



# Indian Creek Newsletter

## February 2025

On the web at <http://www.indiancreeksubdivision.org>

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### **ICHWA Annual Meeting**

**The Annual Meeting for the Indian Creek Homeowners and Water Association (ICHWA) is almost here! All ICHWA (Indian Creek Home and Water Assoc) residents are invited and encouraged to attend.**

**When: Monday, March 3, 2025**

**Time: 7:00 p.m.**

**Where: Towanda Community Center  
103 S. Jefferson Street  
Towanda, IL 61776**

### **Towanda 4-H**

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

We will have a veterinarian as our guest speaker. Members will give talks and demonstrations.

For more information contact Carrie Vogel 309-825-6248 or Jeanie Wager 309-728-2852.

# IC Bird Count

On December 21, 2025, the local Audubon Society chapter conducted a bird count within our common ground area. Perhaps you have seen some of the birds that were spotted on that day. Please visit our website and click under birds to learn about the many birds that we have in our beautiful natural habitat. Take a walk on our trails and see what birds you can find.

Fred Walk

Interim Grounds Chair

Below is the bird count from December 21.

White-breasted Nuthatch—6

Black-capped Chickadee—4

Downy Woodpecker—5

Brown Creeper—3

Red-bellied Woodpecker—3

Northern Flicker—1

Blue Jay—1

Dark-eyed Junco—1

Bald Eagle—1 adult

Tufted Titmouse—2

Carolina Wren—1

## Internet Service Question

We have been dealing with unsatisfactory internet service lately from Frontier. We have researched and looked into other service options but are coming up empty. It seems like no other Service Providers are in our area - yet. Has anyone found another company or solution to provide more reliable service in our area? If yes, I'd love to hear from you.

Thank you!

Megan Ketelsen  
309-236-0510

# Indian Creek Winter Landscape

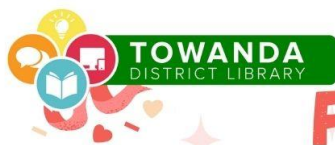


## **GARAGE SALES**

Is there interest in participating in TOWANDA AREA SPRING GARAGE SALES – held in your garage or yard ??

*Please* ~ let me know if you are, by March 15, the date(s) that are best for you. Contact me at [rqbriggs@frontiernet.net](mailto:rqbriggs@frontiernet.net) (preferred); or Text to 309.824.1649; or Mail to 112 Hunt Street. Past area sales were held in late April to early May. Look for responses and information in next month's newsletter. -Gail Ann Briggs

# Towanda District Library



## FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CLOSED	OPEN 10-4 2/10/2025 @ 2:00 PM ENDANGERED ANIMALS HOMESCHOOL EVENT 2/17/2025- CLOSED	OPEN 1-7 2/4/2025- @ 5:30 ADULT CRAFT 2/11/2025- @ 2:30 LEGO CLUB 2/18/2025- @ 5:30 BOOK CLUB MEETING	OPEN 10-4 STORYTIMES @ 10:30	OPEN 1-7	OPEN 10-4 STORYTIMES @ 10:30	OPEN 10-2

**AVAILABLE AT YOUR LIBRARY!**  
2 CRICUTS FOR PUBLIC USE! FREE FAXING/PRINTING! COMPUTERS!

February is packed with fun and educational programs at the Towanda District Library! Join us for **Adult Craft** on Tuesday at 5:30 PM (2/4) and **Book Club** on 2/18 at 5:30 PM. Don't miss our **Endangered Animals Homeschool Event** on Monday, 2/10, at 2:00 PM. Little ones will love **Storytimes** every Wednesday and Friday at 10:30 AM. Plus, enjoy the library's resources, including free faxing, notarizing, public computers, and two Cricut machines! We're open Monday through Saturday with special closures on 2/17. See you there!

Thanks and stay warm on this frigid night!

Rachel Ballenger  
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Towanda District Library  
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# Water Tower Piping/Valves Repairs

We are going to replace the main water pipes and valves in the water tower base when we have a break in the weather. The pipes and valves have significant corrosion because of their age (over 40 years old) and the effects of having chlorination treatment in the water tower base until we built the chemical building. We had a break in one of the main pipes a couple of years ago which flooded the water tower base and caused disruption to our water service.

This work will require shutting off water service for most of a day followed by a boil order for 2-3 business days. More detailed information will be provided by email closer to the time this maintenance will be performed. We will work with the plumber to limit water service disruption as much as possible and not shutoff water until everyone has the chance to go to work/school. Please plan to have some drinking water available and maybe a bucket or two for toilet flushing.

Replacing this equipment along with other recent projects (chemical building construction, water tower refurbishing and well pump/drop pipe replacement) puts the major components of our water system in good condition. We are also working with Corn Belt Electric to have them replace the power line to the wellhead. This line currently runs from near the water tower through the woods and under the creek to the wellhead. Corn Belt Electric has said they can reroute the line from near the bridge, along the gravel road to the wellhead.

