

Towanda Times November 2009

TOWANDA HCE

The McLean County HCE is selling Bergner's Community Day coupon booklets to be held on Saturday, November 14. These coupon booklets are \$5.00 donation each and are available from Cindy, 663-4796; Pat, 728-2118; or Leatha, 452-9164. The coupon book contains: \$10 off coupon on a single regular or sale price merchandise item of \$10 or more; 6 coupons to save on various selections of merchandise; community day bonus buys; and a 30% off early bird coupon good 6-9:00 am. The entire \$5.00 received from each booklet sold is for the HCE to keep and this money will help to support the mailing costs of sending care boxes and holiday cookies to our soldiers overseas. Ten members of the Towanda HCE unit attended the International Study night on Argentina in October. Also Towanda HCE members will be making cookies for the Towanda Area Historical Society Open House on Sunday, November 15.

Other HCE activities in November include a Christmas Tree Skirt workshop on Friday, November 20, 9am – 5 pm. For more information and to register, contact Carmen, 379-3141. The HCE will be designing a tree for the Festival of Trees, Nov. 19-22 at the Interstate Center. Come out to enjoy a festive holiday time. There will be a class on Monday, November 30, 1-3 pm on Alzheimers by Robert Baker. All these classes are open to the public. Call extension office, 663-8306 for more details or to sign up for classes.

Cookies will again be collected to be taken to the extension office on Tuesday, December 1 to be packed in boxes to send to soldiers overseas. Last year we sent 147 boxes and this year we hope to send 175 boxes. Please box your cookies together and not individually. All kinds of cookies are appreciated. There will be tickets for the "HOLIDAY PARTY" at \$5.00 and available from Cindy Kelley for this December 12th special event, 10 am – 1:00 pm at Calvary United Methodist Church. There will be a brunch prepared by LaTeaDaTea Room; entertainment; and make-it, take-it holiday ornaments tables. Only 120 tickets will be sold, so contact Cindy, 663-4796 soon.

Please check the McLean County Association for Home and Community Education website for all up to date information at: www.mcleanhce.org.

TOWANDA AMERICAN LEGION

The Towanda American Legion will have a breakfast on Sunday November 1st from 7:30 to 11:00. Breakfast will include scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash brown potatoes, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, fruit and drink for \$8. Carryouts are available. There will be a pork chop dinner on Friday November 13th from 5:30-7:30. Dinner will include pork chop sandwich, green beans, fries, drink and dessert for \$7. Carryouts are available.

TOWANDA GIRL SCOUTS

Thursday Night Towanda Girl Scouts kicked off the school year with a Hayrack Ride and Bonfire on Thursday, October 8. Twenty-one local Girl Scouts (grades K -4) and their parents attended the meeting. We decorated pumpkins and discussed our schedule for the school year. We also had a "bridging" ceremony for five 4th grade girls who have moved up to being Junior Girl Scouts. Alaina Domkuski, Alexia Danielson, Anna Kraft, Megan McCarthy and Cortney Rickord received their Brownie Wings, Bridge to Junior Girl Scouts Award and membership stars. The 3rd grade Brownies presented each new Junior Girl Scout with a flower after she crossed over the bridge. We will be sponsoring a food drive during the first week of November. We are collecting non-perishable food for local pantries. A collection box will be at the American Legion on Sunday, November 1 during the breakfast. Donations will also be accepted on Thursday, November 5 in a collection box at the Towanda Community Building from 9 am – noon or during our regularly scheduled meeting time, 6-7 pm. We will also collect donations from the front porch of Towanda residents who call ahead of time to let us know that they have a donation. Please contact one of the following leaders if you would like food picked up from your front porch on Thursday evening, November 5 (village of Towanda/Lampighter only): Becky Domkuski 728-2964, Jackie Kraft 728-2692 or Malissa Kraft 825-1235.

