

#### **COMMUNITY CRIER CALENDAR**

**Park District** 

First Tuesday 7:00 pm @ Park Office

**Drainage Comm and Drainage Dist #1** 

First Tuesday 5:30 & 6:30 pm @ Town Hall

**Fire District** 

2nd Monday 10:00 am @ Firehouse

**Village Board** 

2nd & 4th Tuesdays 7:00 pm @ Park Office

**Township Board** 

2nd Thursday 7:00 pm @ Town Hall All meetings subject to changes by each agency



## FALL SAFETY TIPS

The Big Rock Fire Department would like to remind everyone of

some safety tips for Fall:

**Sun** – The sun is lower this time of year and driving into the sun can make it difficult to see. Use caution when around populated areas such as schools, parks, shopping centers, etc.

When you change your clocks, change your smoke detector and CO detector batteries.

Cooking – Turn handles of pots and pans inward when cooking. Should a pan catch on fire, turn burner off and cover pan. NEVER attempt to put the fire out with water. If a fire occurs in an oven, keep door closed and turn heat off.

**Extension cords** – Do not plug multiple cords together or cover cords with rugs. Small cords should be avoided as they may overheat causing a fire.

**Matches** – Keep matches and lighters away from children. Encourage children to give these items to an adult.

**Space Heaters** – Do not place near curtains or near any fabric that may catch on fire.

Should you have any fire safety-related questions, please call the station at 630-556-3214.

The members of the Big Rock Fire Department wish everyone a safe and healthy holiday season!





#### CALLING THE CANDIDATES

Just a quick reminder that nominating petitions for established political party primary elections on March 19th can be circulated now and are due into the clerk no later than December 4th.

More voting updates in January!

## The Big Rock Historical Society

Our final meeting for 2023 will be for remembering our Veterans. The Official Veterans Day is Saturday, November 11, 2023. Our meeting will be on Thursday, November 9th at 7:00 PM. Our speaker, Melanie Campos will present her accounting of her Military Service in the US Army. We hope you can be there.

Thank you to all who came out on the cold and windy Sunday to help and support our SAVE THE RED SCHOOL. We will continue our campaign in 2024 for community involvement and assistance. Even if you don't have ancestral ties to Big Rock, here is your chance to learn and be part of the history of your community. In addition to funding for the reconstruction, we also need volunteers with special skills and expertise to make this project successful, or willing to give a hand wherever you can. Please contact Steve Michael at 630-878-9040 for any questions you may have. Do you have any one room school house photos or artifacts buried in a trunk that you are willing to donate to make the restoration like the original rendition?

Please send financial donations to theBig Rock Historical Society, PO Box 206, Big Rock, IL 60511. A year membership to the Historical Society will be given to donations of \$100 or more. If you are interested in getting

involved with the restoration project, contact one of the Board Members.

Happy Holidays to all!

48W445 Hinckley Road P.O. Box 206 Big Rock, IL 60511 bigrockhistoricalsociety.org



# BIG ROCK TOWNSHIP

From the Supervisor's Desk

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It is the best way for me to get information out to you quickly!

#### Big Rock Township Ride in Kane Program

Big Rock Township has been a sponsor of the Ride in Kane Program for the past 18 months. This program has provided township seniors and disabled individuals with a travel option to have rides for medical appointments, physical therapy, dental visits, shopping, and other travel within Kane County.

Ride in Kane is administered through the Kane County Division of Transportation in partnership with Pace Suburban Bus. The program has a full-time program coordinator, and has received a number of federal and state transportation grants which helps reduces the township cost for each ride.

#### **ROAD COMMISSIONER**

Fall is here and we will doing our last round of mowing ditches when the fields are harvested. That makes five times this year. We are in the process of Durapatching some of the Tarn-Chip bad spots on the Roads and will also be adding more gravel to others. Keep us and yourselves safe by slowing down around us working. Happy Halloween to all.

