

# Welcome September

New month, new chapter, new page  
And new wishes.

May the month give you courage, strength,  
Confidence, patience, self-love & inner peace.  
May everyday in September fill your days with  
Hope, love, sunshine and energy. Think Positive Words  
Let there be Joy, Fun and Laughter.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to the new and returning members of the HWC. It is a privilege and honor to work with all of you. We are looking forward to having some fun, contributing to our community in many ways, and getting our Hinckley Women's Club name out there in a positive light, while making memories that will last a lifetime.

Leading off this year will be the Welcome Back Picnic at the Brooklyn Exchange Cabin on September 19th at 6:30 pm. We are changing up the "Welcome Back Picnic" and making it an "Oktoberfest" themed picnic. There will be 3 different types of bratwurst, and homemade spaetzles, as well as featuring some local brews from our very own Hoppy Dudes!

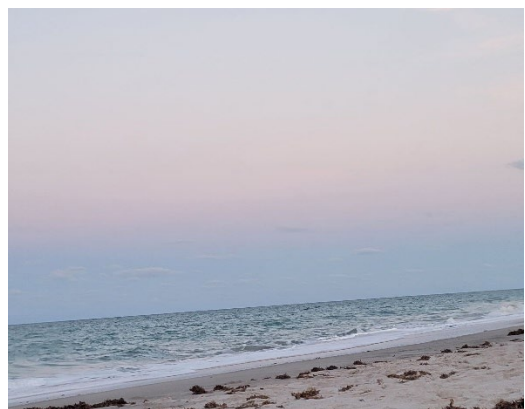
Also at our Welcome Back Picnic, we will have a mini raffle of local Hinckley businesses that contributed to a Welcome Back HWC Basket, so bring your \$1 and \$5 bills for this raffle. The proceeds of this 'Local Welcome Back HWC Raffle Basket' will go towards our revived "Winter Fest" in December. The Welcome Back Oktoberfest themed picnic will be a fun evening and hope to see you there. If you have any neighbors or friends who are curious about

the HWC they are welcome to come and join in the fun.

The Committees and the Board have been busy this Summer planning a full calendar of social events and programs for our meetings. The October meeting will be held at Medina Library at 6pm. Following the brief meeting, Medina square will have its annual "Ladies Night Out".

We are planning on changing things up a little bit, but keeping with some of our tried-and-true traditions. Hoping everyone enjoys what we have in store for this year. Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard behind the scenes to get ready for this coming year!

- Lynne Rotundo, President



Hinckley Chamber of Commerce Meeting 9/5/2024

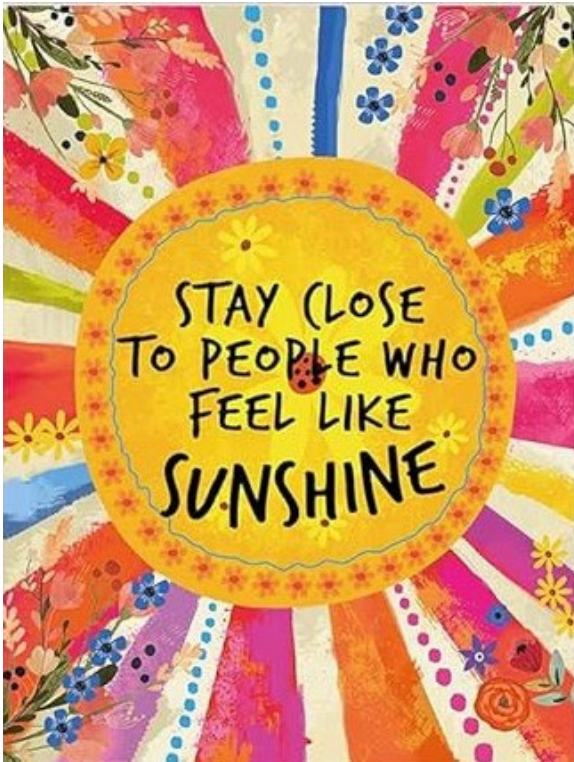
Mission: "Bridging Community and Business"

Hinckley has more than 8,200 residents and more than 300 businesses spread over a 26.9 square mile area.

