

INDIAN CREEK NEWSLETTER

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American Legion

As part of the Red Carpet Corridor, the Towanda American Legion will have a breakfast on Sunday May 6th from 7:30 – 11:00. Breakfast includes eggs, egg casserole, sausage, bacon, hash browns, pancakes, fresh fruit, biscuits and gravy, juice, milk and coffee for \$8.

Treat your mother to dinner out for Mother's Day weekend. The American Legion will have a steak/shrimp dinner on Friday May 11th from 5:00 to 7:00. Dinner will include steak, shrimp or shrimp/steak combo, baked potato, salad, roll, drink and dessert for \$10. All mothers will be honored. Carry outs are available.

All dinners are open to the public. Carry out are available. Thank you for your support of the Legion and our veterans.



Community Coffee

There will be no morning coffee in June, July and August. Morning Coffee will start in September. Watch newsletter for time and dates.



ESDA

The Village of Towanda Emergency Services Disaster Agency is looking for local members. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact ESDA Director Tom Wagner at (309)287-7861. A training class will be scheduled

Fourth of July Committee

The monthly planning meeting for the 4th of July activities in Towanda will be held 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29, at the Community Building. The planning meeting is open to anyone who can help. Please attend and lend a hand to this awesome annual event in Towanda. Contact Linda Potts at 728-2384 for Flea Market information or Debbie Kinsella at 728-2216 for general questions.

Garage Sales

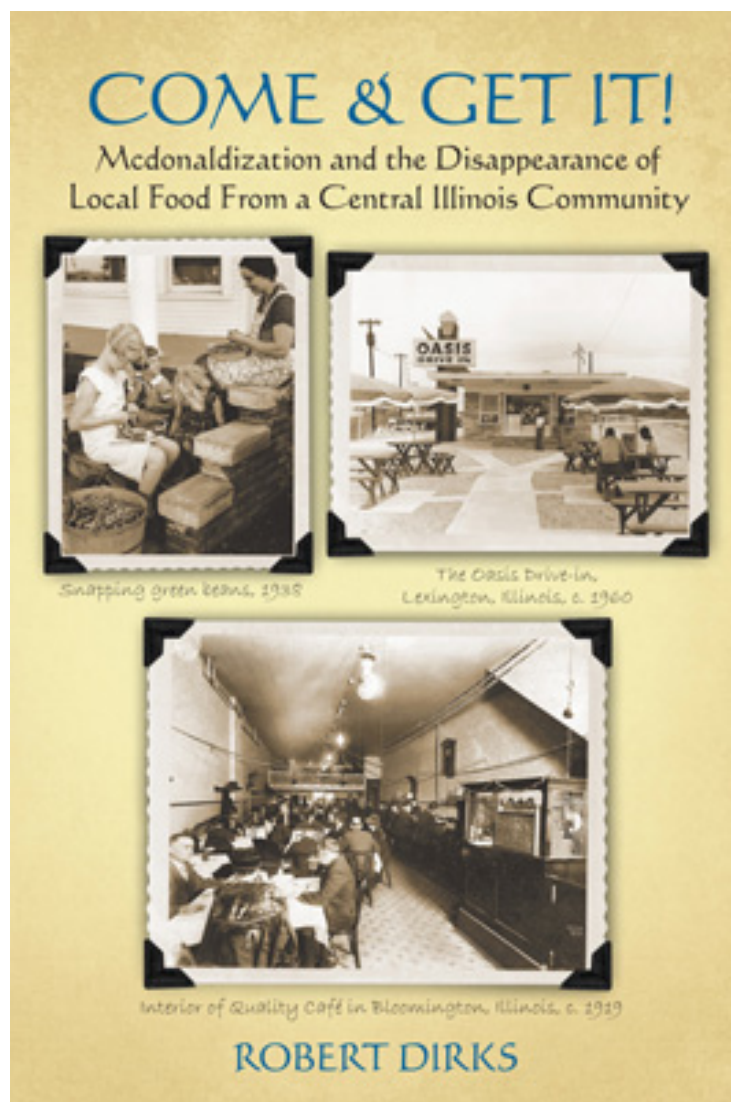
Towanda Area Garage Sales will be May 3rd – 6th at designated locations. Maps and lists will be available at Kicks, Towanda Library, the Community Building and sale sites.



Home & Community Education

The Towanda HCE group will meet for the regular monthly meeting at the Towanda District Library on Monday, May 14 at 6:00 pm. Author Robert Dirks who wrote the book "Come and Get It" will be presenting a program at 6:00 pm. Emeritus Professor of Anthropology at ISU, Dirks was guest curator for the Come and Get It exhibit at the McLean County Museum of History. He has published extensively about food, famine, dietary patterns of various cultures, and nutrition. Bring your local food history questions. The HCE unit will hold a short business meeting at the library after the presentation.

