HINCKLEY UPDATE
FEBRUARY 2013

HINCKLEY LIONS CLUB
UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY MARCH 3, 2013
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
7AM-NOON
H-BR HIGH SCHOOL
PROCEEDS GO TO THE LARRY HOFFMAN SCHOLARSHIP FOR A GRADUATING SENIOR

THURSDAY MARCH 21, 2013
HOOPS AND HAMS RAFFLE
IPAD RAFFLE
JK HALF MOON 7pm - ?
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. Our recent donations included $500 to the Hinckley Food Pantry and $1600 to the Dekalb County Habitat for Humanity from the Wilbur Bastian IPAD drawing. We always welcome new members to join our group. Find us on facebook.

Jerry Bahl is looking for pictures and or slides from the Hinckley Prairie Pioneer Days Parade. If you have picture or slides from this event please give Jerry a call at 815-600-4825.
Happenings at the Library

Construction has just started at the library. We're very excited to see the meeting room turning into a children's room. We will have more space and new features. Stop by the library and take a peek at what's going on. You might be surprised. Have you ever wanted to relax and read a book or magazine in the library? Seating is just one of the new features you'll soon find.

There are a lot of ways you can help the library in this time of transition. For the 100th birthday of the library our goal is to reach 100 donations. Stop by the library to find out what we need. Do you want to help, but have more time than money? Join the Friends! You don't have to attend meetings, and there's no pressure to do more than you want to. What do the Friends do? Here are just a few of the recent activities: Garden Walk, Homecoming Float, Giving Tree, Shop & Share days to raise money for the library. What was your favorite library program? The Friends probably helped fund it! Check out this fun group and help us get 100 Friends for 100 years.

What would you like to see at the library? Please take our survey to let us know what interests you. Our goal is to meet the needs of the community, so help us help you. The survey can be found on our website hinckley.lib.il.us or in paper form at the desk. It will only take a few minutes, I promise.

Story Time is still going strong. Join us on Tuesdays at 12:45 and Wednesdays at 9:45 for stories, crafts, songs, and more. Your preschooler will love the upcoming themes.

February's Movie Day will be on Tuesday the 26th at 4pm. We're showing Gnomeo and Juliet. As always, this event is FREE and open to everyone.

Calling all Seniors…..The Hinckley Business Association encourages you to apply for the HBA scholarship this year. The scholarship goes to one deserving Senior to help with the costs of college. The proceeds to fund this scholarship are raised from the Annual Hinckley wide garage sale. We thank everyone in the community that participate in the Hinckley Garage Sale. Without each of you we could not continue this fundraiser to help one of our Seniors with the cost of high education!

Hinckley Parks and Recreation

Program guides giving complete details are available at the Hinckley Village Office and the Hinckley Public Library. They may be viewed online at www.hinckleyil.com click on parks. Questions? Call Kris at 815-739-1336 or email to parksandrec@hinckleyil.com.

Upcoming program starting dates (check program guide for complete details):

- Introduction to Karate Wednesday, February 20 for 6 sessions
- Beginning Sewing Saturday, March 2 for 3 sessions
- AHA Heartsaver CPR/AED Wednesday, March 13 for 1 session
- Jump Start Spring Soccer Wednesday, April 3 for 2 sessions

For the following programs pre-registration is not required:

Wednesday night gyms:
- Open Gym for Families from 5:30-6:30pm and Open Gym for Grades 3-5 from 6:30-7:30pm at HBR Elementary School gym and Adult Open Gym at HBR High School from 7:30-9:00pm
- Yoga meets every Wednesday at the Community Building from 6:00-7:00pm
- Zumba meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30-7:30pm and Saturday from 9:00-10:00am at the Community Building
The Trainer’s Cove
Hosting a Free Open House to the Public.

Saturday, February 23
9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Come in and get a sample of fitness in a new way.
There will be free refreshments along with a new Member sign-up bonus available.
Also we will be taking collections for the Hinckley Food Pantry.
Bring your can goods or dry items to the open house. Let’s make a difference together!

141 E. Lincoln Highway
Hinckley, IL 60520
Any questions give Doug a call at 309-253-2150

Village of Hinckley has new hours!

The Village Board has changed the open office hours of the Clerk’s Office. We are now open Mondays from 8:30 am – 6:00 pm, and Tuesday through Friday 8:30 am – 5:00 pm. We will be closed for lunch from 12:30 – 1 pm.

