

# The **BIG ROCK** **COMMUNITY CRIER**

**OCTOBER 2021**

All the calendar dates listed are previously scheduled dates and times. Please check with the specific government entity to confirm the meeting is still taking place as noted.

## COMMUNITY CRIER CALENDAR

### *October 2021*

- |    |                              |                       |
|----|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 5  | Park District Meeting        | 7:00 @ Community Park |
|    | Drainage Committee           | 5:30 @ Town Hall      |
|    | Drainage District #1 Meeting | 6:30 @ Town Hall      |
| 12 | Village Board Meeting        | 7:00 @ Community Park |
|    | Fire District Meeting        | 7:00 @ Fire House     |
| 13 | TWP Board Meeting            | 7:00 @ Town Hall      |
| 26 | Village Board Meeting        | 7:00 @ Community Park |

### *November 2021*

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| 2  | Park District Meeting        | 7:00 @ Community Park |
|    | Drainage Committee           | 5:30 @ Town Hall      |
|    | Drainage District #1 Meeting | 6:30 @ Town Hall      |
| 9  | Village Board Meeting        | 7:00 @ Community Park |
|    | Fire District Meeting        | 7:00 @ Fire House     |
| 10 | TWP Board Meeting            | 7:00 @ Town Hall      |
| 23 | Village Board Meeting        | 7:00 @ Community Park |

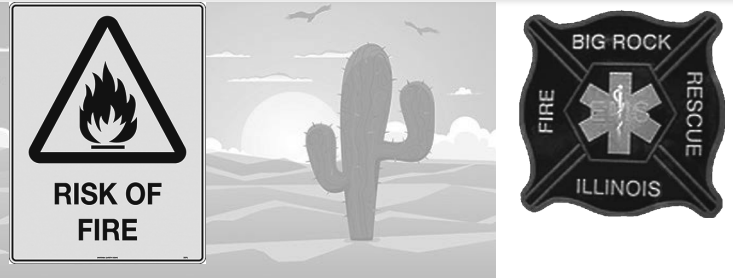
### *December 2021*

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| 7  | Park District Meeting        | 7:00 @ Community Park |
|    | Drainage Committee           | 5:30 @ Town Hall      |
|    | Drainage District #1 Meeting | 6:30 @ Town Hall      |
| 8  | TWP Board Meeting            | 7:00 @ Town Hall      |
| 14 | Village Board Meeting        | 7:00 @ Community Park |
|    | Fire District Meeting        | 7:00 @ Fire House     |
| 28 | Village Board Meeting        | 7:00 @ Community Park |

## WATCH OUT FOR FALLING CLOCKS!



**JUST A REMINDER THAT DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME WILL END AT 2:00AM ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7. GOOD TIME AS ALWAYS TO CHECK OR REPLACE SMOKE AND FIRE DETECTORS!**



## The Ground is SOOOOO Dry!

How Dry is it? As you've likely noticed, Big Rock has had a bit of a drought for the last few months. As such, the Fire Department would like to remind you to practice extreme caution with open fires and other activities that might spark and ignite our dry grass and trees. The fall leaves soon to add to the combustible mix, so until the snow flies or we get several days of rain please stay aware of the fire danger.



## **BIG ROCK FIRE DEPARTMENT'S**

**ANNUAL**

**FALL**

## **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

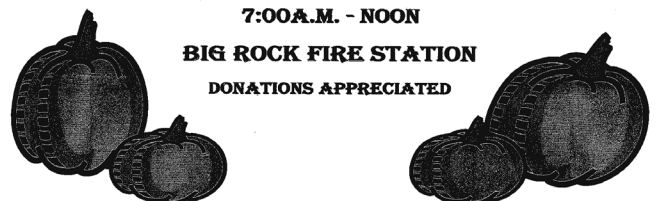
**IN THE COUNTRY**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17**

**7:00A.M. - NOON**

**BIG ROCK FIRE STATION**

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# BIG ROCK TOWNSHIP

*From the Supervisor's Desk*

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**Township Cemetery Upgrades** Several improvements are taking place this fall in our two township cemeteries. At the Fowler Grove Cemetery, a project to restore several century-old broken or tipped headstones is underway, with replacement of several foundations and mortar repair of broken monuments. The monument sign at the entrance to Welsh Cemetery was updated to make it more readable from the street. Six large trees and branches broken during the mid-August storms had to be cut and removed over several days.

