



Indian Creek Newsletter

February 2023

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

Contact us by email at indiancreeknews@hotmail.com

New Neighbors

Please welcome new neighbors Zachary Himmel and Nicole Nonnemacher at 1 Bent Tree Lane to our neighborhood!

"We fell in love with the neighborhood the first time we looked at a house out here. It has a friendly neighborhood feel, but with bigger sized lots and is convenient with its proximity to town. Zac and I are outdoorsy people so the trails and creek will keep us entertained in the spring and summer months! Zac works for Country Financial and I am a nurse at OSF. We have a 5 year old pup named Daisy."

Towanda HCE

Towanda HCE group will next meet on Monday, February 13, 6:30 pm at the Towanda Community Building. Our program lesson will be "Simply Charcuterie!" to be given by Jennifer Miller. The minor lesson will be, "The Republic of Italy - People and Demographics." Our meetings are always open to the public and for more information about Towanda HCE or this meeting, contact Cindy Kelley, [309-824-4797](tel:309-824-4797).

A fun event being planned by the county HCE is our Membership/Friendship Tea on Saturday, February 11, 1-3 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church, 311 Hershey Rd, Normal. Guests are welcome to attend. Tickets are \$8, if available. Contact Karen, 309-830-6232. The program will be given by Amy Wertheim of Wertheim's Gardens, Atlanta, IL on "Herb & Spice Gardening". Spice products and candies will be available for purchase.

Other county activities include: Feb 20, 2-3:30 pm at McLean County Extension Office, HCE Read & Share the book *The Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter* by Hazel Gaynor, 309-825-6658; Feb 28, 12:30-2:30 pm at Farm Bureau, 2242 Westgate Drive, BLM, Local Leader Lesson-Pollinators, 309-824-2784. County HCE activities are open to the public. Call the respective number for more information.

December 12 Christmas Meeting



Stand: Bev Hornickel, Cindy Kelley, Barb Wager, Clare Lehan

Sitting: Jane Redding, Mary Lu Payton, Jeanie Wager, Robin Pearson

December 12 Christmas Meeting



Stand: Teresa Benjamin, Linda Conder, Ruth Stewart, Pat Pulokas

Sitting: Karen Wyant, Kathleen Emery, Sandy Whalen, Joann Steinberg

January 9 HCE "Snowman" Meeting



L-R Lu Payton, Cindy Kelley, Linda Conder were some of the 13 members who brought or wore snowmen for show & tell!

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Lula Zimmermann
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Scout Pancake Breakfast

The Scouts are excited to host their annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast this year at the Towanda Grade School on Saturday, February 11, 2023. After a two-year break in the tradition, the Scouts will once again be selling advanced meat orders. See attached order form for more details!

Breakfast tickets are: Adults \$8 Advance and \$10 at the Door
Kids - \$5 Advance and \$6 at the Door
Pre-K and under are FREE

We need volunteers to help up on Saturday, February 11th! Looking for all past scouters and Scout supporters to help us make this annual fund raiser a huge success! We have four Scouts attending the National Jamboree in July 2023 and they need our support!

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, please contact Chairman Mickey Lang 309 660-4323, or Treasurer Virginia Lowery at 309 825-6341 or vlowery1@hotmail.com.

THANKS!
Virginia

2023 Advance Meat Order

Towanda Scouting Organization

Friday, February 10th, 2-5:30 pm @ Towanda Community Building

-OR- Saturday, February 11th, 7:00 am – 1:00pm @ Grade School

PLEASE BRING YELLOW COPY WHEN PICKING UP YOUR ORDER!

To order call Mike/Linda Potts 309-728-2384 or Virginia Lowery 309-825-6341

Place Your Order Today ~ The Deadline is January 29, 2023

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		\$ 8.00	\$
ITALIAN SAUSAGE				
ITALIAN BULK (\$4.50/lb)	2 pounds		\$ 9.00	\$
ITALIAN LINK (\$4.50/lb)	5 pounds		\$22.50	\$
OTHER				
BONELESS / SKINLESS CHICKEN BREAST(\$6.00/lb)	5 pounds		\$30.00	\$
BONELESS TENDERIZED PORK CHOPS (\$6.00/lb)	2 pounds		\$12.00	\$
			TOTAL	\$

