



INDIAN CREEK NEWSLETTER

January 2025

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Water Hydrant Flushing Schedule – 2025

The six water hydrants located in Indian Creek subdivision will be flushed on the dates listed below. Water hydrants are flushed in order to reduce the build-up of sediments in our water system. This is an important process for improving water quality. Our water operator will flush one hydrant at a time and allow it to run for 10-15 minutes (the next in line hydrant is opened concurrently for a brief period to keep water flowing through the system). Water pressure in our system's lines is maintained by the 35,000 gallons of water in our tower, however, pressure in home lines will be reduced during flushing much like when multiple faucets are opened in your homes. Flushing the hydrants will also stir up sediments so please follow the procedures listed below:

- Do not run water during the flushing time period.
- Following flushing, run water through faucets until clear. We recommend this be done by-passing any treatment/filtering system in your home because of the increased sediment stirred up during the flushing process.

Please mark your calendars with the dates listed below. Flushing will be done between 5:00 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. weather permitting. **Hydrants will not be flushed in freezing conditions or other inclement weather.**

Monday, January 27	Monday, July 28
Monday, February 24	Monday, August 25
Monday, March 31	Monday, September 29
Monday, April 28	Monday, October 27
Monday, May 26	Monday, November 24
Monday, June 30	Monday, December 29

Jim Larson – ICHWA Water Chairperson

Towanda HCE

The Towanda Unit of Home and Community Education will meet on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Towanda Community Building for their January Snowman Meeting. Members are to bring old and new snowmen to show and tell about. Don't pack those fun snowman items away after Christmas. The major program will be "**Hold That Thought**" to be given by Jennifer Miller. This lesson is about tuning up your ways of remembering things and giving credit for all we do remember. Our minor lessons in this new year will be the study of South Africa. We'll learn about it's History Timeline in January. Each month we'll learn about a different aspect of South Africa. Our Community Outreach Project is for The Humane Society of Central Illinois and members can bring Clorox wipes for January collection.

Other HCE activities in the county will be taking place and everyone is invited to attend these informative and creative programs. On January 21, 9a.m.-2 p.m. is Community Service Day at the Farm Bureau, 2242 Westgate Drive, Blm when all are invited to meet and make walker bags and seat belt protectors for cancer patients. Bring a sewing machine if you have one. Sewers and non-sewers are invited and needed. Come enjoy each others' company and fulfill some community needs.

On January 28, 2025, 12:30-2:30 at the McLean County Farm Bureau, a local leader lesson will be given by Susan Woollen of the Second Generation Speakers' Bureau of the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center. She will tell of her mother's survival of the atomic bomb dropped over Nagasaki on August 9, 1945. She recounts her mothers' remarkable journey, weaving a narrative that extends beyond personal survival to encompass broader themes of war's devastation, the specter of nuclear weapons, and the migration of Japanese War Brides to the United States. All are invited and questions about attending can be directed to Kathleen Emery, 824-2784. This is free and open to the public.

Start the New 2025 year right by attending informative, thought provoking and enjoyable programs. Questions about Towanda HCE and the county HCE group can be directed to Cindy Kelley, 309-824-4797.



Seated L-R: Kathleen Emery, Mary Lu Payton, Ruth Stewart, Jeanie Wager

Standing: Sandy Whalen, Candace Thedens, Pat Pulokas, Karen Wyant, Clara Lehan

Teresa opened up a gift of cute snowman with Clara Lehan looking on.



Karen Wyant opened gift of 4.6 # birdseed with Cindy Kelley looking on



Seated L-R Jennifer Miller, Teresa Benjamin, Joann Steinberg, Jane Redding
Standing: Cherry Trent, Bev Hornickel, Linda Conder, Cindy Kelley, Joyce Schneider



Christmas Meeting Committee: Karen Wyant, Clara Lehan, Sandy Whalen, Bev Hornickel Not pictured Robin Pearson

Towanda Library

"Start the New Year with fun and engaging activities at the Towanda District Library! In January, the library offers a variety of programs for all ages. Join the "Exploring China" Homeschool Event on January 13th at 2:00 PM. Tuesdays feature exciting events, including Lego Club on January 7th at 2:30 PM, Adult Craft Night on January 14th at 5:30 PM, and Book Club on January 21st at 5:30 PM. Wednesdays and Fridays include weekly story times at 10:30 AM, perfect for young readers and their families.

Please note the library will be closed on January 1st and January 20th in observance of the holidays.

We hope to see you at the library this month for learning, creativity, and community connection!"

TOWANDA DISTRICT LIBRARY

January:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Open 10-4pm	Open 1-7 pm	Open 10-4pm	Open 1-7 pm	Open 10-4pm
1/13/25- Exploring China Homeschool Event 2:00pm	1/7/25- Lego Club 2:30 pm 1/14/25- Adult Craft Night 5:30 pm 1/21/25- Book Club 5:30pm	Storytimes at 10:30 am		Storytimes at 10:30 am

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Towanda American Legion

— 2025 Menu —

Following is the menu for the Towanda American Legion for the start of 2025.

Thank you for your support in 2024, we couldn't do it without you! Hope to see you all in 2025!

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BREAKFAST: Saturday, 1/4/25 @ 8 - 11 a.m.

Sausage, bacon, biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, pancakes, hash browns, drink \$12

DINNER: Friday, 1/17/25 @ 5 - 7 p.m.

Pork chops, baked beans, french fries, dessert and drink \$13

BREAKFAST: Saturday, 2/1/25 @ 8 - 11 a.m.

