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ICWHA Annual Meeting

The Indian Creek Water and Homeowners Association Annual Meeting is on Monday, March 11 at 7 p.m. at the Towanda Community Center.

Note: This year we are meeting in the **Board Room**. **So please be sure to enter from the south door of the community building** (because we don't want to disturb the group meeting in the north part of the building).

Thanks and look forward to seeing you there!

Towanda HCE News

The Towanda Unit of Home and Community Education will be meeting on Monday, March 11, 7 p.m. at the Towanda Community Building. Due to the January-February weather woes, there will be two programs presented at this meeting. Pat Pulokas will present **Care Giver Self Care**. Bev Hornickel will present **The Power of Positive Aging**. The Fact Find for March is about the History of Champaign County as we learn more about the history of counties within our IAHCE District 5 which McLean County HCE is a part of. Hostesses are Pat Pulokas and Cindy Kelley. Guests are always welcome. For more information: Cindy Kelley, 309-824-4797. Many Towanda members and their guests were able to attend the Membership/Friendship Tea on Feb 9 to see the program presented by "The Bread Monk," Father Dominic Garramone, OSB from St. Bede Abbey in Peru, IL. It was a time to enjoy good cookies, tea, conversation and Father Dominic brought great laughter to the 110 people who attended.

There are many HCE county activities in March. Mar 11-Heritage Skills Demonstrations of Spinning Wool into Yarn by Ann Crider and Bobbin Lace by Robin Bagwell, held at the McLean Co Farm Bureau, 2243 Westgate Dr., Bloomington. RSVP by Mar 7-309-533-1135. Monday, Mar 18, 9am-2pm- Community Service Day at the Farm Bureau where hot pads, eye glass cases and fidget blankets projects will be worked on. Sewers and non-sewers are welcome to attend-309-533-1135 with questions. The public is welcome at all county programs.



Father Dominic holds a tray of scones he has cut out and will have them bake
Pat Pulokas holds tray of baked Strawberry Crème Scones
Everyone is enjoying themselves and laughing
Linda Conder holds a tray of the bacon, cheddar & chives scones. YUM



Gardening Tips

It won't be long until people will be getting ready to start their seeds. One of the first things you need to do is check your seeds left from last year for germination.

Take a moist paper towel and scatter 10 seeds on it. Cover it with another moist paper towel. Roll it up and place it in a plastic bag so it stays moist. Be sure to mark it as to what kind of seeds are in it. Place it on the counter.

Several days later, you can check to see how many seeds have started to germinate. It can take a while because some seeds germinate faster than others. Be sure to keep the paper towels moist all of the time.

If more than 50 percent of the seeds germinate, you can use them this year. You might want to plant them a little thicker if need be.

If less than 50 percent of the seeds germinate, it is time to get new seeds.

The daylight hours are getting longer, making people feel better. The houseplants are also waking up from their winter nap. A little more sunshine would make it a lot better. As soon as you see new growth, or around Valentine's Day, you can start fertilizing again. Some companies say to fertilize once a month and others say you can fertilize every time you water. As always follow the directions on the container.

More plants are killed by over watering. Check to see if the soil is dry or if the container feels lightweight before you water.

If you stored your mandavilla over winter, now is the time to prune it back.

Now is the time to start your tuberous begonias. They are very slow coming up.

Grapevines can be pruned in late February or March. Remember, they produce one new wood.

If you haven't started your lawn mower or if you get it checked every year, now is the time to get busy. Don't wait until the last minute when the shops are all booked up.

Helen J. Leake

TFD News

We are well into the new year and have been hit with quite a winter so far. Spring is right around the corner so hold on for warmer weather! March is Red Cross Month, It is meaningful to highlight the importance of volunteerism and the impact it can make. Red Cross provides many services to victims of fires, has many disaster relief efforts, and collects blood donations for hospitals. To learn more about Red Cross Month go to redcross.org

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We are also pleased to announce that Engine 61 is officially in service and has already gone on its first call. It has been a long process but we are excited to train with it and continue to provide the best services to Towanda residents and mutual aid to our surrounding partners. In January, we ran 5 fire and 11 medical calls putting the total at 33 for the fiscal year.

