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### **Lions Club Scholarships (2)**

Towanda Lions Club sponsors an undergraduate scholarship for students entering, or in the process of completing, an undergraduate degree. The student must have a Towanda address. The amount of the scholarship is \$750.00. 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 enrolled undergraduate. More information and timeline can be found soon on the Towanda Lions Club website - <https://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/towandail/index.php>.

Lions of Illinois District 1-BK of Lions International offers undergraduate scholarships for students entering, or in the process of completing, a degree which leads to working in the field of special education, including, but not limited, to education of children with vision and/or hearing impairment(s). Priority for scholarships will be given to applicants who themselves have received special education services during high school with further preference for applicants who have a primary impairment of vision and/or hearing. Students pursuing a degree in the medical fields of vision or audiology will also be considered. All students attending a High School within the boundaries of District 1-BK are eligible to apply. This includes McLean County. The amount of the Scholarship is \$750.00 per year. The Scholarship is offered for 4 years of undergraduate study. Recipients must reapply each subsequent year to continue receiving this Scholarship. More information and an application can be found on the Towanda Lions Club website <https://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/towandail/index.php>.

# Towanda Times

February 2019

Village Clerk's Office  
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## **Boy Scout Pancake and Sausage Breakfast**

The Boy Scout Pancake and Sausage Breakfast will take place Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> from 8am-2pm at Towanda Elementary School. Deadline to place advanced meat order is January 28<sup>th</sup>. Please call Kevin Dieken at 838-1202 with any questions.

## **Fire Department**

We are off to a good start in 2019! Weather in December was pretty mild, but winter is in full force now. When large amounts of snow fall, it is important to clear away the pile up around fire hydrants. Three feet all the way around is standard. This helps to ensure a fast response in case of a working fire. Stay warm and dry as you work to clear your driveway, wet and heavy snow is still a very dangerous concern. Stay home if possible and, if needed, take extra precautions when driving through town. We ran 6 medical and 10 fire calls in December putting our total at 16 calls. Come see us on the 1<sup>st</sup> (officers' meeting), 2<sup>nd</sup> (regular meeting), 3<sup>rd</sup> (EMS training), or 4<sup>th</sup> (regular meeting) Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Or join us on the last Monday of the month at 6:30 pm (work night/business meeting). Contact Chief Brett Lueschen at 728-2353. Members of the Towanda Fire Department would like to thank the citizens of the fire protection district for their continued support.

## **HCE**

The Towanda HCE will meet on Monday, February 11, 7 p.m. at the Towanda Community Building. The program "Care Giver Self Care" will be given by Pat Pulokas. Hostesses are Jeanie Wager and Connie Carstens. Guests are always welcome to attend. Contact Cindy, 824-4797 for more information. A McLean County HCE program of interest is the Membership/Friendship Tea, Saturday, Feb 9, 1-3 p.m., held at Christ Lutheran Church, 311 N Hershey, Normal. Father Dominic Garramone, OSB, the "Bread Monk" will present a program "The Scone Zone." Father Dominic is a monk of St. Bede Abbey in Peru, IL. Tickets/seats are limited and are \$10 for HCE members and guests. Contact Cindy Kelley, 309-824-4797 by January 31 for tickets

## **Legion**

Thank you for your continued support of the Legion and our Veterans. The Legion is available for rent for reunions, parties and meeting. For more information contact Mike Potts at 728-2384 or Tom Wagner at 287-7861.

## **Library**

- Bulldog Builder's LEGO Club: Monday afternoons from 2:30-3:30. For registered 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students. February Dates: 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>
- Bulldog Book Club: Late Start Wednesday afternoons from 2:30-3:30 for registered 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. February Dates: 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Preschool Story Time Returns February 6<sup>th</sup>. It will be held every Wednesday morning at 10:30 am through May for toddlers and their caregivers. Advanced registration is not required.
- Towanda Knitters and Crochet Group: We welcome this wonderful group at the library every Tuesday at 5pm.
- Towanda Reads Book Discussion Group: The February selection is Factfulness by Hans Rosling. All are welcome to join us Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. If you are unable to join us, but would like to participate, please check out our Facebook page for our Towanda Reads Book Discussion Group. You will be able to post questions and comments that will only be seen by other members.

## **Lions**

Towanda Lions Club - Small Change for Your Community. 2018 4th quarter checks in the amount of \$89.76 were recently distributed to the Towanda Elementary School, Towanda Library, Towanda American Legion, and Towanda Fire Department. What's extraordinary is that the majority of the money collected came from the FS Fast Stop during the last 6 weeks of the quarter. Prior to the Towanda Lions Small Change collection container, FS Fast Stop was helping another worthy cause, St. Jude. The next time you stop by the FS Fast Stop, please thank them for participating. Also, we have gone over the \$3,000 dollar mark in less than 3 years. Total collected since March 2016 amounts to \$3,277.31. WOW!

## **Towanda 4-H**

The Towanda 4-H club will meet February 5, 2019 at 6:30 at the Towanda community building. Caleb Vogel will give our program on Passport to the World project. Claire Malinowski will also discuss our next community service project. Various members will also give talks and demonstrations about their projects. For more information about joining our club contact Scott Clement at 275-5910 or Jeanie Wager at 728-2852.

## **Towanda Area Historical Society**

Directors of the Towanda Area Historical Society (TAHS), President Gail Ann Briggs, Secretary/Treasurer Patricia Pulokas and Mary Merritt, are soliciting options about the future of the organization; former Directors Dale Messer and Dale Sutter are deceased. Established in the spring of 2005, TAHS is a State of IL Not for Profit Corporation. The initial goal of the group was to update and expand the first history book "*Towanda, McLean County Illinois 1826-1976*". In the fall of 2006 TAHS and the Towanda District Library (TDL) partnered to apply for an LSTA Digital Imaging Grant from the Illinois State Library (ILS) in Springfield. The successful \$19,141 grant allowed TAHS-TDL, with the help of a hundred volunteers, to develop a website with images uploaded to the ISL Digital Archive(<http://www.idaillinois.org/cdm/search/collection/tdl/searchterm/Towanda%20Area%20Historical%20Society/order/title>). Some of the money that was raised was meant to help carry out the goal of developing a book; however, interest and energy has dwindled, and the Directors need to know your thoughts about the direction that should be taken regarding the organization, the book project, and the remaining funds. Please provide input to Briggs ([rgbriggs@frontiernet.net](mailto:rgbriggs@frontiernet.net)) or mail to 112 Hunt St, and/or to Pulokas ([palp@mchsi.com](mailto:palp@mchsi.com)) or mail to 111 Miriam Way, Towanda, IL 61776. We appreciate your help!!! Thank you.

## **Towanda Elementary**

- February 6--PTO Meeting @6pm.
- February 9--Boy Scouts Pancake & Sausage Breakfast.
- February 9--Skating Party at Skate N Place @ 4-6pm.
- February 13--Late Start--School begins @ 8:45am.
- February 14--Valentine Parties @ 1:30.
- February 18-19--No School (President's Day/SIP Day).
- February 22--End of Second Trimester.

Looking ahead--Kindergarten Registration will be held on Tuesday, March 12 @ 9am. Please see the Towanda Elementary website for more information. You can also email Mrs. Pals at [palsd@unit5.org](mailto:palsd@unit5.org) with any questions.

