historical Society** invites the community to attend "Towanda, That's the Way it Was" - A Journey into the Past ~ Part I" from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. on **Sunday, September 26** at the Community Building.

People will share their memories and stories about the life and times in the Towanda ~ the humorous, sad, joyful and ordinary times of by-gone years.

The Baptist Church youth are hosting an Ice Cream Social in conjunction with the TAHS event.

Organization Directory

The **Directory of Area Organizations** will be updated within the next few weeks and included in the October newsletter and on the village website. PLEASE provide the following information about your organization to Gail Ann Briggs 728-2187 or rgbriiggs@frontiernet.net as soon as possible:

- * contact person with phone number
- * day, time and location of regular meetings

The current directory can be found on the Towanda website ~ <http://towandail.org/>



Kicks 2010 Concert Series

Come down Saturday, September 25 at 6:00pm for one of Central Illinois upcoming rock bands, "Jury's Out". There will be outdoor grill food available and the fall weather will be beautiful.

4th of July Event Planning

The Community Building has been reserved for a meeting on Monday, September 27 at 7:00 p.m. This is to wrap up the old year, and begin planning for 2011. Attending the meeting isn't a commitment to work on the day ~ we are VERY interested in having more people involved in a number of ways.

New Gallery

You are invited to the opening of The Off the Wall Gallery at The Bead Parlor Friday, September 3rd 5-8:00 p.m. during Downtown Bloomington's First Friday Event.

One of the featured artists is Indian Creek's Linda Garbe and she would love to see you there. The Bead Parlor is located at 318 N. Main Street Bloomington.

Towanda American Legion

Towanda American Legion will have a breakfast on Sunday September 5th 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. Carryouts are available.

There will also be a steak, shrimp or steak/shrimp combo dinner on Friday September 17th from 5:30 to 7:30. Dinner will include rib eye steak, shrimp or combo, baked potato, salad, roll, dessert and drink for \$10. Carryouts 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.

Thanks again for your support of the Legion and our troops.



HARVEST BRUNCH

Meet Sandra Steingraber, Local Chefs, Farmers

Sunday, October 17
11:00 am to 12:30 pm
Medici's — Upper Level
Ticket Price: \$50 per person

The VIP Harvest Brunch is your opportunity to sample delicious local foods prepared by local chefs from Medici and Epiphany Farms, while mingling with great people from our community. You will meet internationally-recognized scientist, author, and cancer-survivor Sandra Steingraber, and speak with Living Downstream documentary filmmaker Chanda Chevannes. You may purchase and have Sandra sign your copy of the new revised edition of Living Downstream.



Screening of New Documentary **Living Downstream** at the **Normal Theater in Uptown Normal** **Sunday, October 17**

1:00 to 2:30
Q & A — 2:30 to 3:30
Book-signing available

Q&A with author Sandra Steingraber and filmmaker Chanda Chevannes, and a panel of local farmers follows the film.

Towanda Library News

FRONTIER FORUM:

This event was held at the library on Thursday, August 26 at 6:30 p.m. Approximately 48 people attended along with three representatives from Frontier Communication. There will be a follow-up meeting at the library in October or November.

Voter Registration at the Library

Register to vote in the November 2nd election at the library. From now through October 5th, people may register to vote in the upcoming General Election. Bring two forms of ID with you to register during weekday business hours.

Read to the Dogs

Tuesday evenings 5:30 to 6:30: Canine friends listen attentively as children practice their reading skills. Dog owners are present at all times. Parental permission required. Appointments arranged by signing up at the library by Monday afternoon of each week.



Friends of the Library

The next FRIENDS meeting will be Wednesday, September 22 at 6:00pm at the home of a member. Call the library at 728-2176 for location and directions.

TOWANDA READS Book Club

TOWANDA READS meets Wednesday, September 22 at 7:00pm at the home of a member. Call the library at 728-2176 for location and directions. The group will will discuss [Loving Frank](#), by Nancy Horan.

Pre-School Story Hours, 10:30 am weekly during the school year

Preschool Story Hours run from the first Monday after Labor Day to the Monday prior to Memorial Day. Preschoolers may participate in the Summer Reading Program on Wednesday mornings during the summer.

Mondays each week during the school year, preschoolers learn the "joy of reading". Youth Services Librarian Tommie Crouthamel reads to children ages 3 through 5 and leads them in educational activities. Open enrollment allows children to enter the program whenever they turn three. Younger brothers and sisters simultaneously enjoy board books and the library's play area with parental supervision.

September Topics:

9-13 First Day of School
9-20 All About Me
9-27 Autumn Leaves

Library Hours

Monday and Wednesday	10 am to 7 pm
Tuesday	1 pm to 7 pm
Thursday and Friday	1 pm to 5 pm
Saturday	10 am to 3 pm

The library is open every day after school!