On-Site Computer Guy
Hosting a FREE CLASS
“Understanding the Cloud”
Saturday, March 9th
10-11 pm
RSVP to kim@onsitecomputerguy.com or give me a call @ 815-286-3800
By Friday, March 8th.

Matthew 19:26 But Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

HINCKLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

6TH ANNUAL DINNER AND AUCTION TO BE HELD APRIL 20TH
Plans are being made for the 6th Annual Dinner and Auction Fundraiser. We encourage the community to support the Historical Society through either a donation to the auction or the purchase of a dinner ticket for the event. We have some very dedicated volunteers working to put this event together but we need everyone’s help to make it a success.
Proceeds from the auction are a major source of income to maintain our museum and the preservation activities of the society. Donations are now being accepted and tickets will be on sale 3/1.

MUSEUM NEWS
Dolores Bastian has been working on a set of dioramas depicting the development of the Hinckley area from prehistoric time to the present. She is currently working on the 3rd in the series which depicts the arrival of settlers to the area. Any information you have regarding our very earliest settlers is much needed. Most desired are any drawings or photographs of home site locations, buildings, and people taken before 1850. Any later photos of the early settlers will be much appreciated. Information or photos would be scanned and the originals returned to the lender with a 5x7 copy. Also any historical anecdotes or stories you might have would add interest to our historical heritage.

For new and renewing members the museum has a one page calendar with HHS days noted and a hand colored 1910 street scene. Stop in they are available as long as supplies last.
The Hinckley Area Food Pantry serves the communities of Big Rock, Hinckley, Maple Park, and Waterman. Assistance is available to you and your neighbors the first and third Saturdays of each month, from 8:00am to 9:00am.

The pantry is located at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, North View and McKinley in Hinckley. (Please use the View Street entrance.) For additional information call 815-286-7275.

Immanuel Lutheran Church News
Small group bible study 8 am, Adult bible study with a light breakfast 9 am, Sunday school 9 am, Worship service 10:15 am, communion on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays, Nursery room available. Saturday evening service is at 5 pm. Please join us for our Lenten services: Ash Wednesday Feb 13th @ 7 pm followed by a fellowship hour. Lenten services Wed. evening Feb 20th to March 20th all starting at 7:30 pm followed by a fellowship hour.

First United Methodist Church
801 N. Sycamore St. Hinckley, IL. Morning Worship 9:30am Christian Education 10:40am Nursery care available. AA Meetings on Tuesday at 6:00pm

St. Paul’s United Church of Christ
All are welcome at morning worship 9:30am Sundays and at the coffee fellowship immediately following. Each Sunday, choir practice is held at 8:30am

AA Meetings
Are you or someone you love struggling with alcohol? First United Methodist Church located at 801 N Sycamore St in Hinckley Welcomes 1st Timers to the Hinckley Big Book Study group. It meets every Tuesday at 6:00pm.

Notice
The Hinckley Community Building Board of Trustees' monthly meeting is the first Monday of each month at the Hinckley Community Building at 6:30 p.m.

Village News!
Regular Board meetings are held on the first and third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Hinckley Village Hall unless otherwise stated. If the first or third Monday is a holiday, then the Regular Board meeting will be held on the following Tuesday. The Village Hall is located at 720 James Street.

Twisted Stitchers
Twisted Stitchers meets every Tuesday morning at the library from 10 am until noon. Anyone who knits or crochets or would like to learn is welcome to join. The group occasionally works on special projects for charitable organizations as well as working on their own projects.

Hinckley Lions Club
Hinckley Lions club holds regular meetings, first Thursday of the month. Directors’ meeting is the third Thursday of the month. All meetings are held at J&K's Half Moon Tavern in Downtown Hinckley.

Hinckley Business Association News!
The Hinckley Business Association is conducting their Annual Membership Drive. Please give serious thought to becoming an involved member of this valuable Association. Through your membership with the Hinckley Business Association in 2013 you will have the opportunity to share your vision of what Hinckley should be in the coming year and beyond.

The annual membership fee is $50. You will receive a membership certificate to hang in your business, you will receive notices about the membership meetings and activities, and you will enjoy the opportunity to share in the growth of our town and define the visions of the future.

