



# INDIAN CREEK NEWSLETTER



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## Subdivision News

Indian Creek Neighbors,

When we have had water issues, it is sometimes a challenge to notify everyone in a timely manner. Logistically, the easiest way for us to reach out to you is electronically. But I realize that there is no substitute for a phone call. I would like each household to supply the following and send to: [indiancreeknews@hotmail.com](mailto:indiancreeknews@hotmail.com):

Current email address (even if you think we have it, please confirm by providing it again)  
Best telephone number at which we can reach you or leave a message  
ALL cell phone numbers for all residents of your home, even those used by children or teens AND the cellular carrier who supplies the service for each

Logistically, it is simple to build a mailing list that includes all the Indian Creek homeowners, but it is just as easy to send this information to a cell phone as a text message. That is why we are requesting not only the cell numbers for all residents of your home but the carrier as well. Each cellular carrier has a format that when sent via email, will reach the phone as a text message. I know that there are some limitations in terms of length, but we can easily send messages like "Power failure at tower. Conserve water" or "Boil order in effect for Indian Creek" or "Boil order lifted for Indian Creek". Similarly, we could also use this method to notify the neighborhood, in an emergency of "Rabid dog seen on Eastwood Ct; beware".

I realize that not everyone is as enthusiastic or familiar with this sort of technology as I am but I hope that you will give it a try by providing the information being requested. It is in your best interest to provide a means for us to reach you in the event that we have news that we must distribute quickly.

Thank you.

Brian Krause/President - Indian Creek Homeowners Association Board

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## American Legion

The Towanda American Legion will have a breakfast on Sunday February 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

There will be a fish dinner on Friday February 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 -7:00. Dinner includes fish, a gratin potatoes, coleslaw, roll, dessert and drink for \$8. Everyone is welcome to the dinner. Carry outs are available.

We continue to collect items for our troops overseas. Thank you for supporting the Legion and our troops.

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## Towanda HCE News

The Towanda HCE Unit will meet on Monday, February 13, 7:00 pm at the Towanda Community Building. Hostesses are Connie Carstens and Jeanie Wager. Joyce Theobald will be giving the lesson on "Home Energy Savings, Create a Plan that works". The Fact Find is The Many Uses for Coffee Filters. Visitors are warmly welcomed to attend. Call Cindy, 663-4796 or Robin, 815 579 1650 for more information.

Other programs sponsored by the McLean County Association for Home and Community Education include:

**Feb 11, Saturday, 2-4 p.m. Friendship Tea** at the Extension Building, 402 N. Hershey Rd, Bloomington. "The Egg Lady" will present the program. 309-728-2784. **Free**

**Feb 13, Monday, 1-3 p.m. Needle Tatting Workshop** at the Extension Building, 402 N. Hershey Rd., Bloomington. Cost is \$10-\$12; You will need to bring crochet thread. Needles will be for sale. Register by Feb 6 to Carmen, 309 379 3141.

**Feb 20, Monday, 2-3:30 p.m. Read & Share**, at the Extension Building. Book to discuss: The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society by Annie Barrows and Mary Ann Shafer. LaVonne 309 661-6391 **Free**



Clara Lehan and Jeanie Wager show their newest snowmen.



Sharon Joplin, Pat Pulokas, Cindy Kelley and Rose Remschner show their snowmen.

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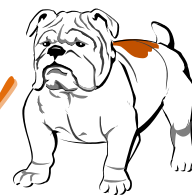
## Towanda PTO

The Towanda PTO will once again hold a Basket Raffle during the Boy Scouts Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Saturday, February 11th. Please stop by the gym stage to see the six baskets and to purchase raffle tickets.

The six baskets are: #1 – Kindle Fire with accessories, #2 – American Girl Doll of the Year McKenna with handmade doll outfits, #3 – Museum of Science and Industry Trip with 2 sets of family 4-pack passes to the museum, VISA gift card, and script gas card, #4 – Family Fun with a 32" TV and a DVD Player, children's movies, and several dining gift certificates/coupons and activity passes, #5 – Lego Games with six sets of Lego board games, and #6 – Cars 2 Basket full of fun Cars 2 memorabilia.