The township is also considering dedicating a small area within both cemeteries as a new "Cremation Garden" for the burial of cremains. More families and individuals are now choosing cremation rather than casket burials, and the U.S. cremation rate has rapidly increased from 3.6% in 1960 to almost 60% today. With limited available space for burials in both cemeteries, four (or more) burial of cremains could be accommodated within a single current gravesite. We hope we can consider and implement this new burial option in 2022.

**Local Infrastructure Funding** The township continues to work with our elected officials to obtain infrastructure funds from the American Rescue Plan (federal), Rebuild Illinois (state) and others to help build and improve our local infrastructure needs.

Additional funds from the Illinois Transportation Renewal Fund have been received by the county and have been allocated to the Township Road District to build and repair our township roads and bridges. Corinne Pierog, Kane County Board Chair, recently stated her support to use county funds received from the federal government to improve cellular service and internet connectivity for the rural townships in the western portion of the county.

**Rt. 30 Storm Drainage Grant:** The joint storm water management grant request from the county, village and township is still being considered after a state review. If the \$2 million state capital grant request is approved, drainage improvements along Rt. 30 (approximately from Rhodes east to Welsh Creek near Dauberman) could begin in 2022.

**Township Audit:** Newkirk & Associates, CPAs (Plano) is reporting the results of their full audit of all township funds and financial activities for the 2020-21 fiscal year to the township board. Their draft of the audit report and management letter indicated a "clean" opinion with no material issues, concerns, misstatements, errors, or other significant concerns to report. The final 2020-21 township audit report will be submitted to the Illinois Comptroller's Office and will be posted on the township website after October 15th.

**Thanks:** The U.S. Army artillery gun (cannon) that has been a fixture for many decades in front of the Town Hall recently received a fresh coat of "army green" paint this summer. Thanks to Bill Brickert and other members of the former Big Rock American Legion Post for helping with this restoration effort. The WW II-era artillery piece is still owned by the U.S. government and was loaned to the American Legion after being decommissioned over a half-century ago.

Stay safe during this fall season!

Ken Rojek  
Township Supervisor

## ROAD COMMISSIONER

We should be starting our last mowing of season soon.

The salt building frame is all up, but the trouble was the cover was 2' too long. Greenfield builders is fixing this and should be done soon.

Be safe and keep us safe as we work on sides and in our roadways.

Thanks.

Wade

Big Rock Township Road District

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Please call for an appointment

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Monthly: on the second  
Wednesday at 7:00

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# VILLAGE OF BIG ROCK

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P.O. Box 128 | Big Rock, Illinois 60511 | (630) 556-4365 | www.villageofbigrock.us

*Village Meetings are held  
the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of  
the month at 7:00 pm*

## MUNICIPAL ELECTRICAL AGGREGATION

The village has elected to enroll its residents in electricity savings programs for several years now. As the contracts have expired the village has worked closely with Progressive Energy whom seeks out the best electricity rates for several of our local municipalities. The current provider of energy offered to village residents that you will be receiving information from is Eligo Energy IL, through October 2024. The village hopes that residents will continue to utilize and enjoy the cost savings through municipal contracts like these. It's a no-strings attached savings program that truly is designed to help our residents save a little \$\$\$\$\$.

## VILLAGE INCOME SOURCES

Ever wonder just exactly where your village receives its income from? The board takes great pride in sharing with the community that it does not tax its residents therefor causing any financial burden. Want to see this yourself? View the line item on your real estate tax bill and this is what you will see: BIG ROCK VILLAGE 0.0000000 \$0.00 The village board works solely off of income received from sales tax, utility tax, motor fuel tax, liquor sales tax, etc..... All sources of income generated outside of requesting monies from its residents. Therefor it takes time to accumulate enough funds to do projects in our community. The village has for many years now received the highest audit rating and is commended for operating within its budget effectively. You will also notice that through the years many different roads have been repaved & widened, trees trimmed, freight train quiet zone in place, sidewalks repaired/replaced, bridges being repaired, and many other things (big & small) to improve our community. This is phenomenal work for a municipality our size utilizing only funds that are generated from the revenue streams mentioned above.