To join visit www.hinckleybusiness.com for the form. Fill the form out and mail it along with your check to Hinckley Business Association, PO Box 651, Hinckley, Il. 60520.
Dear Hinckley,

I saw part of an interview with an actor who had just been nominated for an Oscar. He spoke of hoping his film would help to dispel the common beliefs that mental illness was a ‘character flaw;’ or that these things don’t happen in ‘good’ families. There is already too much pain and heartache as a result of untreated or undiagnosed mental illnesses; allowing ignorance and prejudice about it to continue running rampant through society only makes it worse for everyone. How wonderful that this film tackles those misunderstandings!

The movie is ‘fiction,’ but it portrays the grim reality of living with something which is often misunderstood – of watching mental illness torture someone you love. Although I don’t think this film goes that far, in real life, there has lately been example after chilling example of what can happen when unstable people don’t get the help they so desperately need, and resort to violence in an attempt to quell what may feel like the ‘demons’ tormenting them. The vast majority of people who are mentally ill never become violent. But the tragic results of the few who have can reinforce the myth that mental illness is a ‘moral failing.’ The related fear currently gripping our country makes addressing this topic honestly even more critical.

The film is “Silver Linings Playbook,” and the people involved in making it candidly addressed society’s need to get the subject of mental illness off the “taboo” list. They spoke of the tolls it has taken in their own families, and in the lives of friends. Upon hearing that the goal of the writer, director and actors was to expose the realities, both difficult and joyful, of living with a mental illness, I knew I had to see it. The suffering involved when people are tortured with mental health issues is often hushed and hidden, which makes such a candid portrayal of its reality so important. The huge amount of dangerous ‘misinformation’ about various types and aspects of mental illness, makes it essential that useful discussions include current, accurate and honest information. Also imperative, is that these dialogues be conducted with respect and compassion - not whispered about via rumors coated in shame. My personal response to learning that the power of good cinema was being used to address these issues was “AMEN!!!” (“Amen” is the same as saying “Let it be so!”)

This film’s release coincides with the increasingly heated debate about gun control raging across our nation. I believe the issue of mental illness is as much or more at the core of senseless violence than any weapons which may be used to inflict it. The historic tendency to relegate mental illness to the realms of scandal and shame, often makes us feel embarrassed (“it’s none of our business…”), and even helpless (“what could we really do?”) to try to intervene in situations that we know are not healthy - and may even have the potential to become violent. But if we don’t get help, it can fast become too late – and then it’s everybody’s business. Taking away the stigma of mental illness and creating more accessible and effective treatment options for its victims is the ONLY humane way we will ever be able to curb this senseless violence which has our country living in fear.

I’m not yet sure about the most effective way of using “Silver Linings Playbook” to encourage healthy dialogue about this issue in our community. I do, however, feel powerfully called to invite everyone to the table, so that we might ask questions and share experiences in an attempt to shed light on what is often considered a ‘shameful secret.’ Please watch for upcoming opportunities to be involved in dragging this issue out of the darkness - wherever it has been shut away in a hopeless attempt to pull the covers over our collective heads and hide. History shows that simply ignoring the issue, in the hopes that it will “just go away,” is both futile and naive.

God calls us EACH to find faithful, effective ways to improve the lives of our neighbors, (even if it feels risky or uncomfortable at first) by showing them love and support. Sometimes that’s helping them get medical treatment for what is a chemical imbalance. Let’s be brave enough to drag this scourge out of the darkness, where it has been festering for so long, and release the captives so that they, and we, can live in the light! Amen

Peace,
Pastor Laura
Mother Goose and Friends Go Caroling at Shabbona Health Care

On December 18, the children of Mother Goose In-Home Childcare were joined by other children from the community to sing carols for the residents of Shabbona Health Care. The children practiced songs and baked cookies to prepare for the “big” day! This year, the children sang Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star, Rudolph, and Jingle Bells. After singing, the children passed out cookies and visited with the residents. The children were so excited to bring smiles to the residents’ faces. This year’s carolers were Noah and Juliet Barkley, Bradyn Oas, Zeta Fay, Matthew, Luke, and Lydia Badal, Svea Brueckner, Evie and Ava Murphy among others. Wanda Urbahn was so proud of her little “crew” and their friends. Caroling has become an annual event for Mother Goose, and we love to have other children join us. If you’d like to participate next year, please give Wanda a call at (815) 286-9500.