



# HINCKLEY UPDATE

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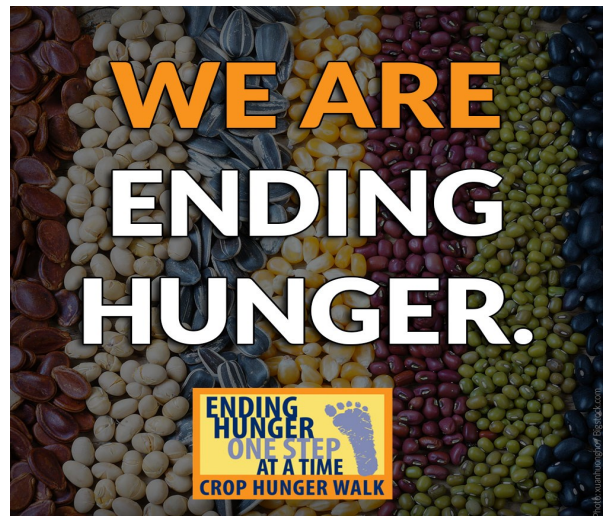
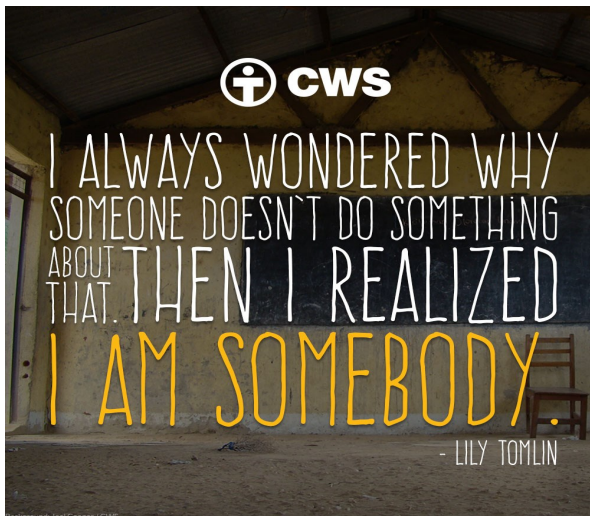
On the afternoon of October 1 at 2:00, you may see a large group of people from the surrounding communities walking here in Hinckley for the CROP Hunger Walk. The CROP Hunger Walk happening here in Hinckley is just one of hundreds that are happening in other communities nationwide. Together they are rallying around the theme of “ending hunger one step at a time.”

The people that you see are walking because they believe they can make a difference both here locally and globally. They walk to show solidarity with the millions of people who walk miles every day in search of food and water. They walk to raise awareness for the millions served by local food pantries, food banks and meal sites here in the U.S.

They walk, and you can walk too! You can make a difference in our local community and in communities worldwide by either donating some money or walking yourself to raise awareness. 12.5% of all the funds raised will stay here in the local community to go to the Hinckley Area Food Pantry. The rest of the funds will go to do such things as combating droughts in Nicaragua, or providing agricultural training in Indonesia, or stocking shelves in hundreds of other food pantries across the United States. In fact, your participation will impact individuals and families in more than 35 countries where one in nine people lack access to clean water and a healthy diet.

We would love to have you participate in the walk in any way that you can. If you would like to walk you can contact St. Paul’s UCC at (815) 286-3392 or email [stpaulshinckley@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulshinckley@gmail.com). Additionally you can sign up or donate online at [crophungerwalk.org](http://crophungerwalk.org) and find our Hinckley walk by searching “Community Interfaith.”

Rev. Derek Rogers



**The 25th Hinckley First United Methodist Church Auction** will take place this year on November 4th, 2023 at the Regale in Sycamore, IL. The new venue and creative new auction items will be an exciting way to celebrate 25 years of the auction! The Regale is located at 1241 S. California St. in Sycamore. The evening will begin at 6PM and end at 10PM. The price per ticket remains at \$50 per person. **More information to follow in the October Update, but please mark your calendars now for November 4th.**



# 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** 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 October Update is due by Friday, September 15th 2023.**

Submit info to:

[hinckleyumcupdate60520@gmail.com](mailto:hinckleyumcupdate60520@gmail.com)

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

Contributions are always welcome.