Wade

Big Rock Township Road District

P) 630-556-4331

F) 630-556-4332

We have eight township residents currently enrolled in the Ride in Kane program. Rides are available seven days a week by small buses, taxi services, or a wheelchair-lift vans as needed. Pickups are within +/- 30-minute periods of the scheduled time, and must be made 24 hours in advance. The program has increasing efforts to recruit drivers to avoid late pickups and other delays which has been a problem since the Covid shutdowns.

More information on Ride in Kane, program brochures, and registration forms is available on the township website at: bigrocktownship.com/transportation.

#### **Cemetery Grave Decorations and Plantings**

The Rules and Regulations for the Big Rock Welsh and Fowler Grove Cemeteries require all flowers, grave decorations, plant holders, and other such items to be removed from all gravesites no later than November 15. Items remaining on graves after that date will be removed and disposed of by the township.

Please also remember that families may not plant any flowers, bulbs, bushes, or other live plants on any cemetery gravesite. We also will be removing all live plants and bushes next to headstones which are not allowed, as they interfere with grass mowing and trimming. Please contact the township if you have any questions.

#### **Township Mental Health Services**

Residents have access to a number of mental health services which are supported by the mental health property tax levy and coordinated with the seven townships through the INC Mental Health Alliance. For the year ending June 30, 57 different township residents received one or more services by one of our funded agencies. The 2022-23 external audit and the annual report of the INC Mental Health Alliance have been posted on the township website for further information.

Enjoy a safe fall season!

Ken Rojek, Township Supervisor

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To advertise or submit articles for consideration please contact Tom Losiniecki at bigrockcrier@gmail.com The Town Hall is located at

408 Rhodes Street, Big Rock, IL

Mailing address is

P.O. Box 252 Big Rock, IL 60511

Business Hours:

Please call for an appointment

Township Board Meeting Dates: Monthly: on the second Thursday at 7:00 Phone Numbers

Township and Assessor Offices

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Road District 630-556-4331

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Steve Michael

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

#### SPEEDING TRAFFIC

The Village has heard and witnessed firsthand for many years that traffic passing through our small town is driving at speed well above our posted speed limits. The Village has been recording the speed data for some time and has found violators on 30 mph posted roads speeding well over 70mph on a regular basis. Thus making several roads an absolute hazard. As a result, it's been discussed on numerous occasions ways the village can reduce those disobeying our traffic speed limits. The village board continues to research its options as well as budget accordingly. Some ways already discussed to curb the ongoing problem are: continue w/ more policing, installing speed tables, citation issuing cameras, etc. The costs of each varies significantly as well as administration complexities. The Village invites members of the community to attend the board meeting on November 14th to learn more and discuss potential options to slow down traffic. The village is committed to making its roadways safer. Slowing vehicles down and making our community as safe as possible is of top priority.

#### 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. They will make sure to always identify themself when visiting any properties; 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 roadway 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 homeowner 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 new office hours on Tuesday and Thursday 10am-3pm. The Village also encourages you to attend an upcoming Village Board meeting. The meetings are very informative about all that is currently happening in our village. They are held at the Community Park Building at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. Agendas are always posted in advance at the Park District 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.



Dedicated to Serving You, Your Village of Big Rock Board



Gene Nehring President William Yoder Vice President Steve Holub Treasurer Tara Mathewson Clerk Cindy Nehring Program Director

**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.

#### PRE-CIVIL WAR QUILT SHOW

Connie Martin presented Pre-Civil War Quilts: The Secret Codes to Freedom on the Underground Railroad on October 7th hosted by the Big Rock Historical Society and the Big Rock Park District at the Park Building. The power point slide presentation illustrated some Pre-Civil War quilts and their significance to the freedom of slaves through the Underground Railroad. Replicas of actual quilts that slaves used on their journey were on display and discussed. Sometimes a quilt is just a quilt. Other times, it is a secret message offering a safe route to freedom. Cindy Nehring won the raffle for the cat quilt donated by Peg Van Meter.