Tickets will be sold from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. for \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. Please stop by to see the exciting baskets and help support our school! (Flyer follows)

# Towanda Elementary



**Towanda Elementary School**  
**February 11, 2012      8am – 2pm**  
During the Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast

## Prize Packages Include:

### Kindle Fire

**Full Color 7" Kindle Fire  
Belkin Case & Zagg Cover**  
(Donated by the Towanda Village Board  
and Kick's Bar & Grill)

### American Girl Doll

**2012 Doll of the Year ~ McKenna  
Handmade Doll Outfits  
Matching Doll/Girl Towanda Hats**  
(Donated by Dr. Zachria & Family  
and The Gordon Family)

### Chicago Museum Trip

**Museum of Science & Industry Passes  
\$100 VISA Gift Card** for trip expenses  
**\$50 Script Gas Card**  
(Donated by the Towanda Fire Department  
and Evergreen FS)

### Family Fun

**32" Panasonic LCD TV** with Viera, Game  
Mode,  
2 HDMI slots, and 1 computer slot  
**DVD Player & Children's DVDs**  
**Various family dining gift  
certificates and activity passes**  
(Donated by the Towanda Township,  
the Towanda Legion, and Mrs. Jensen)

### Lego Games

**Harry Potter, Minotaurus, Pirate  
Code, Atlantis Treasure, Ramses  
Pyramid, & Ramses Return Lego  
Board Games**  
(Donated by Brandt and Laesch Electric)

### Cars 2

**Large Assortment of Cars 2 Items:  
T-shirts, Road Atlas, Tumbler, Beach  
Towel, Travel Mug, Coloring Book,  
Crayons, Magnets, and more!**  
(Donated by The Hutchins Family  
and The Simonson Family)

## TICKET PRICES ~ \$1 EACH or 6 for \$5

Available for purchase on the gym stage ~ Winners drawn at 2pm  
(Need not be present to win)

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## Towanda Scouts



**Reminder:** The 56th Annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast will be Saturday February 11th at the Towanda Grade School. It's not too late to place an advance meat order. Call 309-728-2384.

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## Towanda 4-H

The Towanda 4-H will meet on Tuesday, February 7th. We will have a speaker, Deputy Sarah Bay, who will talk about Internet Safety. Talks will be given by Sophie Dorgan, Anna Myrvold, Ariaana Schelton and Kenzi Kraft. Demonstrations will be given by Sarah & Megan Schultz. Recreation will be Sophie Dorgan and refreshments will be provided by Clements and Salegnas.

Awards received from the 2011 year were as follows: County Excellence – Rachel Richard, County Medal – Katie Sandage, 1st Year Outstanding – Sophie Dorgan, Jasmine Dotson, Abby Feit, Emma Feit, Alex Kraft, Madison Kraft, and Anna Myrvold, Leadership Bag – Katie Sandage, Sarah Schultz, Leadership Key Ring – Jennifer Glasscock, Project Achievement – Molly Borth, Sam Clement, Amber Conder, Jasmine Dotson, Abby Feit, Sarah Kraft, Adam Kraft, Ryan Kraft, MacKenzie Kraft, David Salegna, Samuel Scheltens, Arianna Scheltens, Sophie Dorgan, Emma Feit, Alex Kraft, Madison Kraft, Anna Myrvold, Service Achievement – Joseph Anderson, John Richard, Megan Schultz, State Competition Nominee – Katie Sandage.

The Towanda 4-H is open to boys and girls from ages 8 to 19 by September 1st. And Clover Buds are for kids ages 5 to 7. For more information, contact Kathy Schultz at 728-2137 or Jeanie Wager at 728-2852.

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## Towanda Lions Club

### Ham & Bean Dinner



Friday, March 9, 2012 - 4:30 - 7:00 pm

Cost \$5 for advance tickets from a Towanda Lion Member (\$6 at the door)

Children 12 & under - \$3

### Menu

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| - Ham & Beans    | - Condiments                 |
| - Corn Bread     | - Dessert - Pie/Cake         |
| - Coffee & Juice | - Hot Dogs, Chips (for kids) |
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## Towanda Seniors

The Towanda Senior Group will meet at 12:00 noon on February 8th at the Community Building for a Pizza Lunch and members and any visitors are asked to bring side dishes and dessert and their own table service. Drinks will be provided. The Calendars are here and will be passed out to the group. If you have any questions please call Beverly Meginnes at 309-728-2769.

