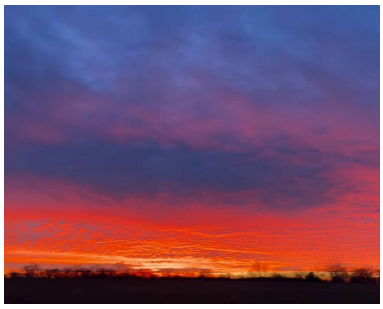
HWC NEWSLETTER

President's Message:

Happy Fall Ladies!
I hope everyone had a great time at the Welcome Back Picnic! Thank you to everyone who helped make it a success, especially Judy Ogrin, Patty Colvin, Diane Kuntz, Karin Rupert and Gayle Staron!
Our meeting this month is at the Brooklyn Exchange Cabin again where we will be making centerpieces for the holidays and sampling some delicious beverages. Thank you, Monique, for organizing this exciting event for us.
Our Philanthropy Committee met this month and we are going back to the SignUpGenius website app for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Please look out for the Thanksgiving one in the next few weeks.
Thanks,

- *Kati White, President*



Philanthropy News:

Philanthropy kicked off the season on 9.28.2026, yet we had already focused on back-to-school due to the initiative of Jacqueline Merker. Thanks to her efforts children received the basic tools they needed for the school season. While more can be done always, these acts certainly touched children in need. The group is working now to define a purpose, a focus for the 2026-2027 season. It is not done yet, but some elements will include fostering relationships in the community and empowering families – from small acts of kindness to more substantial initiatives. We will keep you updated!

October is rich in health and wellness focuses. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month – remind your friends to get their annual mammogram – early detection is everything. October is also Children's Health Month, focusing on environmental health risks, safe spaces, and lead poisoning prevention. Finally, October focuses on Condition-specific campaigns. Our very own Kati White is collecting toilet paper and paper towel rolls for children with learning differences. When children become anxious in the classroom, they are provided as no-cost fidget tools. Here's our challenge: bring two to the next HWC meeting. (My own family is racking up a stash for Kati!)

Look for an email soon from Pat Fordosi to sign up to help those in need for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday.

In the spirit of small acts of kindness, make someone smile today... 😊 If our members could bring at least one can of food to our meeting in October for the "Our Saviour Lutheran Church Food Bank", we can help stock it for the winter! Items to donate include tuna-fish, canned chicken, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, etc.

- *Jackie Ekey & Jacqueline Merker, and the rest of the Philanthropy committee*

Hospitality for October meeting:

Appetizers
Lauren Alterman
Ann Marie Brobst
Marilyn Mocarski
Desserts
Joanne Polizzi & Judy Ogrin

Sunshine Committee:

October Birthday Wishes

Happy Fall!!
Time to take out the sweaters and blankets and cozy up to your favorite warm beverage. October is breast cancer awareness month so wear pink. It is also Women's achievement month.
Congrats to all who have survived and thrived.
Please take a minute to call/text or email the following ladies to wish them a Happy Birthday.

- Lynne Rotundo - 2nd
- Kathy Schreck - 6th
- Vicki Tifft - 16th
- Jacqueline Merker - 24th

In Memory
For those who knew Carolyn Davenport, she passed away this past year. She had been dating my girlfriend's dad for several years. Carolyn was one of the first members I got to know when I joined in 2016 when we went to a winery in Geneva. She was often the life of the party.

- *Debbie Moss & Kim Young*

Hinckley Chamber of Commerce News:

Connie King is organizing the Christmas program this year and she is looking for people who would like to perform at the Hinckley Holidays event this year. If you play an instrument, sing, or dance, and would like to participate, contact Connie King!
The Hinckley Holidays event will be on Saturday, December 5th this year from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Usually, the Hinckley Women's Club helps out by serving cookies and hot chocolate to the children and families who attend, along with other duties to assist in making this a fun-filled event for the community.
For more information visit the Chamber website: *hinckleyohchamber.com*

- *Jacqueline Merker, Chamber Liaison*

Social:

Lunch at The Cafe
Our next event will be lunch on Friday, November 6th, at The Center Cafe at the Medina County Career Center. A link follows so members know the prices to expect. The menu changes weekly, but the format remains the same, offering a variety of soups, salads, entrees and desserts. https://mcjvs.edu/?page_id=252
We will meet at the Hinckley Town Hall for car pooling from 10:45 to 11:00 am with lunch at 11:30 am.