#### **VETERANS TO BE HONORED**

Veterans will be honored on Saturday, November 11th at 2 pm at the Big Rock Park District Building at 7S405 Madison Street in Big Rock. Spotlight will be on the Veterans and are asked to bring their mementos and to share their stores. Light refreshments will be served.

#### **BINGO**

Bingo was enjoyed under the Pavilion at the Plowing Match and four prizes of \$25 and one grand prize of \$50 was given away.

#### PRINCE AND PRINCESS

The Prince & Princess Contest was held at the Big Rock Plowing Match on September 17th. The contest was open to boys and girls age 3 through 5 living in the surrounding area. Returning Princess Amira Schroeder helped the contestants

and with crowing of the 2023 Court. Thank you to everyone that participated.



2023 Prince and Princess Court (left to right) Shealyn Stonebraker, Adalyn Green, Princess Saylor Telfer, Prince Sawyer Milling, Corey Crawford

#### WATERMELON EATING CONTEST

There was a great turn out for the Watermelon Eating Contest.

Jordan Lynch won the 11 and under by eating a half slice of watermelon in one minute 15 seconds and winning \$10.00.

Hadessah Schroeder won the 12-15 year old group by eating one slice of watermelon in one minute 32 seconds and won \$20.00.

Joe Farrugia won the 16 and over group by eating two slices of watermelon in four minutes and 51 seconds and winning \$30.00.¬







#### DECORATE WITH CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CONTEST

Win \$50 for first prize, \$30 second prize and \$25 for third prize by decorating the outside of your house and/or yard with Christmas lights. Judging will take place on the evening of Saturday, December 16th by three non-area residents. Winners will be contacted by December 17th. Please send your name, address and phone number to Cindy Nehring at P.O. Box 119, Big Rock, IL 60511 or may call 630-742-4275.



The INC Mental Health Alliance Board approved its FY23 Annual Report at the September meeting. This report is an audited and accurate portrayal of income received, how the funds were used, and the programs funded by INC in FY23. We hope you will review the report and join us in sharing our appreciation of our communities. It will be available in November on our website at www.incmha.org.

The INC Program Committee is preparing for its annual Roundtable discussion with our funded agencies in November. The purpose of the annual Roundtable is to help us learn of the opportunities and challenges that our funded agencies are currently facing and how INC can best support the needs of our community in the coming fiscal year.



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SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

Conley Outreach Community Services is enjoying fall. We are happy to report our Good Grief Day Camp was a success! Our annual "Cooking up Comfort" Chili Cook-Off fundraiser was held on Saturday, October 21, 2023 at 2pm on Kuipers Family Farm. All proceeds benefited the Grief Fund that supports our no cost and low-cost bereavement services including our annual Good Grief Day Camp for kids. Each year Conley Outreach partners with the Kaneland School District to match families and sponsors. If you are interested in learning more please contact us for more information.

Both our adult bereavement groups continue to meet monthly. There is also a new group and event coming this winter. We plan to add a Young Widows Bereavement group in January and an event in February in partnership with Kishwaukee Hospital incorporating cooking and grief. Please contact Jennifer Long for more details or to register.

Finally, our clothes closet, the Clothing Exchange, reopened in September after our summer break. The closet operates on the third Wednesday of each month and by appointment. There are no income restrictions. Please email our closet manager, Jennifer Schlachter at jenncocosl@gmail.com. Please contact Executive Director, Jennifer Long at 630-365-2880 for more information or to stay in the know, like us on Facebook!





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#### **BIG ROCK LIONS CLUB**

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**English Congregational United Church of Christ** 301 Rhodes St., Big Rock





#### **Christmas Season at ECUCC**

Our church will be decorated for the month of December in celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Sunday, Dec. 17th – Children's Christmas Program Service

at 10:15am

Sunday, December 24th – Worship Service at 10:15am and Candlelight Worship Service at 7:00pm





Join us each Sunday at 10:15am for our weekly Worship Service. Everyone is always welcome and we look forward to seeing you! For further information, please call the church office at:

> 630.556.3986 **Pastor John Omerod**





### 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:

HBR429 continues to "get personal"-- through personalized learning! We recognize that each student is an individual learner who may need individualized learning pathways in order to best meet their interests, increase their engagement, and foster their career development skills. In recent years, we have expanded the learning opportunities for our students. This month, we

want to make sure that you are aware of the many avenues that students can expand their learning.