This is the regular meeting night for Towanda HCE but a different time and place to enable members & guests to attend the presentation at the library. The public is invited to attend also and questions about the HCE may be directed to Pat Pulokas, 309 728 2118. Hostesses for the evening are Helen Guth and Pat Pulokas. Refreshments will be served.



Red Carpet Corridor Festival May 5th – 6th



This will be the sixth year for the festival which is a celebration of Old Route 66 from Towanda to Joliet. Enjoy 90 miles of fun! This year each town will give away a special key. As you travel the Corridor, be sure and ask for a key from each of the towns. Collect all the keys and receive a key chain. At Towanda, the keys will be handed out at the Route 66 booth in North Park.

SATURDAY - Garage Sales, Flea Market in North Park along with antiques, food, crafts, bake sale and a 50/50 raffle. Children will receive special designed balloons from 12:30-3:30 PM. Also check out the Radio

Flyer wagon on display.

SUNDAY - Garage Sales, Flea Market in North Park along with antiques, food, crafts, PTO bake sale and a raffle. The Cattle Bandits Band will play at 1:00 PM at the bandstand in North Park. The American Legion will have breakfast at the Legion Hall. The fifth annual car show will be held on Old Route 66. Registration begins at 8:00AM – 12:00PM. For more information on the car show, call Jodi at 815-579-6452. Route 66 memorabilia will be for sale at the North Park. For more information call Sharon at 309-728-2169 or Susie at 309-728-2195.



Recycle

The Towanda Boy Scouts will be holding an electronic recycle drop-off at the Village Maintenance Shed, 211 W. Washington, on Saturday, May 19 from 9:00 am – Noon. Items that will be accepted include: aluminum cans, small appliances, printers, radios, electric cords, audio equipment, computers with monitors. Proceeds will support Towanda Boy Scouts.

Towanda 4-H

The Towanda 4-H met on Tuesday, April 3rd at the Towanda Community building. The kids made Easter gift bags for the Seniors. Our next meeting will be on Monday, April 30th. We will be taking a field trip to the Wind Farm. After the field trip we will return to the community building to work on projects.

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.

Towanda Seniors

The Towanda Seniors Group will meet at 12:00 noon on May 9th at the Community Building for a potluck dinner. Meat will be provided. Members and visitors are asked to bring side dishes and desserts and their own table service. Drinks will be provided. Hosts will be Ken and Mary Jones. If you have any questions please call Beverly Meginnes at 728-2769.

Towanda Route 66 Trail

Volunteers have been tending the gardens along the Route 66 trail, and they would welcome others that have an interest in making this community asset look even better. Wednesday mornings are the usual work time, and the goal is to work no longer than 1 to 1 ½ hours on any one day. Digging out weeds is the activity attacked most often. Contact Carol Myers at 728-2749 or clmyers@frontier.com to learn more. This does not need to be a full-time commitment. Volunteers merely help as their personal schedules allow.



Calendar

Mon. Apr.30 ~ No School for Students in Unit 5 (Teacher Institute)

Tue. May.1 ~ MAY DAY

Thu. May.3 thru **Sun. May.6** ~ Towanda Area Garage Sales at designated locations (maps & lists available at Kick's, Library, Community Building, sale sites)

Sat. May.5 thru **Sun. May.7** ~ Route 66 Festival (Pontiac – Towanda)

Tue. May.22 ~ Towanda Area Historical Society, Community Building, 7:00 p.m.

Wed. May.23 ~ Last Day of School in Unit 5

Sat. May.26 ~ Unit 5 Commencements, Coliseum, Bloomington (NCWHS @ 2:00 p.m. & NCHS @ 6:00 p.m.)

Mon. May.28 ~ MEMORIAL DAY

Library News

May Story Hours -- Mondays at 10:30

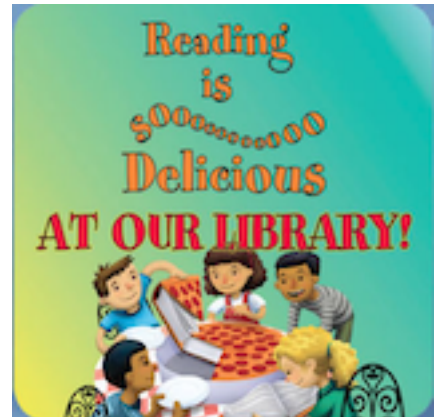
May 7th - Going on a Bear Hunt
May 14th - Too Many Frogs
May 21st - Marvelous Mud

Tuesday Evening Knitting Group

At 5:00 every Tuesday evening a group of knitters, crocheters, and felters meet to work and share ideas. Join the fun!

