

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

AUGUST 2022

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

August 2022

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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 |
| 8 | Fire District Meeting | 7:00 @ Fire House |
| 9 | Village Board Meeting | 7:00 @ Community Park |
| 10 | TWP Board Meeting | 7:00 @ Town Hall |
| 23 | Village Board Meeting | 7:00 @ Community Park |

September 2022

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October 2022

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You are
INVITED
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Friday, September 23rd, 2022
7:00pm - 10:00pm

Includes apps, drinks, music, casino games and silent auction.
Limited amount of VIP Access Packages available.

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Sugar Grove



VOTING, IT DOES A COUNTRY GOOD

After our much later than usual primary in June, the General Election is coming up on November 8th. The usual details for checking registration, calendar and locations for early voting and requesting a mail ballot, which you can do starting August 10, are all online at kanevotes.org

Results from our primary were a decent turnout of 24.61% of the 1345 total registered in the two township precincts. That put us in the top 16% of precincts in the county, a bit lower than usual but we didn't have a referendum to pull more interest as some others did.

As always, the county is looking for people interested in being election judges or helping the voting process in other ways. It does take quite a number of people working together to make our elections run as smooth as they do. Come and join us!



BIG ROCK TOWNSHIP

From the Supervisor's Desk

2020 Census Data for Big Rock Township

The 2020 Census data for Big Rock Township was recently published by the US Department of Commerce. Our township population was 1,775, which was a 4.5% decrease from the 2010 census of 1,859. Big Rock's median age is 36.5, which is younger than average for Kane County and the State of Illinois. 27% of residents are under 18, while 16% are over age 65.

Big Rock is the 2nd smallest township in Kane County by population. There are 617 households with an average of 2.9 persons per household. The Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) of all property in the township is over \$83.6 million.

95% of Big Rock residents identified as white, and 5% as racially mixed. Median household income was \$97,734 which is 20% higher than the rest of Kane County, and 40% higher than the rest of the state. 97% of residents have a high school degree, and 26% of residents have a bachelor's degree or higher. 83 residents are veterans of the armed services.

The 2020 census data has a margin of error of +/- 10%. The full report is available at: <https://censusreporter.org/profiles/06000US1708905989-big-rock-township-kane-county-il/>.

New Cremation Gravesites Available

Almost 70% of all U.S. households now plan for a cremation burial rather than a full casket interment. Cremation burials are generally simpler and less costly, without the need to purchase caskets, burial vaults, expensive grave lots, etc. They also require less land for burial, so cemeteries can use their limited remaining grave sites to serve additional burials. Cremations also allow time for families who may be scattered across the country to gather at a later date for a memorial or remembrance service.

In response to this increased demand, the township has established and opened a "Cremation Garden" area at Welsh Cemetery. Approximately 80 cremation lots approximately 4' x 5' in size are now available near the cemetery entrance. They are 50% smaller than a full gravesite but each will accommodate 2 cremation burials.

Two full gravesites currently cost \$2000 (\$1000 each, minimum of 2) and this cost will increase at the end of the year. Cremation gravesites will cost \$750 for future interment of two cremains. Cremation gravesites can have a headstone monument of up to 24 X 36 inches, but all monuments must be set at ground-level only (no raised headstones). We expect this lower-cost option will be well received by township residents. Contact the township office for more information.

Welcome New Big Rock Fire District Trustees

The Big Rock Fire Protection District (BRFD) provides township residents with Fire Protection and Paramedic Ambulance services. The district has approximately 27 volunteer fire and paid-on-call paramedics staff members who respond to 30-50 calls each month. The BRFD is primarily funded by a property tax levy of approximately \$492,000 in 2022, along with fundraising and other fees and contracts.

The township board has the statutory authority and responsibility to appoint the BRFD trustees to staggered, 3-year terms. Trustees oversee all district activities, budgets, audits and tax levies, assures compliance with federal, state, and county laws and regulations, hires the Department Fire Chief, and many other activities. They represent the interests of township residents in carrying out these and many other duties, and volunteer significant time and effort to serve our community and assure the quality provision of services.

