

HINCKLEY UPDATE

***A free monthly newsletter provided by the Hinckley First
United Methodist Church July -Volume 7- 2023***

There is a story in the Bible where a guy named Abraham sees some travelers and welcomes them in from the heat of the middle eastern summer and lavishes them with generous hospitality. Much to his surprise, it turns out that these traveling figures are not just regular Joe's but the very presence of God in the flesh. You can read the whole story for yourself if you're interested in Genesis 18.

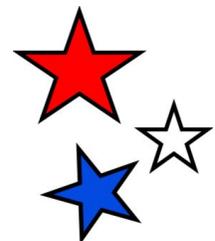
In her book *An Altar in the World*, Barbara Brown Taylor discusses the everyday practice of being with other people, and how in this coming face-to-face with others, we should "at least entertain the possibility that this is one of the faces of God."

C.S. Lewis goes even further in his sermon "The Weight of Glory," by saying that there are "no ordinary people" and that you and I have "never talked to a mere mortal." In fact, "next to the Blessed Sacrament itself, your neighbor is the holiest object presented to your senses... for in him also Christ... is truly hidden."

At Hinckley First United Methodist Church this summer we are discussing practical ways we can encounter God "in the wild." During the summer months when we are out of our normal routine, traveling on vacation, or spending a weekend at a baseball game we may be surprised to find God in even these places. And one of those places we have an opportunity to see God, if we really pay attention, is in the face of the people we encounter.

So I want to invite you, the next time you're stalled at the construction at Dauberman and Route 30 to look into the rearview mirror at the person in the car behind you, or when you pop into the Hinckley Fresh Market and are patiently waiting while the cashier rings up your groceries, or when you're on a boat in the middle of a lake and another boat floats by... Look at those people, and anyone else you randomly come across, or subconsciously watch. Look at them, and look past the outward appearances and the judgments that so quickly form, and look deeper to what is inside. Perhaps they are not ordinary, after all. Perhaps, theirs is one of the many faces of God.

Rev. Derek Rogers



CHURCH AND VILLAGE DIRECTORY

Hinckley Update Publication Guidelines

The Hinckley Update is published on the first of each month by the

Hinckley First United Methodist Church (HFUMC) as a free service to the community.

The Update is a strictly informational publication which is published to disseminate information or to promote area events to the public for local churches, the library, local non-profit groups, and service organizations.

Following the guidelines stated above, no for-profit business information, advertising with a personal bias will be published.

Due to limited space, personal announcements for publication cannot be included.

Deadline for submissions to the August Update is due by Saturday, July 15th 2023.

Submit info to:

hinckleyumcupdate60520@gmail.com

For further info, contact HFUMC at 815/286-7102 Tues- Fri from 9am-1pm

Contributions are always welcome.

Thank You

Village of Hinckley website:

<http://hincklevil.com>

Village of Hinckley Board of Trustees

Meetings are held on the second & fourth Monday of each month at 7:00pm at the Hinckley Village Hall, 720 James Street. If that Monday falls on a holiday, the Board meets the following Tuesday.

Hinckley Public Library District

Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 6:30pm at the Hinckley Public Library, 100 N. Maple Street.

Squaw Grove Township Board

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm at the Hinckley Community Building.

Church Information

Hinckley First United Methodist Church

801 N. Sycamore Street Phone: 815/286-7102

Services: Sunday - 9:30 am with Children's Church during Worship

Fellowship - 10:30 am

Adult Sunday School - 10:45 am

Office hours: Tues - Fri from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

AA Meets every Tues. at 6:00 pm. **Website: www.hinckleyfirstumc.org**

Covenant Restoration Church

181 N. Sycamore Street Phone: 815/286-7131

Services: Sunday - 9:30 am

Sunday Prayer & Praise Service - 6:00 pm

Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 pm Friday Prayer Service - 8:00 pm

Grace Fellowship Church

17081 Owens Road Phone: 630/318-6420

Service & Children's Church: Sunday - 9:45 am

2nd Sunday of the month is Family Sunday.

Community Groups begin quarterly. **Website: www.gracefc.com**

Immanuel Lutheran Church

12760 Lee Rd. Phone: 815/286-3885

Sunday Worship Times: Sept - May 10:15 am, June - Aug. 9:00 am

Men's Bible Study: Every Saturday except 1st Sat. of the month 7:00 am

Website: www.immanuel-hinckley.org

St. Paul's United Church of Christ

324 West McKinley Street Phone: 815/286-3391

Sunday Service: Sunday Worship Service - 9:30 am

Coffee fellowship immediately following Sunday Service.