## PROPERTY MAINTENANCE/YARD CLEANUP/BURNING

Property maintenance standards have been & will continue to be a priority of the village. The village has a zoning enforcement/property maintenance officer on staff to help as needed. He/She will make sure to properly identify himself at all times when visiting any property(s), but know they will be making drives throughout the community on a regular basis. This is what the village board has instructed. These topics are always openly discussed in our meetings if you should have interest. It's been heard loud & clear by many, many residents what they want to see, things to be cleaned up!! The officer will be utilizing and referring to the Village Of Big Rock "Property Maintenance Code" and doing compliance checks accordingly. With fall fast approaching and property cleanup underway please keep in mind the villages burning ordinance: Section 307.1.1. "Open burning of yard waste generated on the property shall be permitted. Yard waste shall include leaves, fallen trees, branches, grass, weeds and vines. No yard waste not generated from the property may not be openly burned. No other materials may be openly burned on the property. Open burning is only permitted on one's property. Open burning is permitted only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Open burning is not permitted when the wind exceeds 10 m.p.h. All persons engaged in open burning on their property shall have immediate access to a water source or other source to extinguish the open fire". In addition burning leaves directly on the road way edge is strictly prohibited!!! Thank You in advance for doing your part in keeping our Big Rock community looking its BEST possible.

## ANIMAL LEASH LAW

It has come to the village's attention that recently we have had dogs off leashes and/or off their properties. Please remember that the village does have an ordinance around this to ensure residents are keeping their animals on a leash. This provides safety for everyone! In addition the village has an IGA with Kane County to contract animal control to come out (for a charge) if the need arises. This charge will be billed to the home owner if its deemed the animal(s) were in fact off leash and/or their own property. Please be respectful to those around you and make sure your animal(s) are under leash at all times.

## DOOR TO DOOR SOLICITATION

The Village has no ordinance against solicitors. With this being said we have received a few complaints of individual solicitors that are going door to door possibly representing themselves as village employees or having received a village endorsement for their specific sale(s). In ALL cases this is un-true! The Village of Big Rock does not partake in any door to door sales with/for our residents. The village can only suggest that if you are receiving unwanted solicitations on your property to place a sign on your door that clearly states: "no solicitors". If you have any questions about this please contact the village office directly.

## YOUR OPINION MATTERS

Please visit us during office hours or stop by for an upcoming meeting. They are very informative and productive evening meetings starting at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. Agendas are always posted in advance at the Park District & Post Office if you're curious as to what's going to be covered. And remember at every meeting we have a "public" session where you or anyone can address any topic. All constructive feedback will be taken into board considerations.



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Your Village of Big Rock Board



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**bigrockparks.com** Park District Voicemail:

**(630) 556-9599** (Recorded program listings and calendar)

The Big Rock Park District meets at 7:00 pm on the first Tuesday of every month at the Park District Building at 7S405 Madison Street in Big Rock. We would enjoy having you at our meetings and hear your suggestions.

### SUGGESTIONS

Do you have an idea for a program you would like to see offered by the Big Rock Park District? Do you have a special interest or talent you would like to share with others? Please call Cindy Nehring at 630-742-4275.

### WATERMELON EATING CONTEST

The Watermelon eating contest was held at the stage area at the Plowing Match. Winning \$10 was Lincoln Sucilla age 8 eating one piece of watermelon in 2 minutes and 03 seconds, winning \$20 was Rachel Lapeyre age 15 eating two pieces of watermelon in 1 minute 46 seconds and winning \$30 was Emma Lapeyre age 16 and over eating two pieces of watermelon in 1 minute and 57 seconds.

The FFA group challenged each other for bragging rights and the winner was Chance Wackerlin eating two pieces of watermelon in 1 minute 52 seconds.

### BINGO

Four prizes of \$25 was handed out to Bingo winners and a grand prize of \$50 went to the person who filled their card and some even won a watermelon!

### PETTING ZOO

Thanks go to the H-BR FFA team, their sponsor Tracy Sanderson, and the George Bauman family for presenting this years' Petting Zoo. 6 different species and twelve different animals were on display for viewing and petting. They also took care of the Lions Bingo calf. We hope this display was amusing and educational.

### DUPAGE COUNTY PLOWBOYS VS BIG ROCK WILDCATS

Friday Night lights were on at Kenny Field the competition being Old Time Baseball. Having originally planned the contest in 2019, the idea for an organized contest between an outside team and our own people was thought to be a viable plan. As teams go, the Plowboys are as good as you get doing games all over the USA and one at the Field of Dreams in Dyersville. Our team of locals did a fine job of representing Big Rock but the scorekeeper concluded we lost. We hope to settle the score next year!