TOWANDA AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY (TAHS)

On Sunday, November 15, 2009 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. the Society will host an Open House at the Towanda Community Building. The event will highlight the family of Lillian Peterson Michael, who died in 1992 at the age of 102. Lillian served the Towanda community as village clerk, postal clerk, and as a member of many service and social clubs. Mrs. Michael has left us glimpses of life that are captured in her engaging stories and a collection of scrapbooks. These pieces of history span the lives of her grandparents, her parents George W. (a Civil War veteran) and Mary Elva Jones Peterson, and that of her own family. Lillian was an artist who enjoyed painting landscapes, making Afghans and cards. She was a devoted daughter, wife and mother. Two of her daughters, Rose Remschner (83) and Winnie Nice (90), still live in Towanda.

A drawing for a wildlife afghan made and donated to the Society by Winnie Nice will be held at 4:00 p.m. during the Open House. Tickets are on sale until the drawing for \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00. They may be purchased at the Library, village office, or by contacting Gail Ann Briggs, 728-2187; Pat Pulokas, 728-2118; Mary Merritt, 728-2810; or Rose Remschner, 728-2126. The tickets will also be sold, and the afghan will be on display, at the Senior Citizens luncheon November 11 at the Community Building. Proceeds will go toward publishing a new Towanda Area History.

VILLAGE OF TOWANDA

Doug Porter: Mayor - Public Relations, Liquor Commissioner, Community Building

Evenly Brown: Community Building Calendar

Andrew Hughes: Parks and Recreation, Beautification

Alan Kocar: Water Commissioner, Equipment Maintenance, Village Infrastructure

Richard McGuire: Police Duties, Village Ordinance Compliance

Fred Rickert: Streets, Sidewalks, Commercial Development, Insurance, Zoning, Building Permits

Sharon Arteman: Village Clerk - Office hours are 8:00 to 12:00 PM. All ordinances, minutes and maps are kept on file at the village office. For information, call 728-2811.

Bill Collins: Maintenance - Hours are 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Phone number is 728-2800

Heather Nolan: Treasurer - Financial Reports, Lamplighter Billing.

Board Meetings are the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:15 PM. The public is welcome to attend the meetings. The financial report for the fiscal year 2009 will be posted at the Community Building, Post Office and the Library by November 1st

COMMUNITY WALKING AT NCHS

Free, open walking for community members is on-going at NCHS. Parking and entry is on the west side of the building, through the main door from the student lot. The door is open about 5:45 a.m. on days students and/or staff are scheduled. Sign-in is located in the staff lounge/workroom, just past the cafeteria on the left. Please sign a waiver (once) and wear the provided 'Community Walker' lanyard. Sign-out and leave the lanyard before departing. Zero hour is 6:20-7:10; first hour begins at 7:15; leaving before 7:00 is recommended. Contact Virginia Lowery at: h) 728-2686; w) 862-3870 Ext.228; cell) 825-6341 or by email: vlowery@ag-auditing.com - OR Sue Sutter at: h) 728-2149

TOWANDA BAPTIST CHURCH

It's about that time when leaves change to red, orange, yellow and brown. Then they fall on your lawn and make a mess. The First Baptist Church of Towanda Youth Group is holding it's second annual leaf raking fund raiser. Proceeds will go to the Towanda 4th of July Concert and Nursing Home Ministries. To have the youth group come and rake leaves, call Adam Wilson at 531-4794 or 728- 8864. The 3rd annual craft and bake sale will be held Saturday, November 14th from 8a.m. till noon at the Baptist Church. Come and do some Christmas shopping and buy some delicious home baked goods. Proceeds will go towards the Vacation Bible School.

ROUTE 66 CORRIDOR PLANNING

The Rt. 66 meeting will be Thursday, November 5th at the Community Building. All organizations are asked to send a representative to help plan next years week end. Hope to see you there.

TOWANDA LIONS CLUB

The Lions wish to thank all the people in the Towanda area who bought candy. The proceeds are used to promote eye care and eye glasses.