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](http://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](http://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](http://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.stpaulshinckley.org](http://www.stpaulshinckley.org)



**HINCKLEY AREA FOOD PANTRY**  
"NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS"

**HAFP is now located at  
190 W. Lincoln Hwy Waterman, IL**

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](http://www.hinckleylibrary.org).



Story time is back for a fall session. Ages 0-6 will enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, crafts, and more every Wednesday at 10:30am.

Please register in advance by calling or stopping by the library.

**Get a library card!  
Right now!**

With a library card you can access hundreds of libraries, hundreds of thousands of books and ebooks, online tutoring, museum passes, equipment, home delivery, board games, and more. If you live inside Hinckley and are at least 5 years old, you are eligible for a free library card.

**What are you waiting for?**



Visit the library's booth at the Hinckley Arts Festival on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.



We'll have a free craft for all ages!



**Did you know that the library offers free tutoring?**

With HelpNow you can get help with any level of homework, access free lessons and resources, practice standardized tests, get your paper reviewed, and more. **All for free.** Live expert tutors are ready to help you between 2pm-11pm or you can submit a question to be answered within 24 hours. Access this amazing resource from home with your library card. Don't have a library card? Use HelpNow on the library's public computers for free. **Start on our website and click "Get Homework HelpNow."**

## The Annual Community Interfaith CROP Hunger Walk will be held in Hinckley on Sunday, October 1, 2023.

**Registration begins at 1:15 at St. Paul's UCC at the corner of McKinley & N View Streets.**

The one mile walk around northwest Hinckley begins at 2:00 pm. Walkers collect donations before the walk- in person or online. It's not too late to create a team, join an existing team or walk as an individual.

**12.5% of all donations are given to the Hinckley Area Food Pantry.**

See [crophungerwalk.org](http://crophungerwalk.org) (Search: Community Interfaith) for more information.  
Or contact St. Paul's UCC at 815.286.3391 or email [stpaulshinckley@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulshinckley@gmail.com)

The Hinckley Historical Society presents

# 2023 CEMETERY WALK

Sunday, September 24, 2023 3:00 pm

## GREENWOOD CEMETERY

South of Route 30 on Somonauk Road, Hinckley, IL

Come hear the stories of those buried here from the people themselves!

During this walk, we will hear from Fannie Patterson, a Hinckley resident who was the first black graduate from what is now Northern Illinois University. There will be a dedication of her monument recently installed by the Historical Society.

All are invited to this free event. This is a walking tour, rain or shine so plan accordingly.

Free-will donations will be accepted. The museum will be open after the walk until 5pm.

Join us at HFUMC  
most mornings at  
8AM in Fellowship Hall  
for FITNESS AT FIRST.

Everyone can work at their own level. There is no charge or reservation needed, and we welcome you, your friends and exercise partners to join us. You may also just walk the building during this time if you prefer. We look forward to seeing you.

Call Mary Pritchard at 815-751-3033 with any questions.



## Hinckley Business Association

### 2023 Hinckley Arts Festival

**Saturday, September 23rd** It's a Block Party Celebration

Downtown Hinckley – Sycamore and Maple Street

***Come Shop Local Art, Listen to Local Music & Enjoy Local Food!***

#### Event Schedule:

**10:00 am to 3:00 pm** Craft Fair at Community Building

**3:00 pm to 8:00 pm** Enjoy Local Food

**5:00 pm to 8:00 pm** Whiskey & Beer Tasting with Music at South Moon BBQ

End the evening with **Live Music** at **The Brown Pub**

**Family Event! Bringing the ARTS to Hinckley!**

For more information contact the Hinckley Business Association at [hinckleybusiness@gmail.com](mailto:hinckleybusiness@gmail.com)  
or Katie at [southmoonbbq@aol.com](mailto:southmoonbbq@aol.com).

## Still Time to Share Your Views

If you missed the public discussion about the future of our community on August 21, you can still give input. The Hinckley Planning Commission is updating the village 2003 Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map, and want public comments about the draft.

**Village News**

**Send your thoughts to the Planning Commission at Village Hall,  
720 James Street, Hinckley, IL 60520**  
**The plan and map are available on the Village Website: [Hinckleyil.com](http://Hinckleyil.com).**

These documents provide guidance for future development and land use in our village. The draft was developed by the Planning Commission after discussion and review of Comprehensive Plans of neighboring communities.

