

# The BIG ROCK COMMUNITY CRIER

**JUNE 2021**



**A BRIEF NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR...**

One of my favorite sayings, and my wife will back me up, I hope, is “Assuming facts not in evidence”. It is something I’ve learned from courtroom shows and something I would hope is actually used in a court of law. Put simply, it means putting forth something as fact without any evidence to support it, just an assumption or gut feeling.

We’ve seen a bit of that here of late, and I’ll let the trustees below speak more on the matter.

**Please note that as of press time the “Slaughterhouse” as it has been horribly mischaracterized, has been removed from the updated PUD. The rest of the PUD application with the other uses of the property continues to be reviewed by the Planning Commission.**

*Trustees, take it away.....*

*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.*

**A NOTE FROM THREE VILLAGE TRUSTEES**

In light of the recent events pertaining to the “Slaughterhouse”, the need arose to write to the community of which many have served for the last 10+ years.

To begin, each and every board member from the Village to the Township to the Planning Commission has put in countless hours doing their best to make our community the best place it can be. Some have been serving our community for many years and some are new additions. But let’s make it clear that they are all here to do the best we can for our little town of Big Rock.

As the board, they are legally obligated to receive and review any submission. Remember, government is not meant to restrict, only evaluate if it infringes on others. That being said, elected officials/representatives are in place to make decisions based upon the thoughts, views, and opinions of their constituents. The transparency of government is rooted in the town hall meeting. That is the public forum that must legally happen to discuss matters of public opinion. Should constituents have a view, concern, or matter to bring up to the government, the town hall meeting is instituted to discuss the matters with the public. Should the public not attend to discuss or become more knowledgeable on government dealings, then the constituents run the risk of their voices not being heard properly. The legal forum for discussing political matters is through the town hall meeting. You want a voice in government, go to a town hall meeting. You want change to happen, go to a town hall meeting. You want to know what your elected officials are planning on doing with a decision, go to a town hall meeting. You want to become more knowledgeable about an issue going on with government? Go to a town hall meeting. It is really that simple. With the many layers of government, nothing happens overnight, and a lot can happen if you... you guessed it, go to a town hall meeting.

It is always best to get your information from the source. Social media is full of opinions and misinformation. A better course of action would be to contact your village, Township, and planning commission officials directly to get proper information.

Kathy Metzger    Dean Hummell    Mark Lynch

**COMMUNITY CRIER CALENDAR**

*June 2021*

- 1 Park District Meeting 7:00 @ Community Park
- Drainage Committee 5:30 @ Town Hall
- Drainage District #1 Meeting 6:30 @ Town Hall
- 8 Village Board Meeting 7:00 @ Community Park
- Fire District Meeting 7:00 @ Fire House
- 9 TWP Board Meeting 7:00 @ Town Hall
- 22 Village Board Meeting 7:00 @ Community Park

*July 2021*

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

*August 2021*

- 3 Park District Meeting 7:00 @ Community Park
- Drainage Committee 5:30 @ Town Hall
- Drainage District #1 Meeting 6:30 @ Town Hall
- 10 Village Board Meeting 7:00 @ Community Park
- Fire District Meeting 7:00 @ Fire House
- 11 TWP Board Meeting 7:00 @ Town Hall
- 24 Village Board Meeting 7:00 @ Community Park



# BIG ROCK TOWNSHIP

*From the Supervisor's Desk*

## Township Oath of Office

The township officials elected at the April 6 consolidated election took their new oath of office at the May 12 township board meeting. New 4-year terms-of-office began on May 17, except for township assessors who, by law, begin their term on January 1. Welcome to Jennifer Schlachter who was elected and joins the board as our new township clerk. The township also recognized and thanked outgoing clerk Cara Rausch for her years of service. Your elected officials look forward to serving all Big Rock residents in the future.