Social (cont.)

Please RSVP to Ann Marie at 330-419-4769 by October 29th so that reservations can be made.

Elfing and Dinner Afterwards

Enjoy an evening acting as an elf at the North Pole Adventure for the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad on Friday, December 4th. Elves can use costumes provided by the CVSR or wear their own. We need to be in Peninsula by 5:10 so that we are ready to wave to the train when it pulls in around 5:30. We will remain at the North Pole till the train leaves about 6:00. The kids on the train are adorable as they look in wonder out the windows. Afterwards we will walk over to Fisher's for dinner. Feel free to bring a date. My hubby does not elf but waits at Fishers and joins in for dinner. Please contact Ann Marie by November 25th so reservations at Fishers can be made.

Tomaseen Foley's A Celtic Christmas

This performance recreates the joy and innocence of Christmas Eve in a remote farmhouse in the west of Ireland, featuring the haunting melodies of traditional Irish Christmas music, dances, and laughter. It is on Sunday, December 13th, from 2:30 - 4:30 at the Medina Performing Arts Center. Tickets are about $44.00. Lunch or dinner before or afterward, depending on what attendees wish for. RSVP to Ann Marie by November 2nd.

Gourmet Dinner

Dinner will take place on Saturday, January 23rd at 6:00 pm. The theme and location(s) are to be determined. If you or a guest may be interested contact Joanne P.

Some future events suggested include Castle Noel in Medina, The Funny Bus and Dinner, Sourdough Bread Making. Please let anyone on the Social committee know of other suggestions.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, October 15th
General Meeting
Brooklyn Exchange Cabin
2400 State Rd.
Halloween or Christmas Centerpiece Craft
*****Please bring a bag of candy to donate for the Downtown Trick-or-Treat to the October 17th meeting!**

Saturday, October 24th
Hinckley Trick or Treat
Hinckley Town Center
HWC volunteers set up to the right of S & S Heating on Ridge Rd. at 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 1st
Newsletter deadline
Send articles to:
hwcnewsletter1981@gmail.com

Wednesday, November 4th
HWC Board Meeting at Diane Kunz's home
Committees to report: Philanthropy & Christmas Party

Thursday, November 19th
General Meeting
Cookie Exchange / Recipe Share
Cliffside Artist Community on Ridge Rd.

The "Inside" Scoop:

From bridge to books, Ann Marie has a lot of interests!

While working at Aldi's in Brunswick for 25 years and now retired, Ann Marie Brobst developed a wide range of interests. Ann Marie moved to Hinckley in 1972 when her father purchased a small farm in the township. As a teenager and college student she said she worked summer jobs at two of the most popular teen worksites. "I worked at the former WT Grants dime store in Medina and in college worked at the Smucker's Pickle factory," said Ann Marie. "I spent my summer packing jars and jars of pickles."

She married her husband, Jerry, in 1979 and they have a son, Matt, who lives in nearby Brunswick. When asked what kept her working at Aldi's for so many years, Ann Marie replied; "I worked at Aldi's in the business office, purchasing mostly milk and beverages," she said. "I really enjoyed the people there and Aldi provided excellent working conditions and always provided you with the right tools to do the job. The company itself was always improving and encouraged us to keep improving as well."

Along the way, Ann Marie started walking with a group of ladies in the neighborhood including HWC member Beth Crosley. She said Beth was always talking about all the activities the Women's Club did and she encouraged her to join.

In addition to being a member of HWC, Ann Marie is a member of Hinckley Garden Club and enjoys her small vegetable patch and likes to work with hanging baskets.

Other interests of Ann Marie include playing bridge and being a member of a small, local book club called Words and Wine.

"I love to travel," said Ann Marie. "I like to visit all the National Parks. I recently just got back from a trip to Italy. We went to every port beginning in Venice and ending up in Rome. The year before my husband and I travelled to the Amazon where there were a lot of bugs especially if you left a light on. I was terrified of all the monkeys. My husband, who likes to fish, actually went piranha fishing."

Most recently, Ann Marie joined fellow HWC members at its annual Welcome Back picnic. "It was a lot of fun," she said. "The tables were really decorated nicely and we played a fun game of bingo which was designed to get us to mingle. It was great seeing everyone again now that fall has arrived."