In 2018, Board Policy 6:135 was added to create the accelerated placement program. Options for Accelerated Placement programs include early entry to kindergarten or first grade, accelerated content area placement, accelerated grade level placement, and early graduation from Hinckley-Big Rock High School. Requests for content advancement, grade level advancement and early graduation from HBRHS must be submitted in writing to the building principal no later than December 31st for consideration for the following school year. School teams may also initiate the conversation with parents regarding any acceleration. For more information about our accelerated placement program, please visit our website under Departments->Student Services->Accelerate Placement.

New this year we have a cohort of 5th graders taking 6th grade math at the middle school. We continue to have a large number of 8th graders taking Algebra 1 and some 8th graders who travel to the high school for advanced placement in English and Biology. Through our personalized learning approach, we continue to target individual learners to meet them where they are and move them forward.

Another opportunity for advanced learning is provided through enrollment in college coursework while in high school. The district will pay for up to 2 (two) Waubonsee Community College (WCC) dual credit courses, per semester, per full-time eligible HBRHS student each school year, pending administrative course approval. Additionally, the district will pay for 1 (one) Edgenuity online course per semester for an eligible full time student, as determined by the student's educational team. High school students interested in pursuing the WCC course or Edgenuity online course options should meet with our Counselor, Mr. Abbs, for more information. Other students interested in taking an online course through Edgenuity to further their education should contact their building principal for more information.

As we strive to ensure that all of our students have meaningful learning experiences that grow them as learners and as citizens of the community, we welcome your input and ideas for expanded learning opportunities. Please send feedback or suggestions to SuggestionBox@hbr429.org.

~Jessica Sonntag, Superintendent



NEWS OF NOTE FROM BIG ROCK LIBRARY

48W447 HINCKLEY RD. BIG ROCK

## **Underground Railroad Codes in Quilts**

In early October, Connie Martin presented a memorable tribute to her family regarding their journey northward from Lexington Kentucky via the Underground Railroad. Enslaved people were not allowed to learn to read and write so they had to rely on ingenuity to develop coded messages in plain sight using ordinary items. If you had the pleasure of attending the program that the Park District and the Library hosted, you received a demonstration how this worked.

For those of you who want to dig further and see what areas near Big Rock were involved In Underground Railroad activities, The Underground Railroad in Illinois by Glennette Tilley Turner is available at Big Rock Library.





## Time for a Personal Upgrade

The eBooks and eAudio books available through the library have an app with a new name. Formerly Axis 360, the new app is Boundless from Baker and Taylor. You will need your library card to access the abundance of resources. For patrons already using this service, the handoff was rather seamless.



## 129th Big Rock Plowing Match & Festival

Plowman's Park, Kenny Field and Davis Field were filled with plowing and festival fun for everyone. The Association Board is very grateful to everyone for making the 129th possible.

#### Thank you

- Sponsors & Donors for your funding of the Association, activities and events.
- The Village of Big Rock stepping up as a Legacy Sponsor of the amusement rides.
- Volunteers for your countless hours preparing for and tending to details.
- Plowmen and women for celebrating our agricultural heritage and traditions.
- Entrants and judges in the Junior Fair, Ladies Fair and Horse Show for exhibiting your skills.
- Buyers at the Junior & Ladies Fair auction, over \$6,400 was raised.
- 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 and more.
- Prairie State Railroad Club for train rides, especially introducing Friday night rides.
- Participants in the round bale roll-off, bicycle parade, children's races, pedal tractor pull, bags tournament, Tractor Trot 5K and new mud volleyball tournament.
- Big Rock Fire Protection District for assistance and support at the Tractor Trot 5K and mud volleyball tournament.
- Elburn Lions Club for guidance with and loan of equipment for the mud volleyball tournament.
- Attendees for enjoying our unique and family-friendly weekend.
- Barb Sanders and Garrett Austin for your expertise as photographers in documenting the 129th Big Rock Plowing Match & Festival.