## Groot Waste and Recycling Agreement Reminder

We are approaching completion of the first year of the waste and recycling agreement with Groot Industries as the provider of waste with recycling services throughout the township. The Village agreement with Groot remains ongoing for several more years. Resident feedback on the waste services has remained very positive, and virtually every household and business in unincorporated township areas has experienced noticeably lower costs for waste and recycling services. We have also noted less damage to township roads over this past winter.

We recently discovered a few residences, farms and businesses (including tenants of rental properties) using a different waste provider. As a reminder, the township has an exclusive agreement with Groot, and no other waste hauling company is permitted to provide waste services or drive heavy trucks on township roads. Warning letters will be mailed in mid-June to addresses in the township found to be using a different waste company, and property owners may be subject to fines for violations. Non-permitted waste hauling trucks on township roads are also subject to weight limit enforcement by the Kane County Sheriff.

Please note that waste and recycling containers should be placed at the curb no earlier than 6:00 p.m. the day before any scheduled pickup.

## Township and Road District Audit

Newkirk and Associates (Certified Public Accountants) recently undertook a full, multi-day audit of township and road district financial, banking, bill payment, tax revenues, and other activities for the 2020-21 fiscal year. Communication from the auditors at the end of their review was favorable, with no significant issues or problems noted. Their final audit report is expected to be completed by mid-July, and it will be posted for review and download on the township website as it is available.

With recent lifting of most state Covid restrictions, the township hall has fully reopened to outside community groups and resident rentals for private events. Masks are no longer required for individuals who have been fully vaccinated, but disposable masks, sanitizing wipes, and hand sanitizer will continue to be available for use as desired.

Enjoy the spring season and stay safe out there

Ken Rojek - Big Rock Township Supervisor

## ROAD COMMISSIONER

I hope you all survived well after that month of February. Seemed like that was when we got all our snow. We have been grading, adding stone and cutting and spraying in ditches. We will be mowing the main part of all ditches by the time this comes out. Drive safe and keep us all safe!

We have been getting a lot of garbage dumping in our area because we are so remote. If you see any of this happening, write down license plate #'s and call us. We will follow up with Kane County.

Thanks.

Wade

Big Rock Township Road District

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Monthly: on the second  
Wednesday at 7:00

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# VILLAGE OF BIG ROCK

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

## GARBAGE SERVICES

As most residents are aware the village has a contract with Groot Sanitation. Having a single garbage provider seemed to be the most beneficial way in order to minimize heavy truck traffic along with keeping costs down for all. With this being said, along with your recycling can and regular trash can, every residential property is allowed up to 1 large bulk item per week to be picked up. Bulk item being defined as: large items such as furniture, couches, chairs, box springs, mattresses, and tables. For additional detail(s) about what can/cannot be picked up contact the garbage provider directly at the telephone number listed on your bill.

## YARD CLEANUP/BURNING/MOWING

With spring upon us and property cleanup underway please keep in mind a few things. 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. 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". The burning of leaves directly on the road way edge is strictly prohibited!!!

Additionally per (Section 3) "it is hereby declared that any of the following activities and/or conditions are nuisances and are unlawful when conducted or allowed to exist on property located within the corporate limits of the Village; whether conducted, allowed, suffered or permitted by the owner, tenant, and/or other occupant thereof (it being the intent of this chapter to make all such persons jointly and severally liable for compliance herewith)":