- *Chris Studor*

Recipe of the Month:

Mac and Cheese – that Pat Fordosi way – so warm and delicious!

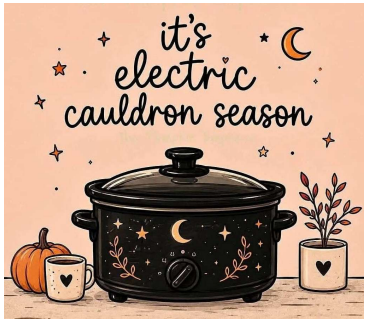
At a recent HWC event, member Pat Fordosi brought her long-time recipe for macaroni and cheese. So many people asked Pat for the recipe we made it our newsletter recipe for the month. So, thank you Pat and enjoy this fall favorite.

Pat's Mac and Cheese

1 lb. dried elbow pasta
½ cup unsalted butter
½ cup all-purpose flour
1 ½ cups whole milk
2 ½ cups half and half
4 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese, divided (16 oz. block makes 4 cups)
2 cups shredded Gruyere cheese, diced (8 oz. block makes 2 cups)
½ tsp. salt
½ tsp. black pepper
¼ tsp. smoked paprika

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees Fahrenheit and grease a 3 qt. baking dish (9x13) & set aside.
Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add dried pasta and cook 1 minute less than the package directions for al dente. Drain and drizzle with a bit of olive oil to keep from sticking.

While water is coming to a boil, shred the cheese and toss together to mix, then divide into three piles. Approx 3 cups for sauce, 1 ½ cups for inner layer and 1 ½ cups for the topping.
Melt butter in a large sauce pan over medium heat. Sprinkle in flour and whisk to combine. The mixture will look like very wet sand. Cook for approx. 1 minute, whisking often. Slowly pour in about 2 cups or so of the half and half, while whisking constantly, until smooth. Slowly pour in the remaining half and half plus the whole milk.
Continue to heat over medium heat, whisking very often, until thickened to a very thick consistency. It should almost be like semi thinned out condensed soup.
Remove from the heat and stir in spices and 1 ½ cup of the cheeses, stirring to melt and combine. Stir in another 1 ½ cups of cheese, and stir until completely melted and smooth.
In a large mixing bowl, combine drained pasta with cheese sauce, stirring to combine fully. Pour half of the pasta mixture into the prepared baking dish. Top with 1 ½ cups of shredded cheese, then top with the remaining pasta mixture.
Sprinkle the top with the last 1 ½ cups of cheese and bake for 15-plus minutes, until the cheese is bubbly and light golden brown.



Pictures of past events:

Highland Unified Sports *received another generous donation from everyone at the Hinckley Women's Club, and we could not be more grateful for your continued support!*

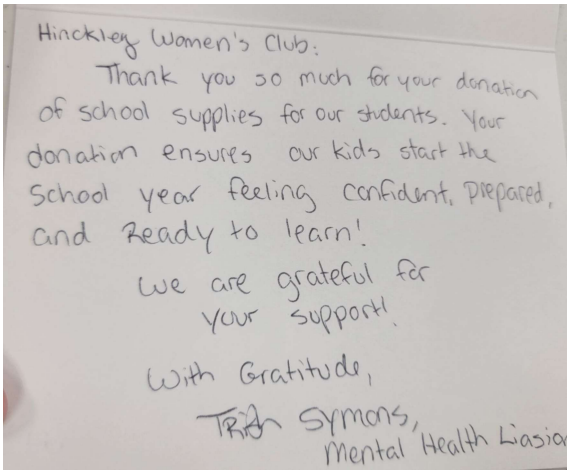
On ***October 15th****, we will be hosting a Unified Sports Flag Football Tournament, and we would love for the ladies from the Hinckley Women's Club to come out and watch! The tournament will be held at the Highland High School stadium from approximately 9:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. You are welcome to join us for just a portion of the event or stay for the entire tournament—we would be so happy to have you!*

We truly appreciate your generosity and continued support of Highland Unified Sports. Thank you for helping us provide such meaningful and memorable experiences for so many of our students at Highland. Your support means so much to all of us!