TOWANDA DISTRICT LIBRARY

November Story Hour Programs :

November 2	Happy Harvest
9	Mother Goose Rhymes
16	Gobble, Gobble, Gobble
23	Thanksgiving Feast
30	Hats and Mittens

READ to a Dog

The first **3 Tuesdays of November and December** children may come to the library from 5:30 to 6:30 for a 15-minute appointment with one of the certified dogs who listen attentively as children read aloud to them. Children must be registered with parent's permission to participate. Call, e-mail or stop in at the library for more details.

November Movies

November 24 from 5 to 7 p.m. Tom and Huck

November 25 from noon to 2 Pocohontas

Kringle Delivery is the Week of November 16th - Exact Date TBA

Food for Fines

Between Thanksgiving and Christmas the library will accept donations of non-perishable food items in lieu of fines. Gifts will be shared with area food pantries.

Volunteer Recognition Event -- November 5th from 6:30 to 8:30

Family Reading Night - Towanda District Library will participate in Family Reading Night activities at Kingsley Junior High School on November 23rd.

CENSUS WORKERS AND PERSONAL INFORMATION

With the U.S. Census process beginning, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) advises people to be cooperative, but cautious, so as not to become a victim of fraud or identity theft. The first phase of the 2010 U.S. Census is under way as workers have begun verifying the addresses of households across the country. Eventually, more than 140,000 U.S. Census workers will count every person in the United States and will gather information about every person living at each address including name, age, gender, race, and other relevant data.

REMEMBER, NO MATTER WHAT THEY ASK, YOU REALLY ONLY NEED TO TELL THEM HOW MANY PEOPLE LIVE AT YOUR ADDRESS. DO NOT GIVE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS, SALARY, E-MAIL, ETC. BE SAFE!!

TOWANDA BUSY BEES

On Tuesday, October 20th, the Towanda Busy Bees held their monthly meeting at the Towanda Community Building. President Brian Boyer opened the meeting. Craig Morris led the Pledge of Allegiance and Logan Bonner led the 4-H Pledge. Gabbi Vaughan read the treasurers report. Grace Reints read the minutes. This year's focus is on Environment and Natural Resources. The club participated in a Reduce, Re-Use and Recycle Trivia game to test their knowledge on recycling.

The club elected to do the following upcoming service projects:

- The club will hold a fall clean-up day on Nov. 7 at the Towanda Library;
- A hat and coat drive for the Salvation Army on November 17th at the Towanda Community Building from 7 to 8 pm;
- Toys for Tots Teddy Toss at the Prairie Thunder Game November 21st; and
- Bell Ringing in front of JC Penny in Eastland Mall on December 21st.

The officers for 2009-2010 are:

President: Brian Boyer
Vice President: Taylor Morris
Secretary: Grace Reints
Treasurer: Gabbi Vaughan

Reporters: Logan Bonner and Kelcey McKeown
Recreation Leader: Craig Morris
Pledge Leader: Jacob Bonner

The Towanda Busy Bees meet the third Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is November 17 at 7pm at the Towanda Community Building. Membership is open to boys and girls ages 8-18—or Cloverbuds between the ages of 5-7 --everyone is welcome. Please contact Tom and Janet Morris at 664-0360 with questions.

KICKS MENU ADDITIONS

On Wednesday nights Kicks will serve hot plates of food, example, hot roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy and green beans. Carry outs will be available. They also will serve plate lunches at noon on Monday and Wednesday. Tired of cooking?? Come on down for a delicious meal.

TOWANDA AMERICAN LEGION AUXILLARY

The Legion and Auxiliary will be collecting items to send to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Some suggested items to send would be pop tarts, granola bars, nuts, raisins, cup of soup, snack cakes, tuna in "fresh pouch", chewing gum, hard candy, tea bags, hot cocoa, disposable cameras, towels/wash cloths, t-shirts, socks, playing cards, kleenex, baby wipes, deodorant, shampoo, hand sanitizer, insect repellent, chapstick lotion. Items can be dropped off at the Legion or at the Community Building.

TOWANDA SENIORS

The Towanda Seniors will meet November 11 at the Fort Jesse Cafe at 11:30 for lunch. If you have any questions please contact Beverly Meginnis at 728-2769,

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