### (1) Exterior Property Areas:

- a. *Noxious Weeds*: To keep, maintain or grow noxious weeds or other vegetation which creates a health or safety hazard to the public. Excluded from the provisions of this subsection are prairie plants, lands or portions of any lands located in a public nature area, any property owned or leased by a unit of government and property zoned and used for any agricultural purpose.
- b. *Overgrown Residential Yard*: To allow vegetation defined as grass to exceed ten inches (10") in height on a residential use parcel located within the Village. Excluded from the provisions of this subsection are prairie plants.
- c. *Depositing Of Junk, Trash Or Refuse*: To deposit or allow to be deposited offal, fecal matter, night soil, garbage, compost, junk, trash, refuse or other offensive substances upon public or private property, or to permit such objects to remain upon such property. Excluded from the provisions of this subsection is the application of compost for horticultural purposes.
- d. *Storage Of Junk, Trash Or Refuse*: To keep or store junk, trash and refuse on property. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, "junk, trash and refuse" is defined herein to include any and all waste matter, whether reusable or not, which is offensive to the public health, safety and welfare of the neighborhood, and is specifically intended to include, but not to be limited to, trucks, tractors, machinery of any kind, any parts thereof, iceboxes, refrigerators, freezers, stoves, metal drums or other containers, paper, construction debris and raw garbage irrespective of whether or not such objects are located on the property of the owner or bailee of such objects. This subsection shall not apply to refuse disposal facilities regulated by the state, the county, or any municipality of the state.

Thank You in advance for doing your part in keeping our Big Rock community looking its BEST possible!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

## STEP (SEPTIC TANK EFFLUENT PUMP) SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

Please know that the village has a contractor that will be performing regular (annual) maintenance/pumping of the village tanks on private property. These tanks are identified by the "green" riser lids that are located in resident(s) yards. Residents will also see smaller "grey" electrical panels located on the side of their homes. The panels should have an emergency hotline number on them should you ever hear an alarm or see anything concerning pertaining to the tank(s) and/or system. Simply press the "red" button to silence the alarm and call the number on the box (630) 277-1294. Contractor's will be identified by wearing village labeled lanyards and/or bright yellow safety vests. Should you have any questions or concerns please call the village office and we will assist in verification of work being performed on a septic tank located on your property.

## 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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**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.

## 24TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT



The Easter Bunny hid over 2,400 surprise-filled eggs at Plowman's Park on March 27, 2021 and 180 children participated in



the Easter Egg Hunt. Children found candy and tokens for prizes in the Easter Eggs. Pictures were taken at the stage area with Mr. and Mrs. Easter Bunny.

A big Thank You goes out to all who helped make the Egg Hunt a success, Boy Scout Troop #19, Deb Vistine, the Big Rock Library, everyone who helped with giving out the prizes and the volunteers who helped fill the eggs.

The Jelly Bean Count was won by Olga Jamnik, the count was 383. Olga won a large stuffed Bunny for her winning entry.

The Basics DeKalb County Regional Office of Education was at the Easter Egg Hunt and gave out diapers free of charge. You may get further information at [www.basicsdekalbcounty.org](http://www.basicsdekalbcounty.org).



## EASTER BONNET DOG PARADE

The Easter Bonnet Dog Parade was held at the Dog Park on Madison Street in Big Rock on March 27, 2021. All the dogs dressed up and were judged by three residents from Plano. Prizes were given to First, Second and Third Place with everyone receiving candy and prizes. Thank you to everyone who participated.

First Prize went to Annabelle and Lilly Sanderson with Reynolds, a 13 year old Aussie Sheep/Border Collie Mix. Second Prize went to Lorraine Hall with Mia, a 5 year old Papillion. Third Prize went to Sabrina Hall with Dolce a 10 year old ½ long haired Chihuahua and ½ Papillion. Sordo owned by Alicia Warchol, is an Aussie/Swiss White shepherd who is a deaf, rescue dog.



*l to r: Annabell and Lilly Sanderson with Reynolds, Lorraine Hall with Mia, and Sabrina Hall with Dolce*

## GIRLS SOFTBALL

Girls Softball is underway at Community Park . 8u &10u &12u &14u can be seen most evenings at our South and North fields. Come out and enjoy these athletes as they participate in this recreational team sport.

## SOCCER

HBR Youth Soccer League is forming their teams to play in September and October. Games will be at Community Park. Sign-up is going on now if you want to participate.

## 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

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## HBR CUSD #429 • UPDATES AND HIGHLIGHTS

Thank you!

