



INDIAN CREEK NEWSLETTER

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Towanda American Legion

The Towanda American Legion will have a breakfast on Sunday October 7th from 7:30 – 11:00. Breakfast includes eggs, egg casserole, sausage, bacon, hash browns, pancakes, French toast, fresh fruit, biscuits and gravy, juice, milk and coffee for \$8.

The Sons of the American Legion will have a steak, shrimp or combo dinner on Friday October 12th from 5:00 to 7:00. Dinner will include steak, shrimp or shrimp/steak combo, baked potato, salad, roll, drink and dessert for \$11.

All dinners are open to the public. Carry outs are available. Thank you for your continued support of the Legion and our Veteran's.



Towanda Lions Club

Thu.Oct. 11 will be Lions Candy Day – members will go door-to-door selling candy that evening.

Towanda Elementary Aid

Towanda Elementary is collecting box tops for school. There are TONS of products that we probably purchase already that the labels are on there. However, here is a link where you can check out more <http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/clip/Brands.aspx> . When the school turns them in, they get money for the school. With all the box tops turned in last year, the school was able to get about \$500. It is not a ton, but it helps. You can either collect them and drop off at the school, or drop them off by me and I'll run them up there. Thanks in advance!

Also, I am in charge of the Character Gram store at Towanda this year. It is a store where kids earn points for showing and representing the "Pillars of Character" at school (ie, good behavior, respect, responsibility etc..) Every month they get an opportunity use their points and buy items from the store. We are always looking for things to add to the store. If you know of a place that we could get donations or inexpensive items or even a contact person, please let me know. Kids love snacks, cool little toys, hair things, stuffed animals, sports memorabilia, etc. It would be VERY much appreciated!

Nicole Hartman - 309-728-2093



Library News

Woolly Warm @ your library: Jennifer Mullins, from the Yarn Garden in downtown Bloomington, will be here the last Monday of September, October, and November at 5:00 to teach knitting skills and techniques. Bring your questions and your current projects or just come to learn.

Susie Shoemaker is available to help with crocheting questions every Monday of the month. Karen Bersche shares felting projects the second Monday of the month.

Library Meeting Policy: The Towanda District Library is waiving its current Meeting Space policy for the next 12 months. During this time Community Groups may meet at the library without incurring a cost -- as long as requests are received at least 2 weeks in advance and staff are available. Please call 728-2176 and ask for Karen.

TOWANDA READS Book Discussion Group meets the 2nd Tuesday of the following months from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Towanda District Library:

Nov. 13 – [The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks](#) by [Rebecca Skloot](#)

Jan. 8 – [The Sandcastle Girls](#) by [Chris Bohjalian](#)

March 12 – [Same Kind of Different As Me: A Modern-Day Slave, an International Art Dealer, and the Unlikely Woman Who Bound Them Together](#) by Ron Hall

May 14 – [Fall of Giants: Book One of the Century Trilogy](#) and *Winter of the World: Book Two* by Ken Follett

FRIENDS of the Towanda District Library Meet October 1st at 4:30 at the library. Plans for the November 3rd Artist/Vendor Holiday event - *A Cup of Christmas Tea* will be finalized at the meeting. Local artists and vendors may secure a table by contacting the library. Last year's event was a sell-out!

FRIENDS of the Towanda District Library Annual Fundraiser: Coffee cake sales begin October 1st with all orders due by November 3rd. Coffee cakes may be picked up at the library the Monday prior to Thanksgiving - just in time for holiday entertaining. Proceeds benefit the library.

READ 2 DOGS

This popular program returns on Tuesday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30 beginning September 4th.

VOTER REGISTRATION @ YOUR LIBRARY

Registration for the November 6th Election Closes October 9th. Our library offers voter registration.

Book Talks on Rebecca Caudill Nominees -- Monday October 15th @ 4:30

McLean County Unit 5 teacher, Sue Bittner, reads every books nominated for the Annual Rebecca Caudill Award. Since all 4th through 8th grade students are encouraged to read these titles each year, you may benefit from hearing Sue "book talk" these titles. Please join Sue and your Towanda librarians as we preview these titles and make it easy for you to select the ones that interest you. These books have been selected by a team of Illinois librarians as the best available reading for upper-elementary and junior high students. Here are the 2013 nominees. <http://www.rcyrba.org/2013Resources.htm>

Boost Your Grocery Budget! Staff from the Peoria Area Food Bank will be available to assist with SNAP (Food Stamp) applications and answer questions about the SNAP application process. Tuesday, October 30 and Tuesday, November 27 from 1:30 to 3:30.

Library News continued

Preschool Story Hour: Mondays at 10:30 at the Library

October 3: Bats and Owls -- We will make Owl S'mores.

October 10: Library Closed for Staff Development Day

October 17: Pumpkins! -- Take home your own decorated mini-pumpkin.

October 24: Feeling Scared? -- Make a scarecrow.

October 31: Halloween Party! -- Wear your costume and create happy ghosts.