### 2021 PRINCE AND PRINCESS CONTEST

The 2021 Prince & Princess Contest was held on Sunday, September 19th at Plowman's Park during the Big Rock Plowing Match. Returning Princess Hanna Sharp helped crown the 2021 court - Prince Evan Hummell and Princess Livia Milling, Second place went to Rocco Brandonisio and Leah Rose Brassfield, and Third place went to Jared Reeter and Elaina Guttierrez

The longest reigning Prince and Princess was Noah Ward and Hannah Sharp who were crowned in 2018, due to a rain out and Covid this is the first year that the contest has returned. Thank you to all who participated.



*L to R: Hannah Sharp crowning Elaina Gutierrez, Leah Rose Brassfield, Livia Milling, Evan Hummell, Rocco Brandonisio, Jared Reeter.*

## HALLOWEEN DOG COSTUME PARADE

A Halloween Dog Costume Parade will be held on Saturday, October 23rd at 1 pm at the Big Rock Dog Park located at the North end of the Park at 7S405 Madison Street in Big Rock. Use your imagination and come up with a Halloween costume your dog may wear in the parade - owners may also wear a costume. Dogs will be judged and a First, Second and Third Place prize will be given, with all dogs receiving a treat bag. There will be a "game" for dogs and owners to enjoy! Any questions, please call Cindy at 630-742-4275.

## SAVE THE DATE

Ellie Carlson will be performing on Thursday, October 14th at the Park District Building at 7 pm as Mamie Eisenhower, co-sponsored by the Big Rock Historical Society and the Park District. Reservations are required due to limited space and masks should be worn. Light refreshments will be served. Please call Sue Beck at 630-698-0626 or Cindy Nehring at 630-742-4275. The program is free of charge to the public.

## VETERANS TO BE HONORED

Veterans, past and present, will be honored on Sunday, November 7th at 1 pm at the Big Rock Park District Building at 7S405 Madison Street in Big Rock.

Please send a picture of your Veteran, preferably in uniform, that includes the Veterans name, branch of service, rank and the years that they were in service to Cindy Nehring, P.O. Box 119, Big Rock, IL 60511 by October 29th so that it can be included in our display. If you sent in a picture in the past, it will be included in this years display. You may also drop your picture off at the Park District Building, but will need to call Cindy at 630.742.4275 to make arrangements.

Veterans are invited to come and share their memories and enjoy light refreshments.

## DECORATE WITH CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CONTEST

Win \$50 first prize, \$30 second prize or \$20 third prize by decorating the outside of your house and/or yard with Christmas Lights open to all residential homes in Big Rock - a minimum of 10 participants will be needed for the contest. Judging will take place on the evening of December 18th by three non-area residents. Winners will be contacted by December 19th. Send your name, address and telephone number to Cindy Nehring, P.O. Box 119, Big Rock, IL 60511, Attn: Christmas Lights. Deadline to enter is December 11th, 2021.



### BIG ROCK LIONS CLUB

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### WHERE HAVE ALL THE VOTERS GONE?

This being an odd number year, in Illinois we do not have an election this fall. The next election, primaries for Federal and State offices, will be June 28, 2022. That's right, no more cold February or March mornings for the even years primary. Still stuck with the November general, though!

As always, check with [Kanevotes.org](http://Kanevotes.org) for dates and times for filing if you plan on running for office, or if you'd like to check your registration or sign up to help with the elections. The county is always in need of dedicated people to be election judges, supply staff, call center workers and other staffing to continue making our election process smooth and secure.

## Need Help?... Call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a charitable lay Catholic organization founded to serve those in need. Our group is associated with St. Katharine Drexel Catholic church. We make no judgments about your situation, and you need not be a member of our church to receive aid. We serve Big Rock, Sugar Grove, and surrounding areas of Kane County. Typically, the kind of help we are able to offer is short-term assistance with bills, such as rent, a mortgage payment, utilities, medical bills, car repair, or other important expenses. If you are in need, please call us at 630-466-8833, and leave a message. Someone will return your call within 24 hours. You may also contact us by email at [svdpsugargrove@gmail.com](mailto:svdpsugargrove@gmail.com). For more information on how we can help, visit our website at [www.svdp-skd.org](http://www.svdp-skd.org).