I was recently involved in a meeting with other area superintendents in which we were reflecting on this past year. During that time together, we identified words and phrases that we hope we never have to use again. These included fluid, learning loss, abundance of caution, and my favorite, unprecedented. While these times were certainly unprecedented (probably not the last time I will use this word), one thing that wasn't, was your support. Two words that, in my opinion, we don't use enough are "Thank you". I want to take a brief moment to share my thanks.

To the students of HBR, thank you! Your ability to overcome obstacles this year are numerous. In many ways, I believe that you navigated through this pandemic better than the adults did. The skills that you have learned this year outside of the academic realm are numerous. I believe your future is bright and even possibly brighter due to your new found skills. Thank you!

To the staff of HBR, thank you! Your ability to adapt and step up to the plate in ways that have never been experienced is to be commended. In many ways, you have progressed in your educational skillset and practices many times over this year. I heard it said that this year has been like a dog year, 7 years all wrapped up into one. I appreciate your dedication to the students of HBR. Thank you!

To the parents of HBR, thank you! Your patience, understanding, and team approach that have been demonstrated throughout this year have been second to none. I appreciate the feedback that many of you provided through our monthly surveys. You also displayed flexibility and adaptability with disruptions to your daily schedules. Thank you!

To the community of HBR, thank you! Your ongoing support for our students and staff is truly appreciated. Living in the community and being engaged in service, I have seen first hand how you have continued to support HBR. Just last month the Hinckley Lions Club was able to provide three scholarships totaling \$3,800; that would not have been possible without your continued support. Thank you!

If you haven't done so lately, I encourage you to express your thanks to someone who has had a positive impact in your life.

*"The more grateful I am, the more beauty I see" - Mary Davis*

#Thankful

Travis L. McGuire

HBR Superintendent

# Congratulations to the Class of 2021



### HINCKLEY-BIG ROCK CUSD 429 FREE DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING

Hinckley-Big Rock provides screenings for children birth to 5 who may be delayed in developmental milestones (communication, fine/gross motor, problem-solving, and personal-social). If you have concerns about your child's development, please contact Amy Spears at 815-286-7576 to set up a screening appointment. These screenings are conducted by a team of District Educators and Specialists and are available to families living within the HBR School District. The screening will take approximately one hour to complete. Afterwards, parents will have the opportunity to discuss the results of the screening as well as any concerns about their child, with a member of the screening team.

Children 2-5 years old will participate in the screening with our team.

Children birth to 2 years old may be referred by our screening team for an Early Intervention evaluation.

**Please note that developmental screenings are NOT kindergarten readiness screenings.**

**EARLY  
CHILDHOOD  
SCREENING**





## 2021 PLOWING MATCH EVENTS

We are thrilled to be able to set into motion plans for the 127th anniversary of the Big Rock Plowing Match & Festival on September 17-19 and the Bull Riding event on August 14. Look forward to a very exciting Friday Night featuring all new rides, an outstanding array of activities and displays, and of course, the plowing competition – the reason for the entire festival.

Over the last year, we have worked on improvements at Plowman's Park. The office & concession building, pavilion and bandstand have been power washed and painted and the Ladies Fair building enhanced with hosta beds. The Lion's Club continues their work to make the restroom building ADA compliant with the installation of new wider entrance doors, stall partitions with grab bars and appropriate hardware. This is in addition to the new floor and toilets installed in 2019. Plowman's Park is owned and maintained, without any tax or public funds, by the Big Rock Plowing Match Association. We are extremely grateful to everyone who has assisted with the improvement and maintenance of the buildings and grounds.

There will be a lot happening in the months leading to these events. We ask for your patience and understanding as we work on a tight schedule to put everything in place.

Get the latest news on our website and on Facebook.