1. HWC will be Trick-or-Treating Saturday, Oct. 26 - 4-6PM - A Chamber Event
2. Hinckley Holiday (and Lighting event) Saturday, Dec. 7, 6-8PM  
(More details later)
3. Buzzard Day - Sunday, March 15, 2025
4. Golf Outing - Friday, May 16, 2025 at Valleaire Golf/Event Ctr.  
8AM-4:30PM
5. Chamber dues are due Dec. 31. 2024.  
Non-Profits - \$75  
Individuals - \$40 (any resident can join)

[hinckleyohchamber.com](http://hinckleyohchamber.com)

- Heather Liccardi, Chamber Liaison



Happiness  
is a mood  
Positivity  
is a mindset

**SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:**

Hi Everyone! Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Welcome Back Picnic on 9/19. We hope to bring a little sunshine to the meetings this year.

Birthdays over the speedy summer:



Ann Leo 6/25



Judy Ogrin 7/18



Robyn Niedermeyer 7/31



Diane Kunz 8/1



Marilyn Mocarski 8/13



Rachel Baker 8/18



Kati White 8/27



Cheryl Valasik 8/31



And now for those born in September:



Melissa Augustine 9/7



Ann Podkowa 9/14



Marge Palik 9/19



Patti Pohl 9/27

Happy Birthday to all of you!

“When you arise in the morning, think of what a privilege it is to be alive, to think, to enjoy, to love.” - Marcus Aurelius

- Gayle Staron-Michelle Crew-Kim Young, Sunshine Committee



**PHILANTHROPY:**

Thank you to the HWC members who participated in the back-to-school drive. Through your generosity we were able to help four families start the school year off with all the school supplies that were required. We understand that some members were not aware of this, due to the fact that the email came from “SignUp Genius”. In the future we will send out an email letting you know to look for the SignUp Genius email.

We are reaching out to churches in Hinckley to ask them to keep us in mind when they become aware

of a Hinckley family in crisis or need help/assistance. We have also reached out to Medina Cares, which is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide temporary financial assistance and community resources to Medina County residents ages 19-64 years old who are experiencing a medical crisis. The director has Patty L.’s contact information and will let us know if there are any needs.

We will be providing a Thanksgiving dinner (last year HCSN just requested a donation) and also, we would like to Adopt a Family to provide Christmas gifts too. In the past we have gone through the Salvation Army, if you know of any other local organizations we can contact, please let us know. As always, if you hear of any Hinckley resident that is in need, please Patty or Kathy know.

- Patty LaFontaine and Kathy Schreck

**GREETER VISITS!!!**

Our Hinckley Greeter visits continued into the summer!!! We visited and welcomed over 30 new residents this summer into our beautiful township of Hinckley!



**THE "INSIDE SCOOP":**

Joanne Piotrowski joined HWC one year ago after meeting another member whose enthusiasm piqued her interest. The club has not disappointed!

She has been a Medina County resident for more than 24 years, the past 11 at her current home on State Road. Joanne feels blessed with three beautiful daughters. Bill, her husband of 11 years, has three wonderful sons (and, yes, they played the "Brady Bunch" theme song at their wedding).

She worked as a graphic designer for 34 years in Cleveland before leaving after COVID changed the dynamics of the company and her position became less sales/marketing and more office management. Currently, she works as a Sales Administrator for MobilityWorks, an extremely rewarding position.

Joanne's favorite pastimes include reading, reading, and reading - oh, and gardening and baking too. She is the current Treasurer for the United States Polka Association, an organization dedicated to promoting polka music and polish traditions.



**EVENTS TO LAST A LIFETIME:**



Bill and Joanne have traveled across the United States to many National Parks, and they love to attend baseball games in the cities they visit.





Member Pop-Up Gathering at Crooked River Winery



Memorial Day Parade – Walkers and Donuts galore!



HWC Installation Dinner, May 18<sup>TH</sup>  
2024 at the Galaxy Restaurant



1<sup>ST</sup> Annual Kentucky Derby Party







Tangled Vine Christmas in July  
Bingo & Wine Tasting



**RECIPE FOR THE MONTH:**

## Banana Bread

**PREP TIME** 10 mins

**COOK TIME** 60 mins

**TOTAL TIME** 70 mins

**SERVINGS** 8 to 10 servings

**YIELD** 1 loaf

**NOTE:** No need for a mixer for this recipe! Clean-up is easy, too. If you want, you can mix everything in one bowl.

This recipe calls for an 8x4-inch loaf pan. If you are baking in an 8 1/2x4 1/2-inch pan, bake for 47 to 57 minutes. If baking in a 9x5-inch pan, bake for 45 to 55 minutes. Note that the larger pan size will produce a flatter loaf.