The township board recently approved the expansion of the BRFPD board from 3 to 5 trustees, and appointed Wray McKenzie and Cindy Dean as the newest Fire District trustees. This expansion will help "spread the workload" and allow trustees to better conduct their duties and oversight responsibilities. Wray and Cindy were sworn in at their June meeting, and they join current trustees Brian Phillips, Mike Greutman, and Rhett Byington on the BRFD board.

The BRFPD board meets on the 2nd Monday of every month at 5:30 p.m. at the Fire Station. All meeting notices and agendas are posted at least 48 hours prior to the meeting start time. The meetings are open to the public, and residents are encouraged to attend.

ROAD COMMISSIONER

Well, summer is going by way too fast and it's almost time for School to begin! In case you haven't noticed, we have tar and chipped Scott from Deer Ridge to Countyline, Nelson from Jericho to Bushnell, and two small pieces of gravel on Bushnell. As we wait for the strike in Gravel Pits to end, we will be Blacktopping Countyline from Route 30 north to the Bridge. As always, be safe and help keep us safe while working on Roads. Thanks,

Wade
Big Rock Township Road District
P) 630-556-4331
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It is the best way for me to get information out to you quickly!

The Big Rock Crier is published 6 times yearly by Big Rock Township, with financial support and sponsorship by the Village of Big Rock, Big Rock Park District, the Big Rock Fire Department and paid advertisements from local business to communicate local governmental activities to all township residents. Out of Township printed subscriptions can be arranged by contacting the Editor. PDF email delivery free to anyone that provides their email.

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
Wednesday at 7:00

Phone Numbers
Township and Assessor Offices
Phone: **630-556-4340**
Fax: **630-556-4350**

Road District **630-556-4331**
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bigrocktownshipassessor.com

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

STREET MAINTENANCE/SIDEWALK PROJECT(S)

The board is excited to announce its plans to continue resurfacing its remaining streets within the village limits this summer! This will include Sixth St., Madison St., Toronoto St., Oaken St., and the Tenerelli subdivision barring any unforeseen circumstances (plant closures, strikes, material shortages, etc..). The village will also be looking to do some general maintenance & crack filling to preserve the black top surfaces it has already replaced. Additionally the board has almost completed its renovations to sidewalks on both sides of Rhodes Rd. from where they commence on Sixth St. all the way to U.S. Rte. 30. Final landscape touch ups are underway along the sidewalks where needed. The nice weather appears to be cooperating so the village board is looking forward to getting some more things accomplished this season.

GOLF OUTING TRAFFIC UPDATE

It has been brought to the villages attention that we may see increased traffic throughout the community around the dates of September 16th-18th 2022. Rich Harvest Farms will be hosting a men's professional golf outing on these days and wanted to make the public aware. This event will be enjoyed by many folks from near and far and the village wanted our residents to be informed as well.

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.

GARBAGE SERVICES REMINDER

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 were 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.

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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- FROM THE TOWNSHIP -

2023 Property Taxes / Levy Information

As you may already know, property taxes in Illinois are the 2nd highest in the nation (thank you, New Jersey). By law, local property taxes are based on the assessed value of the property @33% of fair market value, and the total tax levied by county and local governments. Property Assessment X Sum of All Tax Levies = Your Property Tax Bill.

Illinois has a Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL) that limits the amount of property taxes that can be levied (billed) for most local governments and taxing districts. PTELL limits tax levy increases on existing property to the lesser of the consumer price index (CPI) or 5%, unless approved by voters in a referendum.

For the past 30 years, the national CPI has been below 5%, which capped all tax levy increases to the CPI. Due to the >7% inflation rate over the past year, property tax increases levied for 2022 (2023 tax bills) will be capped at the maximum 5% PTELL limit. Local governments can levy less but cannot increase their levy more than the maximum 5%.