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## HAFP RETIREMENT OPEN HOUSE FOR NAN LONG

**DATE:** June 7, 2021

**TIME:** 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM

**PLACE:** Pioneer Park in Hinckley, IL

**DETAILS:** The Hinckley Area Food Pantry (HAFP) invites you to a retirement open house for Nan Long to thank her for 30 years of volunteer service to our area communities. Please join us in recognizing Nan for her dedicated service to the communities of Big Rock, Hinckley, Maple Park, and Waterman. Award ceremony at 6:00 PM. Light refreshments will be served.



**HINCKLEY AREA FOOD PANTRY**  
"NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS"  
815-286-7275



**NEWS OF NOTE FROM  
BIG ROCK LIBRARY**  
48W447 HINCKLEY RD.  
BIG ROCK



It's summer reading time at the library so join the fun. Infants through adults are welcome.

To sign up, a member of the family will need a library card or can purchase one for \$10.

Get a reading log and start reading or listening to books.

After completing a level of books on your log, return for rewards. There are drawings and programs and fun activities for you. Summer reading will run through August 7.

People who sign up for summer reading will get a goodie bag of assorted historical candies as long as supplies last. This is in connection with the kickoff event which was a virtual presentation of the history of candy making in Chicago.

**Read and be rewarded!**

Stop by the library during the car show, June 6, for an outdoor book sale from 11 AM-3 PM. Lots of bargains & great books for summer reading await you. You'll discover carts and carts of books, DVDs, and audiobooks. Garage sale prices to encourage you to read.



**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](http://www.svdp-skd.org).



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## HBR FFA ALUMNI AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS

Our award winners needed to have been active in FFA for a minimum of two years. Among the requirements applicants are asked to write an essay entitled, " How FFA has been a positive influence in my Life?"

Our receiptants wrote: As a freshman, I barely knew anything about FFA or agriculture. I thought FFA was a club for people who were interested in farming. But, it is so much more. I was amazed to learn that agriculture connects with every aspect of our world, food, fiber, and finance to name a few. Our nation depends on agriculture.

Though my experience in FFA I've learned leadership, team work, hard work and humility. I have found my voice and come out of my comfort zone. Speaking in front of others, running meetings, and meeting deadlines. All skills that will serve me well into the future.

Congratulations to our 2021 scholarship winners. Madeline Noble, Kendall Hawbaker both will be attending Joliet Junior College in the fall. and Noah Badal who will be attending Cornerstone University.

## SAVE THE DATE: HBR FFA ALUMNI GOLF EVENT!!!

HBR FFA Alumni 3rd Annual Golf Event will be held Saturday July 31st. Mark your calendars you won't want to miss the fun! This is not your golf course golf!! Ask your friends and neighbors, it's a blast!! Watch for details.... Well post on Facebook (like our page) and have signs and registration forms available around our communities soon!!

If you would like to assist or donate an auction or drawing items, please contact Nan Long 815-693-7214 or Donna Kimpan 815-286-7228. ASAP

## HBR FFA GREENHOUSE SALE UPDATE

HBR FFA Greenhouse Sale will not occur to the public this year. The agricultural department decided in the Fall when placing our plant order to develop a wholesale partnership to ensure students got the experience of the greenhouse without creating a potential financial risk that Covid restrictions could have placed on the physical sale. We are glad to have created the experiences for our students in Horticulture classes through our wholesale partnerships. At this point we plan to go back to our traditional retail sales for our community next school year.

### Hinckley-Big Rock FFA Chapter Banquet Video:

Check out what we have been up to this year, and our amazing accomplishments. HBR FFA appreciates your continued support.

YouTube Link:

<https://youtu.be/eFqJXxOSnr8>

Or you can Scan this QR code:



This coming season is an exciting one for Conley Outreach Community Services. We are still operating our Conley Clothing Exchange program on the third Wednesday and Thursday of each month. The Exchange has a great deal of inventory so Big Rock, Hinckley, and Kaneland residents are invited to do their summer shopping! If you are not working from home in your jammies, we also have a great deal of work clothes to choose from! We have many nice suits for anyone interviewing. Additionally, there is plenty of business casual for those returning to work or maybe you just need a change! The Clothing Exchange is open to those in the area mentioned above and not need based. It was developed as a way for the community to come together to find what they need and share what they do not! Also, our Clothing Closet Manager fastidiously inspects and organizes all the items to make sure that they are in good condition.