## HBR CUSD #429 • UPDATES AND HIGHLIGHTS

Scroll through social media or watch the news - we are reminded that as a culture, our mental health has taken a major hit in the last 18 months. For the first time in our lifetimes, as a culture we are in a shared state of prolonged uncertainty. Scientific, economic, political and supply chain uncertainty pervade the news. Individually we face an array of insecurities: financial needs, fears about our health or that of a loved one, the loss of privileges we had taken for granted, the loss of daily transitions/routines, the loss of micro-connections throughout the day, uncertainty about kids being back at school. We all wonder when will there be a clear end to all this? Uncertainty swirls

around us, confronting us at the store, on the highway, in family relationships, in traditions, celebrations and rituals, at our places of worship, in our hobbies and clubs, in our home and at work.

The mind does not want prolonged uncertainty. Responding to uncertainty results in all kinds of behavior designed to protect us from feelings like fear, anger, sadness, loneliness. We ignore, we argue, we get irritable and lash out because we are grieving the loss of the world and a life that we knew. It is said that grief is about change - the change we do not want. Uncertainty and loss leads to grief. Grief, not managed, leads to mental and physical illness. So how do we manage our grief? How do we adapt in this time of uncertainty?

We start to manage our grief by naming it. Acknowledge our feelings and allow ourselves to feel them for as long as we need. Anger, sadness, longing, isolation, fear - name it, it's yours. We own our feelings so we can manage them and then act out of a confidence that there will be a time that seems more certain, when we sense we have more control.

What is in our control to make today better? Get re-connected with things you love and find new things you might love, online or in-person depending on what is safe for you. Take some risks and explore things that make you excited or try something new to challenge yourself. Even establishing a forgotten or waylaid routine or hobby can help to give you some sense of control.

If this is our life now, how can we engage in it in a safe way? How do we take care of our mind and body? Someone said that "motion helps to manage emotions." Building self-care activities into our daily routine will help us to manage physical and mental health. Take walks, journal, work in the garden, meditate or pray, do a workout, join a club, and/or walk a dog (they will appreciate you for it).

Connect or reconnect with a community. Community is any one person or group of people with whom you feel safe and have a meaningful connection. David Kessler (grief researcher) suggests thinking about your friends by splitting them into 2 groups: friends who can go deep when you need to discuss your grief or the uncertainties around you and friends who are fun distractions from your stress - you need both and they need you.

Finally, manage anxiety. Imagine anxiety as a movie in our mind playing the worst/scariest movie scenario. Now imagine walking out of the scary movie theater and into the theater playing the best scenario movie. Life will be somewhere in the middle, but this practice helps to balance out the worst scenario.

Let a legacy of this pandemic be that the care we give ourselves allows us to care better for one another. Acknowledge if you are struggling. Identify and utilize coping strategies that work for you to relieve stress. Strengthen your relationships with others. Add self-care activities to your daily routine. For those suffering from debilitating thoughts or feelings, who struggle to move out of the negative feelings, these ideas may not be enough. If you are having thoughts of self harm, feel hopeless, and/or struggle to function in your daily life, talk to your primary doctor or a mental health professional. We will get through this together. Forward together.

~The Hinckley- Big Rock School District Mental Health Team

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Matt Kantor, High School Counselor (mkantor@hbr429.org)

Tara Neidigh, Middle and High School Social Worker (tneidigh@hbr429.org)

Mallory Wassmann, Elementary School Social Worker (mwassmann@hbr429.org).

### Resources

**Illinois Call4Calm Text Line (24/7)** If you or a loved one are struggling with stress related to the COVID-19 pandemic and need emotional support, text TALK to 552020 for English or HABLAR for Spanish




"A Community Mental Health Funding Alliance"  
Townships of: Aurora - Batavia - Big Rock - Blackberry - Kaneville - Sugar Grove - Virgil

INC Board, NFP, a Community Mental Health Funding Alliance, is an Illinois, not-for-profit corporation which was chartered on April 1969 to promote the creation of local mental health boards authorized under 405 Illinois Compiled Statutes §20/3a (Community Mental Health Act).

In the November 1970 general election, Aurora, Batavia, Big Rock, Blackberry, Kaneville and Sugar Grove Township voters in Kane County, Illinois, approved a community mental health tax by referendum. Each of the six township boards appointed a seven-member community mental health board, known as a "708" board after the number of the Illinois House of Representatives resolution which created such entities. Virgil Township passed a referendum in November 2000 and also appointed a 708 board. Each of the 708 boards within the 7 townships recommends a mental health levy to its respective township board for inclusion among their levy submissions to the county. The county distributes the tax dollars collected to the townships, which remit the mental health portion of the taxes to the INC Board, the administrative body. The combined levies are distributed to agencies for selected, eligible services by the INC Board.