The Hinckley Plan is intended to outline and support the community's vision for development that improves the quality of life for residents. While it gives a snapshot of the community for anyone looking to move or start a business in Hinckley, the plan also gives village officials goals and possible strategies to achieving them.

**Share where you agree or have other ideas.**  
**Making improvements to our community begins with public input and a plan.**

## Join the Cemetery Walk September 24

Come meet more of the distinguished deceased residents of Hinckley at the second annual HHS Cemetery Walk on September 24. The tour begins at 3 p.m. in the Greenwood Cemetery, south of Rt 30 on Somonauk Road.



During the walk, you will hear from Fannie Patterson, a Hinckley resident who was the first Black graduate of Hinckley High School and from what is now Northern Illinois University. There will be a dedication of her monument recently installed by the Historical Society and NIU. She was passionate about education and dedicated her short life to teaching underprivileged students.

The tour will feature other impersonators of renown Hinckley residents. The walk is open free to the public but donations are accepted for the work of the museum. Since this is a walking tour, plan accordingly for rain or shine. The museum will be open following the walk until 5 p.m.

## Summer Season Band Concerts End on High Note

The second season of summer band concerts organized by the Historical Society came to a close on August 8. Over the two years, seven bands have kept the sound of music reverberating over Hinckley and encouraging today's students to join the school bands and keep the tradition of music alive in our community.

Conceived as a Ravinia-style outdoor concert, the events attracted over 500 people to the free concerts as they enjoyed the fresh air and comradery. Only one concert was held inside the Community Building due to the threat of rain. The bands were comprised of generally four or five professional musicians, but one band featured 20 instruments.

The bands were paid through grants from the Farny R. Wurlitzer Foundation and Illinois Humanities who support music education and the arts. Donations to HHS are encouraged if you wish to see the concerts continued next year.

## Flexible Museum Hours

If you were one of the many visitors to the museum that said you need to return so you have more time to examine the 20 Decades of Hinckley exhibits, let us know. While the museum is regularly open only 10 to noon on Saturdays, appointments can be made for other times. Simply call Bob at 815-761-4058 and someone will welcome you at a time that is convenient for you.

The HHS Board of Directors is looking for volunteers to staff the museum for longer regular hours. "Docents" will receive training and enjoy the opportunity of visiting with visitors about the history of our community.

***Our museum, located at 141 East Lincoln Avenue, 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.***

# HBR CUSD #429 Updates and Highlights

Our district welcomed many new staff members to our team this year.

Please give a warm welcome to those joining our [Royal Family](#) for the 2023-2024 school year:

**Jennifer Darlinger– Director of Student Services**

**Aubrey Putman – 5th Grade Teacher**

**Emma Horsch – 5th Grade Teacher**

**Jaden Frantzen – 4th Grade Teacher**

**Bethany Billips – 4th Grade Teacher**

**Maggie McConnaughay – 3rd Grade Teacher**

**Ashley Mattson – 2nd Grade Teacher**

**Erin Ball – ES Special Education**

**Cassandra Whitfield – ES Special Education**

**Rachel Mendoza – Early Childhood Teacher**

**Tina Brian – ES paraprofessional**

**Ericka Koulis – ES paraprofessional**

**Rebekah Badal – ES paraprofessional**

**Jaime Seil – ES paraprofessional**

**Cord Sauer– MS Special Education**

**Noel Sutcliff – MS Special Education**

**Nicholas Abbs – HS Counselor**

**Robert Vogel – HS Special Education**

**Nancy Havlicek – Bus Driver**

**John Harker - HS Social Science Teacher**

**Jennifer Haberkost - ES Paraprofessional**

**Andy Lein – HBR Mechanic**

**Guadalupe Oliva-Martinez – HBR MLL aide**

**Lauren Gildemontes – ES student health aide**

**Molly Ferguson – Early Childhood paraprofessional**

**Bridget Wilkening – Early Childhood paraprofessional**

**Jenny Simonson – HBRMS Admin Assistant**

Not only do we have many new staff members joining us, we have another staff member making the transition from elementary teacher to assistant principal! As the assistant principal role became vacant, we were able to pause and take note of the needs across the entire district for the assistant principal role, which has been strictly a high school supportive role for the last 10+ years. After conducting a needs analysis, it was clear that this role would meet more needs if this position supported all three buildings instead of the high school only. Ms. Lauer's calm presence, knowledge of HBR, our students, staff, and the community, along with her genuine & positive attitude, will make her an effective addition and will be able to provide district-wide support, targeting specific needs in each of our graded centers.

