

# INDIAN CREEK NEWSLETTER

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## Annual Homeowner's Meeting

**January 19, 2011: 7 pm at the Towanda Community Building**

All homeowners are invited to attend the annual meeting. Come find out if anything new is happening in our neighborhood. For example, one of the many questions the board handles is about whom to contact when you need to have your utility lines marked:

When you dig:

Tri-County Locators: 815-973-4568, [www.tricountylocators.com/](http://www.tricountylocators.com/)

Effective August 1, 2008, TriCounty will respond to all of the JULIE locate requests for ICWHA initiated when homeowners are planning to dig in their yard. Historically, these locate requests were handled by the ICWHA Water Chair.

The State of Illinois considers ICWHA a municipality since it is a provider of water to its residents. As such, ICWHA is legally required to be a member of JULIE, a cooperative that notifies all potentially impacted JULIE members of locate requests which may affect their assets.

Important Information:

If you need to dig, the homeowner has the responsibility to call JULIE because it is the law. JULIE will notify TriCounty to mark the lines of the water provider, electricity provider, phone, & gas because those conduits are assets owned by their respective vendors. Gas and electric do get marked to the house, but phone and water lines generally do not get marked to the house. Marking the line into the house for water is not part of the fee the Association pays JULIE when a homeowner calls. If the homeowner desires to have the water line mapped between the outside shut-off (curb stop) to their home exclusively, this charge is on the homeowner, not the association (see exception below).

Exception: At the time you are calling JULIE about the dig and you need the shut-off (curb stop) valve and water line into the house marked, you may ask JULIE to include a note to have this done while they are out marking the primary lines. There will be NO additional charge to the homeowner.

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## Towanda Ladies Night Out

The next meeting is January 6th at 6:00 at Kicks. If you are interested in joining or have any questions, call Sherry Shipley at 728-2849.

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### School News for Unit 5

Wed.Jan.5 ~ School Resumes

Wed.Jan.12 ~ Late Start

Mon.Jan.17 ~ No School (M.L.King Birthday)

Tue.Jan.18 ~ No school for Students (Teacher Institute)

**Unit 5 Pre-Kindergarten Screening** for the 2011-2012 school year will be held on Tuesday, February 15, at the Brigham Early Learning Center, 210 Brigham School Road, Bloomington. These screenings are for 3-4 year olds. Appointments are required (and limited) so please call 309.557.4411 beginning January 5, 2011 to schedule your appointment.

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### Towanda American Legion Breakfast



The Towanda American Legion will have a breakfast on Sunday January 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. Carryouts are available.

There will also be a steak, shrimp or steak/shrimp combo dinner on Friday January 14th 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.

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### Towanda 4-H Club

The Towanda 4-H Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 4th at the Towanda Community Center. The guest speaker is a local bee keeper. For more information, contact Kathy Schultz at 728-2137 or Jeanie Wager at 728-2852.

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## Tuition Waiver for Children of Veterans

There is a tuition waiver available for children of Veterans living in Illinois. The waiver may be used for any University of Illinois campus. Up to six waivers per Illinois county are awarded each year, one for each of the following conflicts: World War II, Korean Conflict, Vietnam Conflict, Southwest Asia Conflict, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Students need to apply before **March 1, 2011**. To learn more about this tuition waiver, go to: <http://www.DanRutherford.com>. Any questions can be directed to The Office of Student Financial Aid, Ph: 217-333-0100.

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## Towanda's Fourth of July Event

A planning meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Towanda Community Building board room. Everyone is invited to come help plan 2011's parade and event. It takes a village!

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## TOWANDA BOY SCOUT PANCAKE FUNDRAISER

The Towanda Boy Scouts will have their Annual Pancake Sausage Breakfast on Saturday, February 12th from 8 am to 2:30 pm at the Towanda Elementary School. If you are interested in preordering your sausage or meat, contact any Boy Scout or Mike and Linda Potts. Advance ticket prices are adults: \$5.50 or students K-12: \$3.50. Ticket prices at the door are \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students K-12. Meat orders should be placed by January 27, 2011. Please support our Towanda Scouting Organization.

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## Towanda HCE

The Towanda HCE "snowman" meeting is on Monday, January 10, 2011, at 7:00 pm in the Towanda Community Building. The highlight of the evening will be the program, "Scams to Avoid," by Sandy Whalen, with a Fact Find regarding Shopping Safety. All members and guests are invited to bring the various types of snowmen they might have to share and enjoy at the meeting.

Events at the McLean County HCE extension office:

Friday, January 14, 2-5:00 pm: "Decoupage" class. The fee is \$5/members; \$7/non-HCE members. Contact Karen at (309) 724-8461 for reservations and questions about supplies.

Friday, February 11: sewing workshop from 1-4 p.m. If you are interested, contact Carmen, (309) 379-3141 for reservations and questions.

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Saturday, February 12: 2-4 pm: membership tea and “**A Lifelong Affair with an International Singer**”. Guest speaker Charlotte Talkington will talk about the Singer sewing machine.  
Monday, February 21, 2-3:30: Read & Share. Come and discuss the book ***Mistaken Identity***  
Call LaVonne (309)661-6391 for details.