Conley Outreach is also incredibly excited about our return of grief services this month. We will be offering our first grief support group since the pandemic at a private beautiful outdoor location in Kaneville. Additionally, our Good Grief Day Camp will be held 6/21-6/25 for children 6-12 years of age who have lost a parent, sibling, or parental figure. Please call us in regard to any interest in our grief camp, grief group, or to schedule a visit to the Clothing Exchange (Please e-mail for an appointment JennCOCS1@gmail.com). If you just give us a call at 630-365-2880 and ask for a "Jen(n)" you are bound to get one on the line! We look forward to connecting with you soon!

54 SNOW STREET IN SUGAR GROVE 630/466-5236

### Need help? Don't know where to turn?

Our free and confidential resource and referral service can link you to over 80 agencies in Kane, Kendall and DeKalb counties that provide affordable health and human services. This past year we have helped almost 500 area friends and neighbors find the help they needed. Don't wait for a small problem to become large...

Call us today!

[www.conleyoutreach.org](http://www.conleyoutreach.org)





## HOW TO MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT MORE

In a country where every vote counts the same, it should be mathematically impossible to have a vote count more. That is true, in the strictest sense. However, where there is a low turnout, each of those precious few votes cast has a higher impact. And it also gives the victor in these elections a larger sense of purpose than may actually be reflected in the feelings of the community they serve. Still, the candidate can only be elected by those who show up and vote.

Congrats to Wade Thompson, our Road Commissioner, for getting the highest percentages of those that voted in the last election at just over 90%. Sadly, that's only 155 votes out of 1375 registered voters. Big Rock was slightly ahead of Kane County as a whole, with 12.5% turnout compared to 11.24% countywide.

To be fair, there wasn't a lot to vote for. No offices in the Village were contested and for the Township only the Clerk had more than one person running. And even though there were six people running for five seats on the school board, because of township limitations there was just the one contested result.

Final election results can as always be found at [Kanevotes.org](http://Kanevotes.org). The next election will be primaries in the spring, but for all those offices petitions will be likely due prior to Christmas.

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Knowing the local real estate market is crucial.




## First Baptist Church 5-Day Club

The First Baptist Church of Big Rock will be hosting a 5-Day Club on July 12th-16th from 6-7:30 pm. All kids, ages 5-12, are welcome to attend. The 5-Day Club will include: dynamic Bible lessons, creative learning activities, an inspiring missionary story, meaningful songs, and life-changing Scripture memorization. Our 5-Day Club will take place at 211 S. Lincoln in Big Rock. We will do our best to practice safe healthcare protocol. Please call or text 630-878-1737 to register or for more information. Advance registration is preferred.



"A Community Mental Health Funding Alliance"

Townships of: Aurora - Batavia - Big Rock - Blackberry - Kaneville - Sugar Grove - Virgil

INC Board, NFP staff works closely with local area schools, universities, service providers, agencies, hospitals, the health department, other local funders, and others to keep on top of available community mental health services and plan for their delivery to any resident in need. INC is also involved with state associations to keep abreast of broader issues. Through knowledge gained by working on these collaborations, committees, task forces, councils, and so on, staff determines where the system needs improvement and shares knowledge with the board of directors to design a Three-Year Plan with One-Year updates. The Plan provides an overview of the service delivery system, goals for improvement, and objectives to reach the goals.