## **HBR Highlights:**

Kristen Delisio, HBRES STEAM teacher, was one of 32 teachers across the United States selected to participate in the Teacher Innovator Institute at the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C. this summer. The Teacher Innovator Institute teaches educators how to bring the museum experience into their classrooms by exploring connections between informal STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) education and authentic learning. Mrs. Delisio will return to D.C. next summer as part of this institute as well.

Tracey Sanderson, HBRHS Agriculture/CTE teacher, was selected as the 2023 Dekalb County Excellence in Education 9th-12th grade teacher recipient. The awards recognize respected professionals who inspire the love of learning in students and play an active role in their schools and communities. Mrs. Sanderson is well known in HBR for her active involvement in bringing Ag into the classroom and leading our FFA chapter.

~Jessica Sonntag, Superintendent



# Hinckley Lions Club News



## Bring Your Favorite Wheels to Cruise Night

The Lions Club will conclude the Art Festival on September 23 with the artistry of vehicles. Bring your car, truck, tractor, cycle, or other wheels to the Lions Cruise Night in the parking lot south of the Community Building. Show off your classic vehicle from 4-7 p.m. as you visit with other enthusiasts. Donations will be accepted to help the Hinckley Area Food Pantry and there will be a 50-50 cash raffle.

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Candy Day

Every year the Lions host “Candy Day”, a traditional fundraiser to support helping the blind, visually impaired, deaf, and hard of hearing. The Hinckley Lions will be distributing candy and accepting donations during the HBR parade on September 29. Help fill the canisters with your donation to support this worthy cause.

The Hinckley area benefits from Candy Day through local projects such as: screening for hearing and diabetic retinopathy, assistance to those in need of eyeglasses and reconditioned hearing aids, camping for adults and youth who are visually/hearing impaired, and other services.

The Hinckley Lions Club takes great pride in being a strong community organization. We are glad to be able to serve our town by assisting people with vision and hearing impairments, as well as many other projects that reach out and enrich the lives of both the young and adults.

## Why Worry About Diabetes?

Nearly 14 million Americans have diabetes and half of them don't know it! Diabetes is a serious disease that can lead to blindness, heart attack, stroke, kidney failure and amputations. Diabetes is the fourth leading cause of death by disease in the United States.

Lions encourage everyone to be aware if they are at risk of having diabetes. Overweight, lack of exercise and relatives with diabetes are warning signs. Finding and treating the disease early, before it causes vision loss or blindness, is the best way to control diabetic eye disease. Lions encourage those with diabetes to get a dilated eye examination at least once a year.

*Contact Lion Secretary Mark Bernhardt ([mark.bernhardy@gmail.com](mailto:mark.bernhardy@gmail.com)) for more information. Lions meet on the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in the backroom of J&K's Half Moon.*

### Grief Support Group

Offering support meetings to all who are grieving a personal loss at Hinckley First United Methodist Church every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month at 7 PM. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge for any meeting.

**Meetings this month are on:  
Sept. 13 & Sept. 27th**

Call or text Jennifer Klambauer for more information at 815-520-0026 or reach out to [ibbhealthandwellness@gmail.com](mailto:ibbhealthandwellness@gmail.com)

**The 5th Annual Golf Event was so much fun!  
We wanted to thank everyone that joined us July 29th.**

Our sponsors for the day included **Kolt O'Donnell, O'Donnell Excavating, Dairy Joy Drive-In, JKRZ Plumbing, Compeer Financial Services, WeldStar, 23 Ag Pioneer, and Pivot Bio Sales Rep, Michael Long.**

Our Hole Hosts: **Charley Ruh & Shannon Beason, Ken & Carol Rojek, Bill Nielsen, John & Nan Long and Dave Beane.**



A special thanks to our Auction donors, a full list can be found on our Facebook page. And to our communities and all the FFA Alumni Supporters.  
**THANK YOU!!**



We are again asking for Event Sponsors (Tax Deductible) as follows:

<b>Bronze Sponsor</b>	\$100
<b>Silver Sponsor</b>	\$250
<b>Gold Sponsor</b>	\$500
<b>Platinum Sponsor</b>	\$1,000