INC Board of Directors is composed of fifteen (15) members; one member from each of the township 708 Boards, and eight (8) members-at-large elected by the board. Contractual agreements exist between INC and the seven community mental health boards to carry out the work in a regional approach to administration.

What's happening with INC? INC Board will be participating at the Big Rock Plow Match in September along with Conley Outreach Community Services. While INC doesn't provide direct service, participation at such events with funded agencies within the 7 townships served are important to INC Board. Please stop by and say hello!

 INC Board has a new Facebook page! INC's goal is to share information and upcoming events from the 15 funded agencies as well as what's happening with INC Board. Here is the link to the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/INC-Board-NFP-104430745291160/>. Stop by and say hello and like the page.

INC Board welcomes new intern, Tiffany Larocque! Tiffany is a student at Northern Illinois University with a major in Nonprofit and NGO and a minor in Sociology. She will graduate in December, 2021, and her goal is to work within the nonprofit sector. Tiffany will work with staff during the fall semester on upcoming projects and attend board meetings and local community meetings along with INC staff.



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# 2021



## BIG ROCK PLOWING MATCH & FESTIVAL

### 127th Plowing Match & Festival

It was great being back in Plowman's Park on the third weekend in September for the plowing match and festival. The Association Board is very grateful to everyone for making it possible.

Thank you

- Sponsors & Donors for your monetary contributions in support of the Association and the activities held during the weekend.
- Volunteers for your countless hours preparing for and tending to all the details needed for the entire weekend.
- Plowmen and women for keeping the tradition alive which celebrates our agricultural heritage.
- Entrants in the Junior Fair, Ladies Fair, Horse Show, Cattle Show and Vegetable & Grain Show.
- Buyers at the Junior & Ladies Fair auction, as well as the Beef auction.
- Participants in the Park District sponsored events- Olde Time Baseball game, watermelon eating contest, Prince & Princess contest, Bingo and petting zoo.
- Organizations and vendors for offering activities, handcrafted goods, services, train rides and more.
- Participants in the round bale roll-off, children's races, pedal tractor pull and bags tournament.
- Attendees for enjoying all that the weekend offered under the oaks and on Davis Field.



Anita Novicki has served on the Board since 2002 with duties related to the publication of Plowing Match Times and assisting with the Horse Show. The Board thanks Anita for her service and sends its best wishes as she embarks on new adventures.

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**Facebook: [Facebook.com/bigrockplowingmatch](https://www.facebook.com/bigrockplowingmatch)**

#### Results for Children's Races 2021

Preschool Run to Mom Race	1 <sup>st</sup>	Austin Thomas
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kaillee Turner
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Joanna Badal
Preschool Bunny Hop Race	1 <sup>st</sup>	Austin Thomas
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kaillee Turner
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jameson Forbes
Preschool Penny Race	NO NEED TO RECORD WINNERS/KEEP THE PENNIES FOR PRIZES	
K + 1 Penny Race	NO NEED TO RECORD WINNERS/KEEP THE PENNIES FOR PRIZES	
K + 1 Crab Walk Race	1 <sup>st</sup>	Kate Jungels
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lance Viland
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Joe Dakan
K + 1 Balloon Race	1 <sup>st</sup>	Kate Jungels
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Katie O'Donnell
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lance Viland
2 + 3 Crab Walk Race	1 <sup>st</sup>	Harper Viland
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Julia Jungels
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Emma Thomas
2 + 3 Balloon Race	1 <sup>st</sup>	Emma Thomas
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Harper Viland
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Marissa Leifeit
2 + 3 3-Legged Race	1 <sup>st</sup>	Julia Jungels
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Emma Thomas
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Maelynn Clark
4,5,6 3-Legged Race	1 <sup>st</sup>	Andrew Herrmann
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Weston Clark
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Steven Schoder
4,5,6 Balloon Race	1 <sup>st</sup>	Elianna Schoder
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Emily Marquardt
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ella Michael
4,5,6 Egg Race	1 <sup>st</sup>	Travis Herrmann
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Abi Morris
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jersey Winter
7 + 8 3-Legged Race	1 <sup>st</sup>	Weston Clark
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ella Michael
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nathan Kriesch
7 + 8 Egg Race	1 <sup>st</sup>	Abby Channell
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hadessah Schoeder
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lucinda Deppermann
7 + 8 Balloon Relay	1 <sup>st</sup>	Savannah Bostic
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Anna Herrmann
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Addie Marquardt
7 + 8 Egg Toss	1 <sup>st</sup>	Analaya Clark
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chet Morris
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Abby Channell
7 + 8 Balloon Relay	1 <sup>st</sup>	Matthew Badal
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jacob Orin
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Anna Herrmann
7 + 8 Egg Toss	1 <sup>st</sup>	Evie Murphy
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Addie Marquardt
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#### Round Bale Roll Results 2021