Check out the McLean County HCE website at [www.mcleanhce.org](http://www.mcleanhce.org). Hope to see you in Home and Community Education!

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## **Towanda Library News**

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

### **Pre-School Story Hour -- 10:30 am each Monday during the school year**

#### **Topics:**

01/03/2011 Mittens  
01/10/2011 Snowflake Art  
01/17/2011 Snowmen  
01/24/2011 Winter Treats for Animal  
01/31/2011 Penguins



**Wii for Fwii: Tuesday evenings 4:00 to 6:00:** Play Wii games with your friends.

**DVD Rentals:** This is a great time of year for DVD releases! The library adds new DVD's to its collection nearly every week. As always, DVD rental is free at the Towanda Library. All we ask is that you return the DVD's promptly after one week - so that others may enjoy them too.

**Borrow Books from 200+ Libraries:** One of the privileges of using a library in Illinois is the fact that you may order books online from any of the surrounding libraries and pick up the books at your own home library. From the Towanda Library homepage, simply select the **RSACat** link on the right-hand side of the page. Find the book you want. Place a HOLD (reserve the book). Within a week your book will arrive via free delivery. We will phone you when the book arrives for you. No hassle! No charge!

**Text Message Service:** Get library notices and renew items on you mobile device! Stop at the library to pick up a brochure that fully explains the new service with step-by-step instructions.

**Five-Minute Tutorials:** Want to refresh your memory about how to renew your books online or order books from other libraries? Ask a library staff member to give you a Five-Minute Hands-On Demo.

**Movie Nights:** On **Tuesday nights** during the winter the library offers the latest release movies for viewing in the Story Corner. Thanks to the FRIENDS movie license, the library can show the newest releases of popular movies - sometimes the very day they are released. Join us for movies from **4:00 to 6:00**.

**Library Closings:** The library will be closed on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Weather-related closings will be posted on the library website and WJBC website. Library closings typically coincide with public school closings for inclement weather, but not always. Since library opening and closing times differ from the schools, the library **may** be open when the schools are not, or vice versa.

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## **Have a Green Holiday – Reduce and Recycle Holiday Waste**

Americans generate literally *tons* of garbage between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. The EAC (Ecology Action Center) encourages residents to try to divert some of it through waste reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting in order to prolong the life of the landfill, conserve natural resources, save energy, and reduce pollution. The Bloomington-Normal community is fortunate to have many excellent recycling programs in place that can help.

### **Holiday Lights**

Strings of lights as well as extension cords can be taken to Morris Tick for recycling! This also might be a great time to invest in the newer LED lights for next year; they will require far less energy than the old fashioned ones. Look for LED lights on sale right after the holidays.

### **Wrapping Paper and boxes**

Most wrapping paper is recyclable (exceptions include any plastic or metallic papers), as well as the boxes. Of course, many gift boxes and gift bags can be saved and used again next year! Recycling drop off locations for paper and cardboard exist in many locations across Normal as well as at Wal-Mart on Market Street or the IWU Shirk Center on Emerson in Bloomington.

### **Electronics**

Did someone get a new computer, phone or electronic game system? Then be sure that the electronics of the recent past don't end up in the landfill. The Town of Normal Public Works Department (1301 Warriner Street, Normal) accepts all kinds of electronics from McLean County residents (no business wastes accepted) for recycling, Monday through Friday from 7 am until 2 pm. Keep those televisions, monitors, broken VCRs, old DVDs, CDs, and more out of the landfill!

The EAC 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. Contact: Michael Brown at (309) 454-3169.

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## Towanda Area Historical Society

The next meeting of TAHS is **Tuesday, January 18, 7:00 p.m.** at the Community Building (in the Board Room). We will be finalizing plans for Part II of the "Journey into the Past", which will focus on Agriculture, Farms, and Agribusiness.



Put **Sunday February 27** on your 2011 calendar and plan to join us for the next installment of "That's the Way it Was in Towanda". Farmers, retired farmers, agribusiness folks and their families are especially encouraged to attend and share the stories they've heard, their own experiences, and bring photos and farm tools, etc. to exhibit.

We are reviewing sample history books and plan to invite a publisher(s) to discuss what services they offer and what they charge as we take our next steps in getting our history book into print. Let us know if you'd like to examine the books that we are investigating and/or be involved in any other way. Meetings are open to the public. Contact Gail Ann Briggs at [rqbriggs@frontiernet.net](mailto:rqbriggs@frontiernet.net) or 728-2187.

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### Notices, Want Ads and Classifieds

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McKenzie Hayes, Age 15 - 728-8883  
Will do **babysitting**

For sale: 36" Sony Vega TV, 6 years old Model KV-36HS510 for \$150 call Nathan or Cindy (26 Candle Ridge Rd.) at 309-728-2033.

For Sale by Ron Fontaine, 4 Eastwood Ct, (309) 728-2717:

Ping Pong Table for sale, excellent condition \$25.

Exercise Bike for sale, excellent condition \$25.

Schwin 10 speed bikes for sale (two 1972 Schwin Continentals in excellent condition) \$250 for both.

Collectible 1955 est Captain Galant Fort (complete with all pieces in original box) \$500.

Hockey game (board with movable men) 1958 est in good condition \$25.

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