Thursday, October 25th: Community Halloween Party at the Library - 5:30 to 7:30

Play Candy-Corn Bingo, join in a sing-along, play games with ghosts and eyeballs, participate in an interactive story, listen to a not-too-scary story with the lights down low, and enjoy Balloon Man! There will be refreshments and prizes for the costume contest. The Library FRIENDS are judges. Our library capacity is 70. So register early by calling the library! 728-2176

Towanda Busy Bees 4H



Towanda Busy Bees 4H kicked off the new 4H year with a cookout hosted by Gabbi Vaughan and her family on Tuesday, September 18th. The club focus this year is Personal

Development. Many fun activities, programs and community service projects are planned for 2012-2013! Towanda Busy Bees next meeting will be on Friday, October 12th, 6:30 pm at the Rients home (36 Candle Ridge Rd Towanda). The activity for the evening will be Mini Pumpkin Candle making. New members and visitors are always welcome. For more information contact: Martha Rients 728-2178 or hrients@frontiernet.net

Towanda 4-H



The Towanda 4-H will meet on Tuesday, October 2nd, from 6:30 - 8pm at Christ Lutheran Church which is located at 311 Hershey in Normal. At this meeting, we will elect our officers. (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Recorder, 3 Recreation Officers, 2 Pledge Officers.)

The Towanda 4-H is open to boys and girls who are 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 HCE

October is Home and Community Education Month and the Towanda HCE will have an informative display at the library highlighting the coming 2012-2013 HCE programming and pictures about our past year activities.

Our monthly meeting will be held on Monday, Oct 8, 7 pm at the Towanda District Library. Hostesses, Robin Pearson and Sharon Joplin welcome members and guests to the program "Aging Gracefully." Joyce Theobald will present information about various housing services and care level trends available for today's seniors. The Fact Find on the herbs Cilantro and Coriander will be handed out.



Members and guests are invited to attend the McLean County HCE International Study night on Thursday, Oct 18, 6 pm at the Extension Auditorium, 402 N Hershey Rd, Bloomington. Countries of study will be Trinidad and Tobago. People will be able to sample foods and learn about the customs of these Islands of the Antilles near Venezuela, South America. For more information, contact Cindy Kelley, 663-4796 or Jeanie Wager, 728-2852.

Towanda HCE programs and membership information can be obtained from membership chair Robin Pearson, 815-579-1650.

Unit 5 Calendar -

Wed.Oct.3	1 hr Late Start
Fri.Oct.5	NCHS Homecoming (early dismissal)
Mon.Oct.8	No School (Columbus Day)
Wed.Oct.17	1 hr Late Start
Fri.Oct.26	No School (Parent-Teacher Conferences)

Towanda Area Historical Society

Due to the Community Building remodeling work there will not be any meetings through 2012.

Classifieds



For Hire:

Lauren Smith, age 12 and Myles Smith, age 14 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! Grace and Emma Rients

are also experienced pet caretakers. Please call them at 728-2178. In addition to dogs, we have experience with hermit crabs, hamsters and rabbits too!

For Sale:

Used computer chairs, Sturdy wooden boxes - approximately 40. Make an offer. We can only accept donations. Towanda District Library - 728-2176.

Ecology Action Center to present Radon public information program on October 3, 2012

McLean County has been designated as a zone 2 radon area by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA). This means that McLean County homes are at a high risk level for radon concentrations. Radon is a colorless, odorless gas that comes from uranium in the soil and enters homes as a soil gas. It cannot be detected by the senses, and therefore, every home throughout the county and surrounding areas should be tested. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the nation which means that it is a vital concern for this community to address.

In order to prevent the health risks associated with radon, all homes need to be tested. A public information program about radon will be held at ***the Normal Public Library on October 3, 2012 from 1-2:30PM and 6-7:30PM in the Community Education Room on the lower level.***

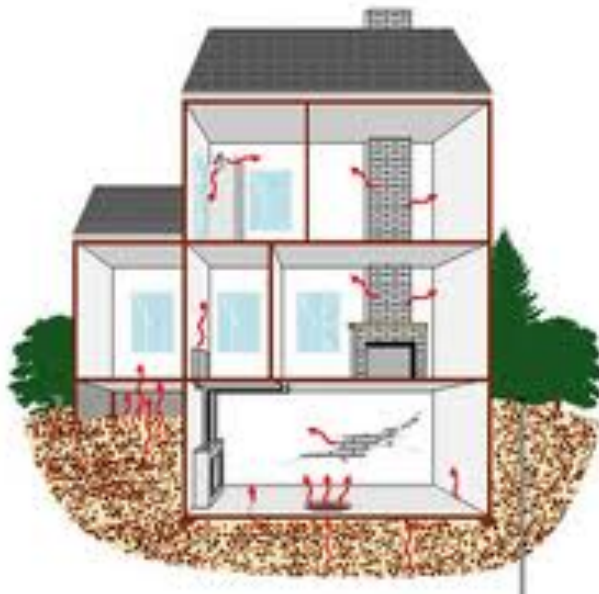
Home radon test kits are available at the Ecology Action Center and will also be available for purchase at this program for \$10.00.

Topics that will be presented to help educate homeowners about radon are:

- 1.) how it is concentrated in homes
- 2.) health risks associated with radon and
- 3.) how to get rid of radon. The public is invited and no pre-registration is required. There is no cost for this event. Attendees will have ample time to ask questions and add comments.

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.

AIRBORNE RADON ENTRY





The Good News and Bad News about Radon



What is Radon?

How does radon affect me and my family?

Should I test for Radon?

What if the Radon test is high? What should I do?

PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAM on RADON

Date: Wednesday, October 3, 2012

Time:: 1-2:30pm or 6-7:30pm

Place: Normal Public Library

Community Education Room

Sponsor: Ecology Action Center/Radon

Questions: Call 309-454-3169

Radon test kits will be on sale - \$10.00

www.ecologyactioncenter.org