##### 13-18 year old Division

1 <sup>st</sup>	Joseph Tirk, Matt Thompson, John Davis	:59
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Levi Marquardt, George Baumann, Bryan Gorsky	1:33
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ashleigh Wachlerlin, Andrew Gawel, Morgan King	1:38
4 <sup>th</sup>	Addie Marquardt, Anna Herrmann, Austin Roop	1:52

##### 19 + Over

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jason Michael, Kyle Michael, Dave Madden	1:30
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kolt O'Donnell, Taylor Ruh, Matt O'Donnell	2:06
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jim Verhaegh, Matt Landwer, Nick Marquardt	2:17





## NEWS OF NOTE FROM BIG ROCK LIBRARY

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### Local Field Trip Opportunity

Here's a chance for adults (and older students) to see the Big Rock Fire Department up close. Capt. Dave and Lt. Kendra will offer a tour of the department on Friday evening, Oct. 15 at 6:30 pm.

Besides seeing all the vehicles close up, you will get a demonstration of all the gear worn to a call. You can view the vehicle specifically built by the Big Rock department for fires in this agricultural area. You will have the chance to view the dormitories and see how department members spend their time between calls. An artifact from one of the most frightening local fires is displayed on the patio of the station. You'll hear about frequent training sessions which recently involved training in grain bin rescue.

One of the goals of Big Rock Library is appreciating your community resources. Here's your chance to get re-acquainted with a very strong community resource. Newcomers to the community are particularly invited to discover the protection offered to you and your property. If you're a long-term resident and it's been awhile since you've visited the Fire Station, you will be amazed at how it has developed from an all-volunteer operation to a full time department with volunteers and paid personnel.

➔ If you plan to tour, please email [info@bigrocklibrary.org](mailto:info@bigrocklibrary.org) with number attending. A mask is required for all attendees. Please be advised that if the department is out on a call at the scheduled time of the visit, a tour will be re-scheduled to a later date. AND, put it on your calendar to attend the Fire Department pancake breakfast at the fire station from 7 am to noon on Sunday, Oct. 17.

### Fire Factoid

Fire prevention week is the first week in October to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire. There is an old-time account from 1871 reporting that people in Big Rock were able to see the glow of the Chicago fire.

### It's Toy Time at the Library

You're invited to a conversation about favorite childhood toys. Hinckley resident, Linda Baugher, will be presenting about toys from the '40s and '50s at 7 pm on Thursday, Oct. 7 in the library. You're welcome to bring along your toys, too.



## The Big Rock Historical Society

The Big Rock Historical Society and the Big Rock Park District are jointly sponsoring Ellie Carlson, historian and actress, and she will present "Mamie Eisenhower; The Hostess in Chief," the charming story of America's beloved First Lady from 1953 to 1961, on Thursday, October 14th at the Park District Building at 7PM. RESERVATIONS are required due to available space. Mask will also be required.

Light refreshments will be served. Please call 630-698-0626

Our Final meeting of the Year will be on Thursday, November 11th. Jon Habegger will talk with us again about the history of the Railroad through Big Rock. And John Rogerson will show us his Model Railroad. Meeting will begin at 7 PM. Please call 630-330-0114 to make a reservation.

Do hope you have been journaling – Your history of Covid19.

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Conley Outreach Community Services is pleased to announce that Angel Ianakiev, LCSW, CADC, PMH-C, Therapist and Owner at Anchor Counseling, Inc. and her associate, Dana Pauley, LCPC will be contracting with Conley Outreach Community Services to provide guidance and facilitate our grief groups at the Elburn Office. Registration will be required and space is limited, as we continue to follow COVID-19 safety protocols. In addition to the resumption of Grief Supports, we are continuing to provide the same great social service referrals and assistance you have come to expect. Our Clothing Exchange is also operating on the third Wednesday of each month and ready for shoppers! There are no income

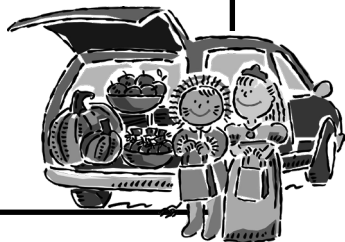
restrictions and you just need to contact the Program Assistant, Jennifer Schlacter [JennCOCS1@gmail.com](mailto:JennCOCS1@gmail.com) for an appointment.