ORDER TAKEN BY: _____ Pick Up: ☐ Fri ☐ Sat ☐ Unsure

PHONE: _____ ☐ Paid ☐ Not Paid

EMAIL: _____

NAME: _____

Towanda 4-H

The Towanda 4-H Club will meet Feb 7, 2023 at 6:30, at the Towanda Community Building for their meeting. Members will hear from Heartland Community College about their Agriculture Curriculum. For more information about going 4-H, you may contact Scott Clement at (309)-275-5910 or Jeanie Wager at (309)-728-2852. 4-H is open to girls and boys 8 to 18 as of Sept 1, 2022 and Cloverbuds are for girls and boys 5 to 7 as of Sept 1, 2022.

Towanda Lions Club

The Towanda Lions Club is offering two separate scholarships to individuals who are 2023 graduating high school seniors. Only students who have a Towanda, IL mailing address are eligible to apply. Deadline for submitting scholarship applications is March 15, 2023. All scholarship information is available at our club's website: towandalions.org.

The first scholarship is the Steve Liebenow Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is available for a student who is a graduating high school senior and will be an enrolled undergraduate college student in the fall or is a currently enrolled undergraduate college student. This is a one-time scholarship not open to renewal, although an applicant not chosen one year may apply again if he/she is still an undergraduate in college. This scholarship is offered in memory of Steve Liebenow, a long-time Lions Club member, educator, and community leader who passed away in 1999.

The second is the Towanda Lions Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is available for a graduating high school senior or a currently enrolled community college student who intends to pursue training in a trades field of study. Trade fields include but are not limited to carpentry, cosmetology, dental assistant, electrician, heavy equipment operator, HVAC, machinist, mason, mechanics, plumbing, etc. This is a one-time scholarship not open to renewal, although an applicant not chosen one year may apply again if he/she is still an undergraduate pursuing a trades field of study. This scholarship is offered in memory of all Towanda Lions Club members who have passed away since the club was formed in 1975.

Visit the club's website - towandalions.org – for details about the scholarships and the application process.

Should you need further information, please contact Bob King at bobking@frontiernet.net.

Thank you.

Bob King
Co-Chair Scholarship Committee
Towanda Lions Club

IC Bird Count

On December 17, 2022 four members of the local Audubon Society conducted their annual late fall bird count in our common ground areas. Below are their findings. Of special interest is the brown creeper. They are mainly migratory with a few wintering in bottomland woods.

Please go to our Indian Creek website and click on birds to see photos and hear their sounds. Our common grounds provide an inviting space for the many birds that frequent our natural habitat. Take a walk along our lovely trails and see how many of these birds (and others) you can find.

Fred Walk

IC Grounds Chair

House Finch—10

Downy Woodpecker—4

Black-capped Chickadee—10

Red-bellied Woodpecker—1

White-breasted Nuthatch—4

Tufted Titmouse—3

Brown Creeper—1



Northern Cardinal—2

House Sparrow—5

Dark-eyed Junco—1

Blue Jay—1

White-throated Sparrow—1

Towanda District Library

There's lots to love at the library!

Miss Bridget has multiple story/activity times planned for this month.

February's themes are:

Colors, Shapes, and Numbers:

2/7 at 3:30pm

2/10 at 10:30am

Lego Event:

2/21 at 3:30pm

2/25 at 10:30am

Pick Up Activity:

2/11 10:00am - 2:00pm

Black History Month:

2/22 at 10:30am

Valentines Event:

2/13 at 10:30am

2/14 at 3:15pm

2/18 at 10:30am

Prince/Princess Event:

2/27 at 10:30am

Music Programs will be held 2/8 at 10:30am and 2/16 at 6pm

Interested in making a flower bouquet out of paper? This creative project will be happening 2/6 at 11am and 2/9 at 5pm, hosted by our own staff member, Piper!

Book Club will meet 2/13 at 12pm. This month's book is The Kingdoms of Savannah: A Novel by George Dawes Green.

And of course materials, new and old, are available for checkout! Check our Facebook page and www.towandalibrary.org for upcoming events and information. We hope to see you soon!