Towanda Library

Library Announcements and Program updates:

We are enjoying a very busy winter at the library. Several of you have stopped in to see the new improvements. Our new shelving is here and we are excited to spread out. We will be painting, constructing new furniture, and shifting books around the library to utilize our new space. Our goal is to make the library as inclusive, inviting, comfortable, educational, informational, and cutting edge as possible. We are a work in progress, so please pardon our mess. We will be ready to hit the ground running this summer. This April, we will be celebrating our 30th Anniversary at the 301 S. Taylor Street location. Please contact the library or email me directly; director@towandalibrary.org if there is a particular book, movie, music cd, or audio book that you would like us to acquire. In between projects we are hoping to plan a few special events. We will keep you posted through the Indian Creek Newsletter, our website, and Facebook page. We will be launching a new website in summer of 2019. While we anticipate it to be visually pleasing, it will also be highly functional and much more user friendly for our patrons. We will hold programs to navigate the new site once it goes live. We will offer programs in 2019 that will explore our new digital services and offerings.

Bulldog Builder's LEGO Club: Monday afternoons from 2:30-3:30. For registered 3rd-5th grade students. March Dates: 4th

WOW – Women of Words Sharing Their Stories: For over four years nine women have met monthly to share stories they have written. While one topic is selected each month, the stories are vastly different. On March 5 at 5:30 they will share some of their stories. Come hear about Young Love, Favorite Books, and, 16 unrelated words. Enjoy the stories and learn the wonders of a writing group. The Women of Words are: Terri Ryburn, Carol Scott, Melanie Verbout, Kathi Davis, Kathleen Kirk, Beth Bradford, Ruthie Cobb, Peg Kirk, and Linda Garbe.

Bulldog Book Club: Late Start Wednesday afternoons from 2:30-3:30 for registered 4th and 5th grade students. March Date: 13th

Preschool Story Time: Held every Wednesday morning at 10:30 am through May for toddlers and their caregivers. Advanced registration is not required.

Knitters and Crochet Group: We are happy to welcome Knitters and Crochet group every Tuesday at 3pm. Come join us!

Read to Dogs: The dogs are back on March 5th at 5:30! Read to Dogs will be Tuesday evenings 5:30 to 6:30. Pre-registration is required for your child's 15-minute individualized appointment. Please call the library at (309) 728-2176 to make a "Reading Reservation" for your child. Our Spring Dates: 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14.

Towanda Reads Book Discussion Group: We are reading *Some Luck* by Jane Smiley. Copies are available at the library. All are welcome to join us to discuss this title at 5pm on Tuesday March 12th.

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Towanda 4-H

The Towanda 4-H Club will be meeting March 5, 2019 at 6:30 at the Towanda Community Building. Members will be giving talks and demonstrations about their projects. Information on the Visual Arts projects will be given. A date for our workshop for our community service project will be announced. For more information contact Scott Clement at 275-59109 or Jeanie Wager at 728-2852

The Towanda Busy Bees March Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19th at 6:30 pm at the Towanda Community Building. The club will have a program on Artificial Intelligence. The club focus for the year is STEAM- Science, Engineering, Art and Math. 4-H is open to all youth ages 8-18 and new members are always welcome. For more information contact: Martha Rients 728-2178 or hrients@frontiernet.net



The Towanda Busy Bees 4-H club learned about computer coding and made key chains using ASCII code.

Towanda Historical Society

This is another appeal for input regarding the direction that should be taken regarding the organization, the book project, and the remaining funds.

Please reply by **April 1, 2019** to Gail Ann Briggs (rqbriggs@frontiernet.net – or – mail to 112 Hunt St) and/or to Patricia Pulokas (palp@mchsi.com – or – mail to 111 Miriam Way), Towanda, IL 61776.

We appreciate your help!!! Thank you.

Thanks!
Gail

Calendar

- Sun.Mar.10 – 2:00 a.m. / Daylight Savings Time begins
- Tue.Mar.12 – Unit 5 Kindergarten registration at home schools (Towanda) ~ www.unit5.org
- Mon.Mar.25-Fri.Mar.29 - Unit 5 Spring Break

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