#### **CHILDREN'S RACE RESULTS**

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Preschool Run to Mom Race		4,5,6 3-Legged Race	
1st	Frankie Kraus	1st	Hayden Heiss
2nd	Owen Aska		Noah Delgato
3rd	Alex Bostic	2nd	Sawyer Blank
Preschool Bunny Hop Race			Scott Pritchard
1st	Jaclyn Johansen	3rd	Travis Herrmann
2nd	Sawyer Milling		Ellie O'Donnell
3rd	Stella Burks	4,5,6 Ballo	on Race
Preschool Penny Race		1st	Andrew Herrmann
NO NEED	TO RECORD WINNERS/	2nd	Scott Pritchard
KEEP TI	HE PENNIES FOR PRIZES	3rd	Nicky Hallbeck
K + 1 Penny Race		4,5,6 Egg Race	
NO NEED TO RECORD WINNERS/		1st	Hayden Heiss
KEEP THE PENNIES FOR PRIZES		2nd	Kayden Jerrstad
K + 1 Crab Walk Race		3rd	Ellie Hummell
1st	Thomas Bostic	7 + 8 3-Leg	ged Race
2nd	Rocco Brandonisio	1st	Savannah Bostic
3rd	Oliver Aska		Lily Bostic
K + 1 Balloon Race		2nd	Anna Herrmann
1st	Rocco Brandonisio		Hanna Liakas
2nd	Thomas Bostic	3rd	Travis Herrmann
3rd	Evan Hummell		Gavin Pickert
2 + 3 Crab Walk Race		7 + 8 Egg Race	
1st	Kate Jungels	1st	Travis Herrmann
2nd	Kate O'Donnell	2nd	Ethan White
3rd	Macy O'Donnell	3rd	Gavin Pickert
2 + 3 Balloon Race		7 + 8 Balloon Relay	
1st	Lydia Copland	1st	Travis Herrmann
2nd	Hunter Niebert		Gavin Pickert
3rd	Kate O'Donnell	2nd	Lily Bostic
2 + 3 3-Legged Race			Savannah Bostic
1st	Macy O'Donnell	3rd	Ethan White
	Kate Jungels		Harry Nier
2nd	Travis Herrmann	7 + 8 Egg T	oss
	Hunter Niebert	1st	Gavin Pickert
3rd	Lydia Copland		Travis Herrmann
	Emma Delgato		

#### Round Bale Roll Results 2023

1st Cash Yorls, Sebastion Huelke, Athanasius Karas 32.5 seconds

2nd Gavin Pickert, Travis Herrmann, Judd Bark 33.8 seconds

3rd Lily Bostic, Savannah Bostic, Bella Ray 41.6 seconds

4th Caden Walsh, Colten Sargent, Marshall Ledbetter 47.2 seconds

#### 19 + Over (2 directions)

1st John Davis, Joe Turk, Matt Thompson 41 seconds

2nd Mike Groleau, Nick Bostic, Jesse Ray 1 min. 11 seconds

3rd Kody O'Donnell, Kolt O'Donnell, Dave Madden 1 min. 13 seconds

4th Ryan Zimmerman, Tim Milling, Tim Kallas 1 min. 25 seconds



Looking forward to the 130th on September 20-22, 2024. Your support is greatly needed. If you had a great time and want to make a difference in 2024, volunteer by sending an email or contribute to our general fund. Donations are gratefully accepted at Big Rock Plowing Match Association, P.O. Box 261, Big Rock, IL 60511.



#### 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. For more information on how we can help, visit our website at www.svdp-skd.org.

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