# Spring is Coming...

## Are You Ready to Make Your Yard Safer for Your Family?

Did you know that pesticide use has been associated with various types of cancer?

Please join us as Kris Hall discusses things you can do to reduce the use of synthetic lawn chemicals around your home and provides insight into the "Yard Smart" program.

**When** Thursday, February 16, 2012  
5:30-6:30 pm

**Speaker** Kris Hall  
*Assistant Director, Ecology Action Center*

**Location** Community Cancer Center  
407 E. Vernon Ave., Normal, IL 61761

Light refreshments will be served.



Please register by February 15th by calling 309-451-8500.

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## Towanda Area Historical Society

Meetings, which are open to the public (no membership fee), are held at the Community Building on the 4th Tuesday of the month, at 7:00 p.m. Organized in 2005, TAHS has collected numerous artifacts, developed a website <http://www.towandahistory.org/> hosted several 'open houses' to give folks a glimpse of our past, and solicited funds to finance the publication of a history book. These efforts are ongoing! If work on any of these projects interests you, please get involved. Contact Gail Ann Briggs [rgbriggs@frontiernet.net](mailto:rgbriggs@frontiernet.net) (728-2187) or Pat Pulokas [palp@mchsi.com](mailto:palp@mchsi.com) (728-2118) or attend a meeting.



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## Library News

### Monday Night Knitting Group: 5:30 to 6:30 beginning January 30th

Several people have expressed an interest in a Monday Night Knitting/Handicraft Group at the library. Whether you are an expert knitter, who is willing to share your knowledge, or a beginner, who wants to learn more -- we invite you to be part of the group. The library has a large selection of knitting, felting, and crocheting books for you. We always see a surge in demand for these books via interlibrary loan during the winter months. Go to the RSACat link on the right-hand side of the library's web page, (<http://www.towandalibrary.org/>) and order your selections today!

### February Story Hours -- Mondays at 10:30

February 6th    Where Do Animals Sleep in Winter?  
February 13th    My Heart Is Like a Zoo  
February 20th    Mittens and Scarves  
February 27th    Polar Bears

### Voter Registration at the Library

**Voter registration ends February 21 for the March 20th primary election. Register at the library during regular business hours.**

### Book Bingo on Tuesday Evenings: 5:00 to 6:00 all during February

Play **Book Bingo** with your friends on Tuesday evenings during February. Win food and book prizes.



## Area Garage Sales

It isn't too early to begin planning for the annual spring garage sales. This year's dates are May 3-6 (Thursday-Sunday) ~ held in conjunction with the Route 66 Red Carpet Corridor Festival (May 5-6). To share in the advertising cost and be included on the list, information about items for sale and the time and day of your sale is requested by Wednesday, April 28 to [rbriggs@frontiernet.net](mailto:rbriggs@frontiernet.net) (728-2187).

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## Unit 5 Schools Calendar

Wed.Feb.8 – Late Start

Mon.Feb.20 ~ No School (President's Day)

Tue.Feb.21 ~ No School for Students (School Improvement Day)

Tue.Mar.20 ~ Kindergarten Registration - For children who will turn 5 years old on or before Sep.1

**Towanda registration** is at 1:30 p.m. Both the student and parents should attend.

Bring:

- 1) certified birth certificate (not the hospital-issued souvenir keepsake)
- 2) proof of residency, and
- 3) recommended to bring current immunization and health records (a physical exam and all immunizations must be turned in by the first day of school or the student will not be allowed to attend school)

QUESTIONS – call Towanda school ~ 557-4426 or Unit 5 District office 557-4400

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## Girl Scouts

The annual Towanda Girl Scout Bake Sale will again be held during the Boy Scout Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on February 11 from 8:00 am – Noon. Individually wrapped baked donations will be accepted Friday, February 10 in the Village Clerk's office from 9 am -12 pm or in the Towanda School gym from 3:15-4:15 pm. Thank you for supporting your local Girl Scouts!