Water Hydrant Flushing Schedule - 2023

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 5:30 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. weather permitting. **Hydrants will not be flushed in freezing conditions or other inclement weather.**

Monday, February 27	Monday, August 28
Monday, March 27	Monday, September 25
Monday, April 24	Monday, October 30
Monday, May 22	Monday, November 27
Monday, June 26	Monday, December 18
Monday, July 31	

Jim Larson – ICHWA Water Chairperson

The Trees of Indian Creek – Eastern Red Cedar

by Greg Beneze

When is a cedar not a cedar? When it's an Eastern Red Cedar! While its name claims it as a cedar, this native evergreen tree is actually a member of the Juniper family.



The Eastern Red Cedar is the most widely distributed conifer in the eastern part of North America. It grows prolifically along fencerows, highways, and back roads, as well as in pastures and open fields that are not routinely mowed or maintained. The young seedlings will sprout in shade, but they need full sunlight to mature into full-sized trees. So, if you are looking for them in our neighborhood, you will find most of the larger ones out in the open.

One of the best examples of a young Eastern Red Cedar can be seen by the water tower, near the Eastern White Pines.

There are also several trees along Eastwood Court. The picture on the left is just west of the tractor enclosure and the picture on the right is about 50 feet south of the bridge.



The first historical reference to this tree was in 1594 by early settlers on Roanoke Island, Virginia. The colonists preferred these trees for building purposes because the heartwood is rot resistant. It was used to construct furniture, rail fences, poles, coffins, and log cabins. It is famously known for its fragrant oil, which is a natural insect repellent. Because the scent repels moths, this aromatic wood has been used for centuries in the construction of chests, closets, and wardrobes to protect woolen clothing. Prior to 1940, pencils were made almost entirely from cedar but are now made from cheaper wood sources or synthetic materials.

Eastern Red Cedars are dioecious, which means that the tree is either male or female. It is easy to tell the difference between the two. While both bloom in late winter, female trees produce green flowers and the males produce yellow flowers. The female trees bear small (quarter-inch), fleshy, berry-like cones that appear in spring and mature in the fall. The “berries” are generally blue, with a white-ish bloom, giving them a gray-blue appearance. They contain 1 to 4 seeds each. The male trees bear brown, pollen-bearing cones on the branch tips. Their pollen is dispersed by the wind.

Female



Male



The dense branches of the Eastern Red Cedar provide an important shelter for songbirds and game birds, such as quails, bobwhites, ruffed grouse, pheasants, and turkeys. Butterflies and small mammals also benefit from the cover this tree provides. The soft, silvery bark peels off in long, flexible strips which squirrels and other small mammals use in their nest materials. The berries are an important source of food for more than 50 bird species as well as a variety of mammal species, including rabbits, foxes, raccoons, skunks, opossums, and coyotes.

If you find a seedling sprouting in your yard, transplant it to a sunny spot. I planted several 2" seedlings about 15 years ago and here



a sunny spot. I is the result.

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Metal Collection at your curb!

Every Monday morning (5 am), Chuck Eckhart comes around to pick up metal for recycling. If you have items to recycle, please set them out near your garbage cans either Sunday night or Monday 5am for pickup. Collectable items are: appliances, lawn mowers, all kinds of batteries and metal items. Chuck's number is (309) 275-2201 if you have questions.

Norah Ketelsen (6) is a Daisy with Girl Scouts. Click her LINK below to order. We will start delivering February 4th. If you have any questions, please call/text her mom at 309-236-0510. Thank you!

<https://app.abcsmartcookies.com/#/social-link-landing/8b84291e-d0fe-4997-8852-5ae4f11caf45>

For Sale:

2003 GMC Sonoma pickup truck with 61,000 miles.

One gallon of Res-Up and 2 quarts of Crystal Clean used in water softeners and tannin removal systems.

Contact Fred Walk: fwalk@frontiernet.net or 309-830-2188 for additional information.

For Hire:

Caden Lueschen is available for snow removal. Please call Brett at 309-728-2353 or Dallas at 309-826-1868.

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 is a Junior at NCHS. Please call or text her at 309-532-7522.

Bailee Harmon is available to pet sit, babysit, and to do other household chores such as water plants/flowers and cleaning. Please contact Bailee at (309) 530-8279 or her mom, Hallie Harmon at (309)530-5360.