Agencies funded by INC work to improve service delivery in accordance with INC's goals. Approximately 15 agencies are currently funded and provide services for over 10,000 residents each year. Big Rock Township has supported and been a member of INC or over 45 years. A full listing of INC-funded mental health providers is posted on the township website at [bigrocktownship.com](http://bigrocktownship.com)

*Have a Happy Fourth of July!*





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# Did Someone Say **CARSHOW?!**

Mark your calendar! In just a few days, “the best car show in Big Rock” will be here. It will be on Sunday, June 6th, 8am-4pm at Plowman’s Park. Great food & fun, rain or shine. The Big Rock Historical Society is the sponsor of this event. You don’t need to have a perfect car, truck, tractor, or motorcycle to enter it in the show. All vehicles must be 25 years or older and can be unrestored or restored. If you want more information, see our website [www.bigrockcarshow.org](http://www.bigrockcarshow.org). Hope to see you there.

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## **BIG ROCK CAR SHOW at Plowman’s Park**

### **June 6, 2021 8:00 a.m - 4:00 p.m.**

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Big Rock Residents,

AAAAHHHHHHH.....sunshine and summertime. It is finally here!!! Family BBQ’s, swim parties, and bonfires. And, of course, Fourth of July! Celebrating our countries independence. Pretty soon, the store shelves and street vendors will be full of fireworks and sparklers to help make every summer event better. However, these items have a dangerous side. While we would prefer you to only enjoy professional firework displays throughout the area, we understand the excitement of that backyard party, so here are some safety tips:

#### **DO**

- Sparklers burn at up to 1800 degrees Faranheit(glass melts at 900 and aluminum at 1200)
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves
- ALWAYS supervise children with sparklers
- Follow instructions on any fireworks/sparklers you purchase
- Light at arms length
- Stay well back once lit

#### **NOW FOR THE DONT’S**

- **Don’t drink alcohol** and use fireworks/sparklers
- **NEVER** go near a firework that has been lit. Even if it did not go off, it can still explode
- **NEVER** put fireworks/sparklers in pocket or throw them
- **NEVER** let anyone under the age of five use them
- Finally, be respectful. Don’t use any fireworks after 10pm

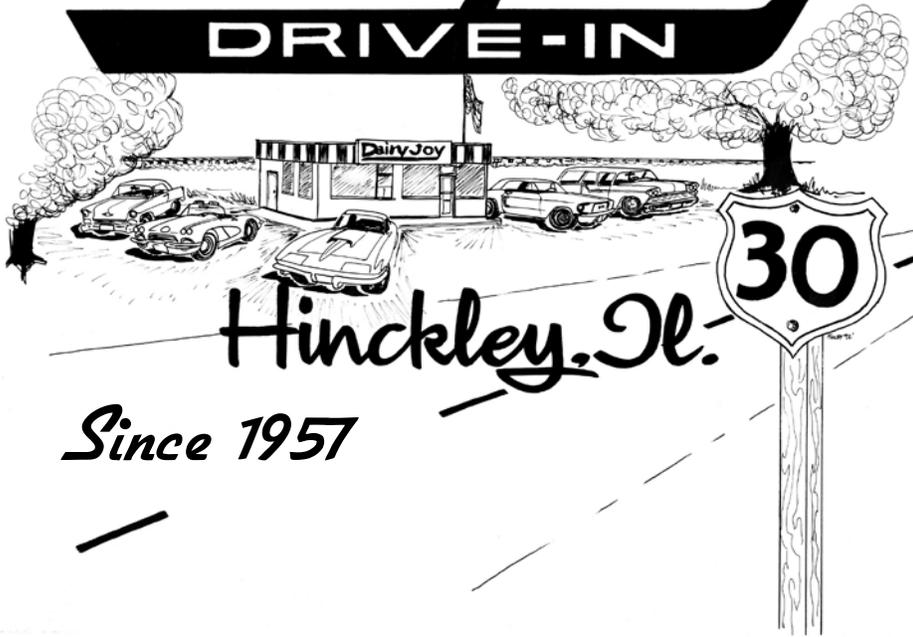
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