Thank you again,

Dani Koval
Highland High School
Intervention Specialist

Special Thank You's:



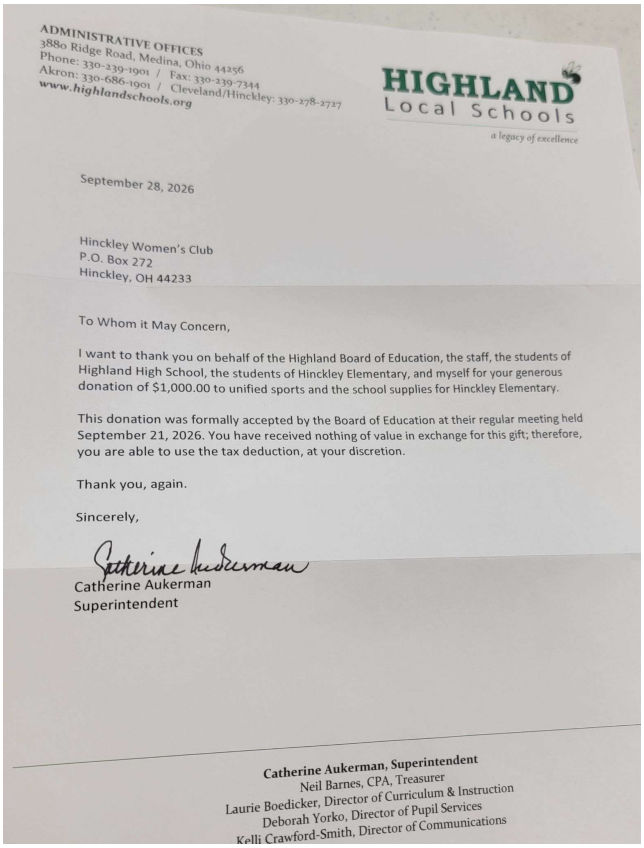
Hinckley Women's Club:

Thank you so much for your donation of school supplies for our students. Your donation ensures our kids start the school year feeling confident, prepared, and ready to learn!

We are grateful for your support!

With Gratitude,

Trish Symons,
Mental Health Liaiso



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September 28, 2026

Hinckley Women's Club
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To Whom it May Concern,

I want to thank you on behalf of the Highland Board of Education, the staff, the students of Highland High School, the students of Hinckley Elementary, and myself for your generous donation of $1,000.00 to unified sports and the school supplies for Hinckley Elementary.

This donation was formally accepted by the Board of Education at their regular meeting held September 21, 2026. You have received nothing of value in exchange for this gift; therefore, you are able to use the tax deduction, at your discretion.

Thank you, again.

Sincerely,

Catherine Aukerman
Superintendent

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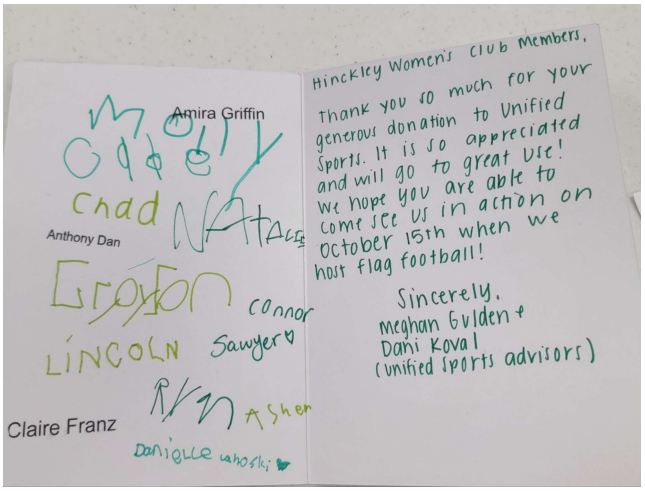


The above thank you came from the kids.