Towanda Reads: 'Come and get it!' author to speak at Library on MAY 14th

The public is invited to attend a 6:00 p.m. presentation by author Robert Dirks who wrote Come and Get It! - which traces the history of cooking and dining in McLean County. An Emeritus Professor of Anthropology at Illinois State University, Dirks was guest curator for the Come and Get It exhibit at the McLean County Museum of History. He has published extensively about food, famine, dietary patterns of various cultures, and nutrition. Join the discussion with the author. Bring your questions about our local food history. Dirks will speak at Normal Public Library at 2:00 p.m. on May 14th, as well.



Summer Reading Program - Reading Is So Delicious!

The program is on Tuesday evenings (5:30) and Wednesday mornings (10:30) this year. The 7-week program runs from June 5th through July 24th. We will be learning about foods, as well as tasting them. Bring your children and your appetite! The Tuesday evening programs include presenters for adults, as well as youth....chefs, cake decorators, Cooperative Extension professionals, professors, singers, and other Food Dudes!

Towanda Elementary School Assembly Program -- Reading Is So Delicious!

Performer and teacher, Rob Erdmann, will delight the school children with his humor and imagination on Friday, May 18th. He will bring pizza boxes and puppets to encourage the children to participate in the library's Summer Reading Program. Reading as few as 6 books per summer helps assure reading skill retention from grade to grade.



Beavers or Resident?

This tree is in Parsons yard and what it looked like after Fred Walk finished his culinary work.

or.....

The tree in question is about 20 feet from the creek. The beavers made it fall right over the creek.

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Media Release—April 12, 2012

Vladimir/Canterbury Sister City Association Borscht Bash Fundraiser



Chicago Cossacks



Educational exchange student (left), Anastasia Pavlova, with host family

- **Vladimir/Canterbury Sister City**—The Association will hold their annual Borscht Bash on May 1st in the Fellowship Hall at First United Methodist Church, 211 N. School Street in Normal. This event features a 5:30 PM silent auction, a Russian Borscht dinner, and a Chicago Cossacks concert.
- **Chicago Cossacks**—A concert in the First Methodist sanctuary, performed by the Chicago Cossacks, will follow dinner. This Russian and Ukrainian folk music ensemble, which performed at the 2010 Borscht Bash, is returning by popular demand. The group has been entertaining people of the Greater Chicago area and beyond since 1993. www.chicago-cossacks.com Gennady Sergienko, musical director for the Chicago Cossacks, will be featured on the *domra*, a Russian mandolin. He is a member of the Balalaika & Domra Association of America. Arkady Pevchik is featured on the *баян*, a Russian button accordion. He has been a winner of a competition of accompanists. This year Lyudmila Schaible will be the vocalist for the group. These three will perform.
- **Tickets**—Tickets for this event are \$25 and available in the church office, at the Garlic Press, or from Association members.
- **High School Exchanges**—Benefits from this event are used for funding the Association's high school exchange programs. This program is in its 17th year, and has had over 30 Russian high school students attend B/N high schools. Typically, two American students spend a three-week summer stay with Russian families in Vladimir and one or two Russian students live with American families for an academic year in one of our local high schools. A student this year, Anastasia Pavlova (pictured above) will be at the Bash. She participates in her high school's Speech Team and in the Creative Writing Club, and is assistant stage manager for a musical. Here in the United States she says that she laughs more and is more energetic. "I am fascinated by the whole experience which is like a never-ending euphoria." By April 21 there will be an interview of Anastasia available. Our Association needs host families, like Desiree and Andre Quizon-Colquitt (pictured above). Call Elaine Cousins, 662-7017, to learn more.
- **Information**—Contact Joe Grabill, 454-2883, joe@thegrabills.com; Elaine Cousins (exchange coordinator), 662-7017, elainec@umich.edu

Nature Walkers

If you happen to be out walking the nature trail and you happen to see sticks or limbs on the trail, please toss them into the woods. The mowing crew thanks you for your assistance.

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For Hire:

Lauren Smith, age 12 and Myles Smith, age 13 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! Call them at 728-2178.

Are you going to be gone out of town this summer? Does Fido or Boots need some attention? Grace and Emma Rients are experienced pet caretakers. Please call them 728-2178. We have experience with Hermit Crabs, Hamsters and Rabbits too!



For sale:

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