Finally, we are pleased to share some fun upcoming events brought to you by our agency! We are excited to announce that our Chili Cook Off at Kuiper's will be held on Saturday, October 16th. CASI will be competing with their national contenders and Conley Volunteers will be selling soup. Proceeds from this event will benefit our Grief Support Services and Good Grief Day Camp. Also, Conley Outreach Community Services will plan on participating in the Elburn Stroll this year. Plans are in the works with Anchor Counseling, INC and other Conley partners to host an event focused on managing grief during the holidays! In addition, our Holiday Spirit Program where we match families in need to donors is gearing up. Please contact if you us if you would like to adopt a local family for the holidays! Keep your eyes and ears open for developments on our events! For more information, please contact Jennifer Long at 630-365-2880 or to stay in the know, like us on Facebook!



**First Baptist Church  
Trunk or Treat**

The First Baptist Church of Big Rock will be hosting our 10th annual Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 31st from 3-5 pm. All families are welcome to attend. We will have a variety of crafts and games. We will also be handing out candy and small prizes. Come and enjoy an afternoon of family friendly activities! Weather permitting, most activities will take place outdoors at 211 S. Lincoln in Big Rock. We will do our best to practice safe healthcare protocol. If you have any questions, please call Elizabeth at 630-878-1737.




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## **HINCKLEY-BIG ROCK TURKEY DROP & FOOD DRIVE**

**Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 11am-1pm**

**Plowman's Park**

**(48W508 Hinckley Road, Big Rock)**

**Hosted by Jenn Schlachter & the HBR Cub Scouts**

### **ITEMS NEEDED**

**12-14 lb Frozen Turkeys**

**Stuffing Mix**

**Instant Potatoes**

**Canned Yams**

**Canned Veggies**

**Gravy**

**Cranberry Sauce**

**Boxed Desserts**

**Canned Frosting**

### **Monetary Donations Appreciated!**

Make Checks Payable to:

**Hinckley Area Food Pantry**

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Hinckley, IL 60520

Have questions?  
Need more information?

Contact:

Jenn Schlachter  
schlachter4@att.net  
630-926-5704 cell

### **This is a drive-thru event only.**

**To stay within safety guidelines, once you've stopped at the building our volunteers will take the donations from your vehicle with minimal to no contact.**

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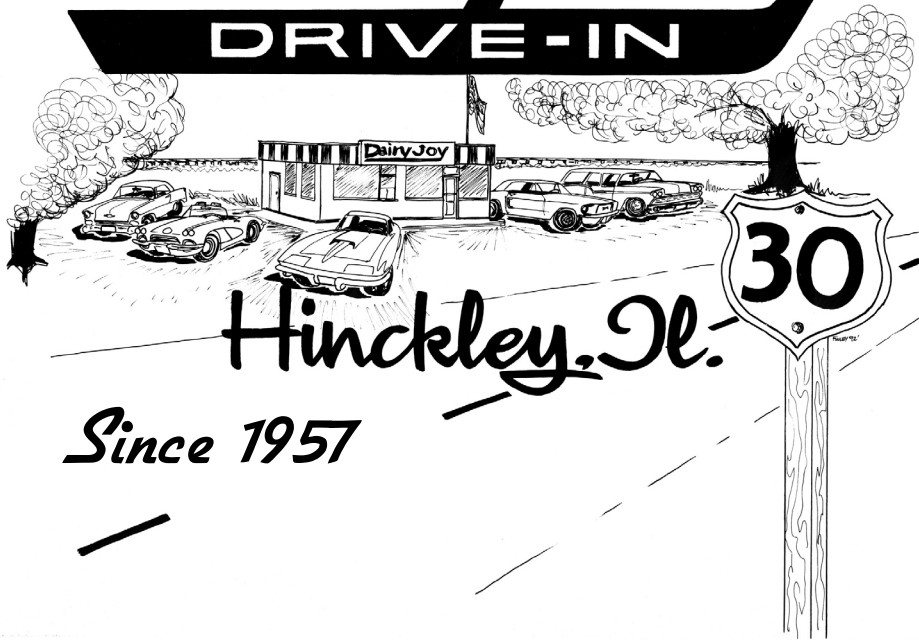


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