Around Town:

🎃 Pumpkin Pandemonium — Peninsula — through Oct. 25, with a scavenger hunt, harvest maze and hayride

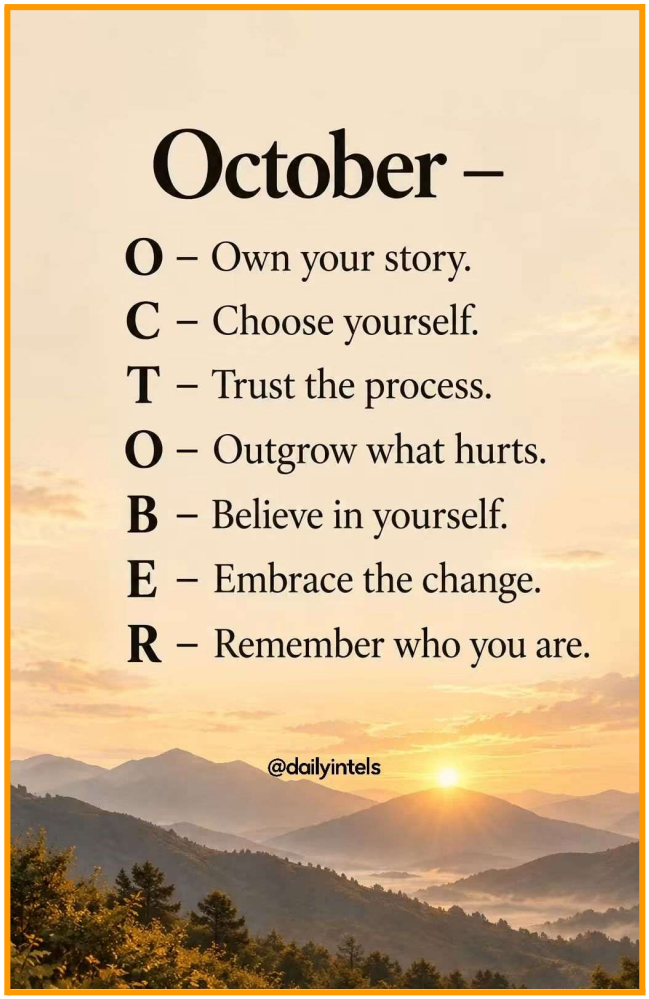
🍏 Trekking Through Autumn — Medina County — through Nov. 30; explore designated trails and earn an award.

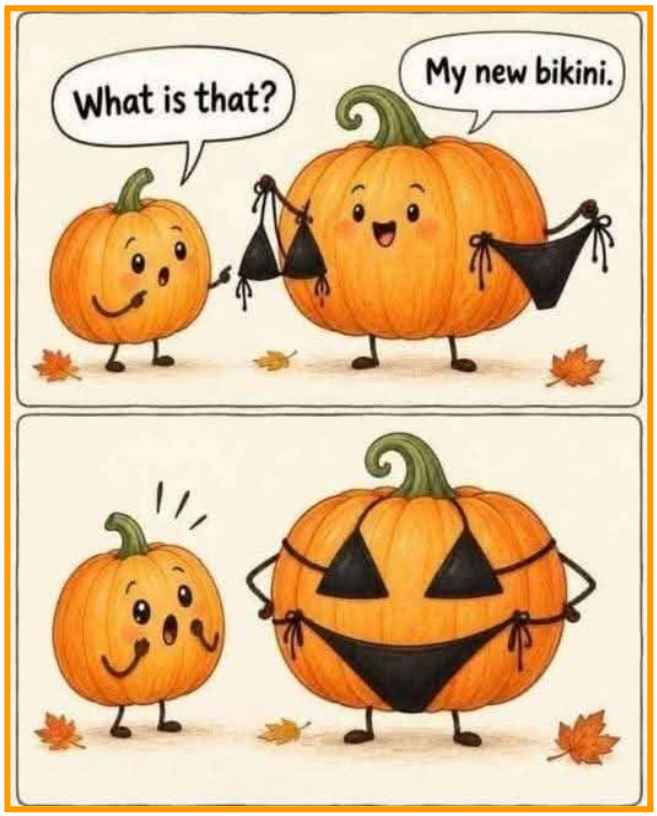
🚜 Salute to Farming — Medina Square — Oct. 10, 9–1, with a petting zoo, beekeeping, cooking demonstrations and antique farm equipment

🎃 Pumpkins & Ponies — Brunswick Hills — Fridays through Oct. 30, with pony/horse rides and hayrides

🌽 Fall farm/maze stuff — Derthick's, Patterson's, Hillcrest, Nickajack and others are running throughout October

***Please note: the Salute to Farming in Medina Square occurred already on October 10th.**





Patti Pohl, Lynne Rotundo, Chris Studor - Newsletter