Sausage, bacon, biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, pancakes, hash browns, drink \$12

DINNER: Friday, 2/14/25 @ 5 - 7 p.m.

Steak dinner, baked potato, green beans, salad, roll, dessert and drink \$18 or 2/\$30

BREAKFAST: Saturday, 3/1/25 @ 8 - 11 a.m.

Sausage, bacon, biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, pancakes, hash browns, drink \$12

DINNER: Monday, 3/17/25 @ 5 - 7 p.m.

Corned beef & cabbage w/potatoes & carrots, rye bread, dessert and drink \$14

DINNER: Friday, 4/11/25 @ 5 - 7 p.m.

Fish, french fries, baked beans, dessert and drink \$12

BREAKFAST: Saturday, 5/3/25 @ 8 - 11 a.m.

Sausage, bacon, biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, pancakes, hash browns, drink \$12

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All meals subject to change without notice. Carry out available.

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Thank you for your continued support!



Towanda 4-H

The Towanda 4-H Club will meet on Tuesday, January 7th, 2025 at 5:30 pm at the Towanda Community Building.

Our speaker will be the dog superintendent from McLean County Fair. We will also be presenting awards from the 2023-2024 4H year.

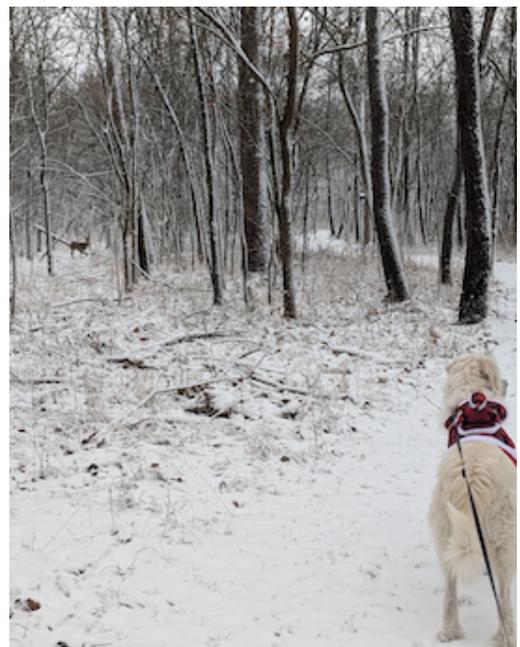
At our last meeting, members had a great time at our December party. We decorated the community building and the Christmas tree. We also made and signed Christmas cards for the residents at Mercy Creek retirement home.



Resident Photos

Local resident Scott Anderson was able to photograph deer on one of our trails while walking his dog, Snowball.

Are there possibly 4 points on that buck? (middle photo) One of Scott's photos is the masthead. Thank you Scott for sharing!



Resident Recipe

This is a NEW category! Based on the popularity of dishes brought to subdivision events (such as the Fall Kellenburger gathering), Jessica Bliss thought it might be nice to satisfy recipe requests and publish them in the newsletter. This delicious recipe by Jessica is being shared with her gracious permission. If you have a recipe you'd like to share, please send that in to the Indian Creek newsletter mailbox at 'indiancreeknews@hotmail.com'.

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Jessica Bliss' **Sweet Italian Sausage Soup**

Ingredients:

2 -15 oz cans fire roasted diced tomatoes w/ garlic
1 - 24 oz jar Randall's Great Northern Beans w/ juice

Olive oil

1 lb Sweet Italian Sausage (4-5 links w/o casing)

½ large sweet onion diced

4 garlic cloves, minced

3-4 medium size russet potatoes, cubed

5 medium size portabella mushroom, sliced

1 zucchini, diced

3-4 celery stalks, sliced

Handful of baby carrots, chopped

2 tsp Italian seasoning

3-4 cups chicken Broth

Instructions:

1. Add Beans with juice & tomatoes to the crock pot and cook on low for about 4 hours.
2. Heat a large skillet over medium high heat. Add 2-3 tablespoons of olive oil.
3. Add sausage and sauté. Stirring often and breaking up chunks.
4. Add onion & garlic, cook until soften.
5. Add potatoes to the meat mixture & cook for about 5 minutes. Add mushroom, zucchini, carrots, & celery. Cook for about 5-10 minutes until the vegetables soften. Stir often.
6. Add Italian seasoning & black pepper(optional).
7. Add mixture to the crock pot, add chicken broth and stir. Cook on low for about 4 hours.
8. Enjoy with crusty bread.

Note: The vegetables & beans can be substituted to your favorites. Soup is more flavorful the next day.



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For Hire:

Millie Harmon is available for both pet sitting and babysitting. Millie has experience pet sitting, is a member of the Junior Zoo Keepers at Miller Park zoo, and is part of the equestrian team at Lone Ridge Farm. Millie has completed a safe sitters course and enjoys being with children. She can be reached at 309-665-9053 (Millie) or 309-530-5360 (parent).

Lydia Lueschen is available for babysitting. She has completed a babysitting course along with being CPR certified. Please call or text her mom - Dallas Lueschen- at 309-826-1868.

Aubrey Thomas is available for childcare and pet care. She has taken the Safe Sitter course and is experienced with taking care of several animals. Aubrey will be attending Heartland beginning in Fall 2023. Please call or text her at 309-532-7522. References available.

Jaeden Proesel - Age 16 is willing to do odd jobs such as dog walking, pet sitting, lawn care, etc. Please reach out! 309-310-7470

Caden Lueschen is available for snow removal. Caden can be contacted through his dad, Brett Lueschen, at (309) 728-2353.