Website: www.stpaulhinckley.org



HINCKLEY AREA FOOD PANTRY
"NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS"

HAFP is open on the first and third Saturday of each month from 8:00am - 9:00am at 182 W. Woodlawn Avenue in Hinckley.

HAFP serves the people in Hinckley, Big Rock, Maple Park and Waterman. If you or someone you know can benefit from receiving food, please bring 2 forms of identification including one with a photo ID on the distribution day.

Financial donations can be mailed to;
HAFP, PO Box 463, Hinckley 60520.

Every \$1.00 donated can provide approximately 20 meals for the hungry. Please call or text our number at 815-286-7275 for any questions or more information. Thank you.

Need more information?

<http://www.hinckleyareafoodpantry.org/>

Follow us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/HinckleyAreaFoodPantry>

HAPPENINGS AT THE LIBRARY

Hinckley
Public
Library
District



Have questions? Reach out! Call the library at 815-286-3220, message us on Facebook, or send an email through our website at www.hinckleylibrary.org.

Here are the biggest upcoming events:



For adults and teens, July 6th at 6pm:

Presenter Chad Lewis uses old newspaper stories to provide a time portal back to the early days of the state when it was filled with strange deaths, ghosts, sea serpents, peculiar people, medical anomalies, oddities, psychic phenomena, and UFOs. "Bizarre History" will change the way you view the good ol' days of Illinois.

For teens, July 27th from 6-8pm:

Play games, eat pizza, and create art at Teen After-Hours Hangout. Bring a friend or make a new one.

For all ages (ideal for ages 6-12), August 3rd at 6pm:

How will you express yourself? Join variety artist Dan Gogh as we wander down the path of artistic creativity. You'll discover magic, puppets, storytelling, and more! You're sure to "Find Your Art" and have a-MAZE-ing fun along the way!

There have been so many exciting events so far this summer! Don't miss the second half of Summer Reading 2023.



Please call or stop by the library to make sure there is still space available in any events you'd like to attend.



There are still plenty of prizes to win and you can still register for Summer Reading!

July 29th is the last day to turn in reading logs and the grand prize winners will be drawn on July 31st.



We welcome you, your friends and exercise partners to join us at Hinckley First United Methodist Church most mornings at 8:00 AM.

Fitness at First

Each person can work at your own level. Wear your walking shoes and bring your yoga mat and stretchy band or yoga strap. Enter the church through the main doors to meet in Fellowship Hall. The building is also open for those who want to just walk around the building on their own.

There is no charge, and no reservation is needed. Just come when you can and have fun. Call Mary Pritchard at (815) 751-3033 if you have any questions.

HBR FFA ALUMNI

5TH ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE GOLF FUNDRAISER



SAT. JULY 29TH, 11am CHECK-IN, NOON SHOTGUN START*

47W186 WHEELER RD, BIG ROCK

Join us for an **"ADULTS ONLY"** day of golf challenges, mini games, drawings, raffles, followed by Dinner and a Live Auction.

Golfers will be responsible for transportation to the holes (ie. Area Farms)

PLEASE MAKE PRE-PAID RESERVATIONS \$60.00 per person:

Includes: Event, Fay's Kabob Dinner & 1st try at each game (small fee for more tries)

Register and pay online at:



<https://hbr-ffa-alumni-5th-annual-golf-event.cheddarup.com>

or Mail Reservation to HBR FFA Alumni P.O. Box 814, Hinckley, IL 60520

Name _____ # _____ Reservations

E-mail _____ Phone# _____

Question? Call Nan 815-693-7214 or Donna 815-742-7258

Proceeds benefit Scholarships and FFA Alumni Building Project

Community Grief Support Group : Upcoming Gatherings will be on:
July 12 & July 26

**Each meeting takes place at the Hinckley First United
Methodist Church at 7 pm.**

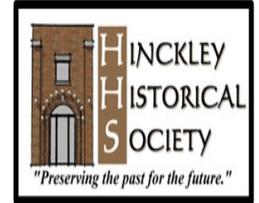


Meetings are always free of charge and open to anyone who is grieving a loss in their life.
Please join us at any or all of the upcoming meetings.

Please feel free to reach out with questions or comments at
lbbhealthandwellness@gmail.com or call/text 815-520-0026.

Cathy Bartels Receives Service Award

At the HHS annual meeting last month, the board presented its service award to Cathy Bartels in recognition of extra-ordinary contributions to the organization and assistance in pursuing its mission. Cathy was the driving force behind organizing the museum's recent expansion. She also directed the creation of new displays focusing on significant events from each of the 20 Decades of Hinckley's history. The award is named after Ken Bushnell and Dolores Bastian who had the vision and energy to form HHS in 2007 and establish a museum.