## 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, 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, November 24

Monday, July 28

Jim Larson – ICHWA Water Chairperson

## Keep America Beautiful



For the past 30+ years, the residents of Indian Creek have been responsible for picking up trash along the 2 mile stretch of County Road 29 that leads to our beautiful neighborhood.

Currently, the Board is looking for a volunteer to coordinate the trash pickup effort. The commitment is very minimal. A couple times a year, the coordinator recruits 4-8 neighbors to pick up litter along the roadway, which usually takes about one hour. Trash bags and safety vests are provided by the county and the county picks up collected trash (which is left by the sign).

If you enjoy walking, this is a great way to get your exercise while helping to keep the roadway clean.

If you are interested, please contact Greg Beneze at 309-846-2741, or attend the next subdivision meeting in March for more details.

## Towanda HCE



Pictured L-R of Towanda members who brought snowmen items to share or wear to January HCE meeting:

Jeanie Wager, Ruth Stewart, Linda Conder, Jennifer Miller, Cindy Kelley, Jane Redding, Pat Pulokas, Kathleen Emery

The **Towanda Home and Community Education** unit will meet Monday, February 10, 6:30 p.m. at the Towanda Community Building. The program will be, "Japanese Immigration to the US and the story of Chiyono Shoji Hamer as told by her daughter, Susan Woollen", will be given by Pat Pulokas. Members & guests may bring liquid hand soap for the Humane Society of Central Illinois, as the Community Service project for February. Our minor lesson will be about South Africa - The Economy, Geography and Climate. Guests are always welcome. For more information, call Cindy Kelley, 309-824-4797.

McLean County HCE is holding their annual Membership - Friendship Tea on Saturday, February 8, 1-3pm at Christ Lutheran Church, 311 Hershey Rd, Normal. Connie Martin will be presenting the program: **'Pre-Civil War Quilts' and the underground Railroad**. Contact Cindy Kelley (309-824-4797) if interested in a ticket and/or for more information. Guests are cordially invited to attend. Tickets are \$10 for HCE members and \$5 for guests. There is a limit of 80 tickets and you need to RSVP by January 31. Come enjoy some cookies and tea and a great program, fellowship and conversation.

## TOWANDA LIONS CLUB

“We Serve”



The Towanda Lions Club is offering two \$750 scholarships for current high school seniors who live within the 61776 Towanda zip code area and/or live within the Towanda township.

1. The Steve Liebenow Memorial Scholarship for any college field of study
2. The Towanda Lions Memorial Scholarship for training/education in a trades field

Further details and applications for each of these scholarships are available on the Towanda, Illinois Lions website: [e-clubhouse.org/sites/towandail](http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/towandail)

On the Home page, click on **Scholarships** listed in the upper-left of the screen.

Thank you!

Scholarship Committee co-chairmen:

Jerry Bersche – phone: 309-838-1695

Steve Shipley - phone: 309-830-1751




## 2025 Advance Meat Order Towanda Scouting / American Legion

**Place Your Order Today ~ The Deadline is February 8, 2025**  
**Pick up on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm**  
**@ Towanda Community Building**

To order call: Tammy Pate 309-826-8776  
Towandalegion@gmail.com  
 Mail to P.O. Box 222 Towanda, IL 61776

WHOLE HOG SAUSAGE	Package Size	# Packages	Package Price	Total
BULK SAUSAGE (\$4.50/lb.)	2 pounds		\$ 9.00	\$
LINK SAUSAGE (\$4.50/lb.)	5 pounds		\$22.50	\$
BACK RIBS (\$4.50/lb.)	5 pounds		\$22.50	\$
COUNTRY STYLE BACON	1 pound		\$ 9.00	\$
<b>ITALIAN SAUSAGE</b>				
ITALIAN BULK (\$4.50/lb.)	2 pounds		\$ 9.00	\$
ITALIAN LINK (\$4.50/lb.)	5 pounds		\$22.50	\$
<b>OTHER</b>				
BONELESS TENDERIZED PORK CHOPS (\$6.00/lb.)	2 pounds		\$12.00	\$
Picked Up: <input type="checkbox"/> Sat. February 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2025 <input type="checkbox"/> Paid <input type="checkbox"/> Not Paid				<b>TOTAL</b> \$

 <small>Towanda IL Troop 956</small>	ORDER TAKEN BY: _____ NAME: _____ PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____
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WITH THE QR CODE

## Don't Forget

### **Breakfast this Saturday at the Towanda American Legion!!**

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

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

**\*Mark your calendar for our Valentine Day dinner!\***

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

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

**Have you ordered your sausage and meats from the Scout/Legion Breakfast Sales?**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8 is the FINAL DAY!**

*Thank you for your continued support!*

**TOWANDA AMERICAN LEGION**

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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 Zookeepers at Miller Park Zoo and is part of the equestrian team at Lone Ridge Farm. Millie has completed a safe sitter's 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