The best bananas to use for banana bread are those that are overripe. The yellow peels should be at least half browned, and the bananas inside squishy and browning.

## Ingredients

- 2 to 3 medium (7" to 7-7/8" long) very ripe bananas, peeled (about 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 cups mashed)
- 1/3 cup (76g) butter, unsalted or salted, melted
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda (not baking powder)
- 1 pinch salt
- 3/4 cup (150g) sugar (1/2 cup if you would like it less sweet, 1 cup if more sweet)
- 1 large egg, beaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 cups (205g) all-purpose flour

## Method

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F (175°C):

Butter an 8x4-inch loaf pan.

2. Mash the bananas and add the butter:

In a mixing bowl, mash the ripe bananas with a fork until completely smooth. Stir the melted butter into the mashed bananas.



3. Mix in the remaining ingredients:

Mix in the baking soda and salt. Stir in the sugar, beaten egg, and vanilla extract. Mix in the flour.



Image: Kelly Hamilton



4. Bake the bread:

Pour the batter into your prepared loaf pan.



Image: Kelly Hamilton

Bake for 55 to 65 minutes at 350°F (175°C), or until a toothpick or wooden skewer inserted into the center comes out clean. A few dry crumbs are okay; streaks of wet batter are not. If the outside of the loaf is browned but the center is still wet, loosely tent the loaf with foil and continue baking until the loaf is fully baked.

5. Cool and serve:

Remove from oven and let cool in the pan for a few minutes. Then remove the banana bread from the pan and let cool completely before serving. Slice and serve. (A bread knife helps to make slices that aren't crumbly.)

Wrapped well, the banana bread will keep at room temperature for 4 days. For longer storage, refrigerate the loaf up to 5 days, or [freeze it](#).





# Hello September



**S**ome people think that beauty  
**E**quals a good look. But a  
**P**retty face is just the surface.  
**T**he real beauty lies inside  
**E**veryone. Kindness and smiles  
**M**elt hearts. And when you  
**B**elieve in yourself and know you're  
**E**nough, the light you  
**R**adiate will touch everyone around.

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## MEMBERS CORNER:

*This will be a new feature of the newsletter that will explain some regular events that might be a bit confusing to the newer members of our group, or might point out some new events for all the members.*

*STAY TUNED...*

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By all these lovely tokens,  
September days are here.  
With summer's best of weather  
and autumn's best of cheer.

HELEN HUNT JACKSON

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Thursday, September 19th - 6:30 p.m.**

**Welcome Back "Oktoberfest" Picnic!**

Brooklyn Exchange Cabin 2400 State Rd  
MANY THANKS TO HOPPY DUDES WHO  
HAVE DONATED SOME OF THEIR CHOICE  
OKTOBERFEST BEERS AND OTHER SPECIAL  
DRINKS FOR THIS EVENT!!!

**Sunday, September 22nd - 2:00 P.M.**

**CLAM BAKE Diane's home**

THANK YOU TO DIANE FOR PUTTING  
TOGETHER THIS TERRIFIC EVENT!

**Wednesday, September 25th - 6:30 P.M.**

**Social outing at the Wooden Nickel Bar & Grill in  
Valley City) Survey Says game and good food!**

THANK YOU TO OUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE  
MEMBER, JUDY OGRIN FOR THIS GREAT  
IDEA FOR AN OUTING!

**Sun., Oct. 6 Newsletter Deadline**

Send articles to Lynne Rotundo  
440-463-8045  
[sparklynne102@gmail.com](mailto:sparklynne102@gmail.com)

**Wed., Oct. 9 Board Meeting - 6:30 p.m.**

Host - Kati White  
1875 Ridge Rd.

**Committees: Halloween & Philanthropy**

**Thurs., Oct. 17 General Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**

**at the Medina County District Library  
210 S. Broadway, Medina**

And it is:

'Ladies Night Out On The Square'

**Fri., Oct. 18 Social - D'Agnese's Restaurant**

1100 W. Royalton Rd., Broadview Hts.

**Sat., Oct. 26 Hinckley Community Trick or Treat**

on Ridge Rd. across from The Greensmith  
next to S & S Heating from **4 - 6 p.m.**