Summer Band Concert Series Continues in July and August



Bring your lawn chairs and picnic basket for more of our Ravinia-style summer music concerts on the Community Building lawn. The July 11th program features the Fox Valley Brass Band and on August 8, Shade Tree Music will entertain the community. **Concerts start at 6:30 p.m.**

The Fox Valley Brass Band performs music for brass instruments in an entertaining and engaging style. It also promotes the new works of contemporary composers through both original compositions and transcriptions. The group consists of 30 volunteer musicians from around the Fox Valley chosen not only for their outstanding musicianship, but also for their willingness to support and create educational opportunities for youth.

The Historical Society is sponsoring the free concerts for the second year to celebrate the history of music in our community and encourage youth to learn to play an instrument. Funding is made possible by a grant from the Fanny R. Wurlitzer Foundation and Illinois Humanities.

Four Board Members Elected at Annual Meeting

The HHS Board of Directors are elected at our annual meeting to set policies, develop programming, and guide operations of the society and museum. Two current board members were reelected and two new members joined the board. Hinckley natives Ardith Trumpy and Cathy Bartels were elected to serve another three-year term. They both joined the board in 2020. New to the board are museum educator Stephanie Shelton and businessman Jay Yaggie. The board is now comprised of nine members.

Write Short Memories for Our Collection



The Historical Society is participating in a state-wide project to capture short stories of life in our community and you are invited to join-in. We are seeking memories about a specific topic like life in Hinckley, on the farm, at school or what you did for fun while growing up.

Don't worry about your writing style or perfect English. Plans are even being developed to record some of the stories on video for showing in our museum theater. The project will draw attention to the varied experiences of residents in an era of cultural change and increase our understanding of how our community developed. Send your submission on just one or a few pages to the address listed. Feel welcome to submit several different memories.

Our museum, located at 145 East Lincoln Avenue, PO Box 486, Hinckley, IL 60520, is open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. or by appointment by calling Bob (815-761-4058). Follow us on Facebook. Email: Hinckleyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com. Visit our web site: HinckleyHistoricalSociety.com.

HBR CUSD #429 Updates and Highlights

Greetings Hinckley-Big Rock Community,



I am honored to introduce myself to you as the new Hinckley-Big Rock CUSD#429 Superintendent. Since joining the HBR administrative team 5 years ago, I have not stopped talking about how amazing it is to be a Royal! When people ask me what I love about working in HBR schools, I simply say “it feels like home.” I grew up in a small coal mining town in central Illinois with a population of just under 800. Pick up baseball games, bike rides until the street lights came on, chasing fireflies, and neighbors who knew and looked out for everyone shaped who I am today. My first “real” job was detasseling corn and, as many of you know, there is nothing quite like being in a cornfield at 6:00 am with sharp wet corn stalk leaves slicing your hands to build character! I attended a high school of 250 students in a neighboring community with several other feeder grade schools. Prom walk, homecoming parades, pep rallies, and Friday night bonfires are pieces of attending a small high school that live fondly in my memories. The students, staff, and community were truly a family. Sometimes we didn’t get along or like each other much, but in the end, we had love for our community and each other. Celebrations, traditions, wins, and losses were shared together and strengthened the relationships among us. As I reflect on the past 5 years that I have been privileged to be a part of the HBR429 school community, it is these similar relationships, traditions, and experiences I have witnessed here that have me feeling like Hinckley-Big Rock is home.

As an educational leader, my goals are deeply rooted in the belief that all students are entitled to a high-quality, well-rounded, and individualized school experience designed to help them develop the skills they need to succeed in their future endeavors. I also believe that the schools are the hub of the community and I seek to engage and connect with all of you. Our team wants to partner with families, community members, and local businesses and organizations to support the growth and development of our students and to serve our community. If you do not have children attending our schools but would like to receive regular school district news and updates via email, please sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/HBR429News>.

Please join me for a Meet & Greet on July 19 or stop by the school district table at the Hinckley Business Association ice cream social on August 9 to say hello. Your input is welcomed as we renew our vision and purpose. I invite you to share your feedback with me so we can continue to find ways in which to enhance and refine our practices. Please contact me at jsonntag@hbr429.org or 815-286-7578 to schedule a time to connect, or submit feedback via email.

~Jessica Sonntag



Meet the Superintendent

July 19, 2023

9:00-10:00 AM HBRES Playground

1:00-2:00 PM HBRMS Cafeteria

4:30-5:30 PM HBRHS Cafeteria

Hinckley Lions Club News



Club Leaders Installed

The Hinckley Lions Club leadership for the next year was installed June 1 by the Lion 1-J District Governor Jim Worden from Elmhurst. Elected to serve as President is Lion Anne Geroulis and her Vice Presidents are Lion Karen Yaggie and Lion Kristy Kelly-Sternes. Continuing to serve as Secretary is Lion Mark Bernhardt and Treasurer is Lion Dave Maroo. Past President is Lion Bob Pritchard.

Board members installed to direct the activities of the club are: Lions Jerry Bahl, Ed Drafke, Nate Fatland, Pete Geroulis, Scott Hankes, Pete Sprosty, Stephanie Senz, Shar Thomason, and Ceneca Wagner.

The Lions Governor also presented life-time service awards to Lions Jerry Bahl and Bob Pritchard. The selection is in recognition of their years of outstanding service, loyalty and devotion to Lionism. This is only the second and third such awards in the Hinckley Clubs history.

The District Governor complimented the Hinckley Club for being one of the most active of the 56 clubs in the district. It's 35 members are part of the 2100 members in the district and 1.4 million Lions members globally. New members are welcome to join in the joy of serving.

Fishing Derby July 20 at State Park

One of the signature events of area Lions Clubs will be the Lions Fishing Derby on July 20 at the Shabbona Lake State Park. Now in its 44th year, the Fishing Derby provides a variety of activities for those with special needs, their family members and care givers. Activities include fishing, canoe and pontoon boat rides, a petting zoo, rides around the beautify park and lunch.

Lions Clubs in the 15 communities around the state park host the free event each year. Contact Lion Anne Geroulis at 630-788-9239 if you know of someone who would enjoy the outing.

Grow Mobile Offers Free Food

The Lions Club has volunteered to help distribute free food in Hinckley on the first Tuesday of even-numbered months. The food items are supplied by the DeKalb County Community Gardens and Northern Illinois Food Bank for anyone who stops between 4 and 5 p.m. on the designated dates.

The next distribution is August 1. The Mobile will be parked in the First United Methodist Church parking lot, 801 N Sycamore St.



Downtown Flowers Need Cool Water

Perhaps you've noticed the colorful flowers placed along Lincoln Avenue in the downtown area by the Hinckley Business Association and individual businesses. They bring smiles and a warm welcome to Hinckley. The HBA receives help with the plantings from the HBR--FFA and Schollmeyer Landscaping of Big Rock. Lions Club members have volunteered to keep the HBA plantings hydrated which is no small task this year. It brings to mind a trivia question of who first recorded the song "Cool Water" in 1941?

Contact Lion Secretary Mark Bernhardt (mark.bernhardt@gmail.com) for more information and the trivia answer. Lions meet on the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in the backroom of J&K's Half Moon.

Village News

High School Teacher Honored for Excellence

While the community takes pride in the quality of all our school district teachers, staff, and administrators, recognition from an outside source can add validity and sometimes financial reward. **Congratulations to Tracey Sanderson**, HBR high school teacher in agriculture and FFA advisor, who was recently honored as one of five Excellence in Education Award recipients in DeKalb County.

The annual awards honor exceptional teachers in elementary, middle and high school levels; administrators; and support staff who have inspired a love of learning in students and play an active role in their schools and communities. Nominations are a joint effort from teachers, administrators and the community of each school district in the county.



Sanderson uses the broad career options of agriculture to help students find a purpose for education and apply that knowledge for a satisfying career. She utilizes her summertime out of the classroom to gain knowledge, skills, and information that will be useful in her classes.

Sanderson was recognized last spring by the HBR school district as one of four leaders in education. It was the first time the district presented such recognition to showcase the quality of educators in the district. Sanderson has taught at HBR for 10 years.

The county recognition program was created in 1999 by the DeKalb County Community Foundation through the generosity of Yvonne Johnson, a retired Sycamore school teacher. Award winners received \$1,000, mementos, and public recognition at a reception on June 28.

Village Board Makes Effort to Control Noise

Trains may make the most noise in Hinckley but the Village Board has taken action to control other loud noises and music within the village. An amendment to the village Noise Control Regulations now requires anyone planning to create outdoor sound or music to limit the sound traveling to residential property to no more than 65 decibels during the day and 50 decibels at night. Exceptions are allowed for louder sounds from radios in homes or in private vehicles, and for sounds from a parade.

Commercial businesses holding a retail liquor license within the village are allowed to amplify music and entertainment during specified hours and as long as the amplification is not audible more than 300 feet beyond the property line of the business.

Anyone planning to create or amplify outdoor sound or music which might violate the ordinance must apply for a permit and acknowledge an understanding of the regulation. Violations of the ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500 for each offense on separate days. Also violators will not be able to apply for another permit for 90 days.