A typical residence in Big Rock has a property tax bill that is levied as:

Hinckley-Big Rock District 429	70.7%	
Big Rock Fire District	7.7%	
Waubensee College District 51	5.9%	
Big Rock Twp Road and Bridge	5.5%	
Kane County	4.4%	
Big Rock Township	2.8%	
Kane County Forest Preserves	1.8%	
Big Rock Park District	1.2%	
Big Rock Village	0%	= Total: 100%

Other factors impact the level of Big Rock residential property taxes. These include the relative lack of business, commercial, and industrial properties in the township; the large amount of township land which is tax exempt or “open space” (golf courses, forest preserves, camps, parks, railroad property); and property taxed at lower tax rates (farmland, nurseries, conservation areas, wetlands, other agricultural uses).

Government tax levies for the upcoming year are set in the fall of the current year. Properties are fully reassessed every 4 years. There are several things you can do to help understand where your future property taxes go.

All local governments need tax revenue to deliver programs and services to serve residents. But taxpayers should pay attention to the annual tax levy proposed by your local governments. Read their meeting minutes and agendas, review their proposed annual budgets, attend their levy and budget hearings. Talk with your elected or appointed officials and ask appropriate questions during public meetings regarding their use of tax revenues and plans for future levy increases.

If you feel your property assessment is incorrect based on the published assessments of other local comparable properties, the township assessor can assist you in filing an assessment appeal with the Kane County Board of Review. You can check on the assessed value of any property in Big Rock at: bigrocktownshipassessor.com. All forms and procedures for an assessment appeal are available online at www.KaneCountyAssessments.org.

By law, all requests for a Big Rock property assessment review for tax year 2022 must be filed with the Kane County Supervisor of Assessments no later than August 20, 2022.

Big Rock Park District



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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.

MOVIE IN THE PARK - MEMORIAL TO PEANUT

Clifford The Big Red Dog will be shown at the Park District on Saturday, August 13 at 8:00 pm under the Pavilion. The movie is rated PG and lasts 96 minutes and stars Jack Whitehall, Darby Camp, Tony Hale, Sienna Guillory and David Alan among others. Please bring lawn chairs or there is seating on the picnic tables. Popcorn and bottled water will be provided. The movie was purchased by the Big Rock Library from memorial money received for Peanut, a Rotweiler that had passed away- he was a great pet and will be missed. Come and enjoy the Dog Park sometime with your pet.

TENNIS COURT GETTING A NEW LOOK

The Big Rock Park District will be resurfacing the tennis court and making 1 tennis court, 2 pickle ball courts and 2 half court basketball courts. This will allow multi use for this area and give the residents a great place to come and enjoy the park.

PRINCE AND PRINCESS CONTEST

The Prince & Princess Contest will be held at Plowman's Park during the Big Rock Plowing Match on Sunday, September 18, 2022 at 1:30 pm at the stage. The contest is open to boys and girls age 3 through 5 living in the surrounding area.

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. All entrants must be in the age group of 3 through 5 years old.
2. All entrants will be judged on poise, appearance and smiles. The judging will be done by non-area residents.
3. All entry forms must be received by September 9, 2022.
4. The winners of the contest will be asked to return in 2023 to help present awards.
5. Judging will begin at 1:30 pm on Sunday, September 18, 2022 at Plowman's Park during the Plowing Match in Big Rock. All entrants must check in at the stage by 1:00 pm.
6. Mail entry form to Cindy Nehring, P.O. Box 119, Big Rock, IL 60511 Attn: Prince and Princess Contest.

For more information call Cindy Nehring at 630-556-3238 or cell 630-742-4275.

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

Watch for more information on the Watermelon Eating Contest and Bingo to be held at the Plowing Match on Sunday, September 18, 2022.



Big Rock LIBRARY

NEWS OF NOTE FROM BIG ROCK LIBRARY

48W447 HINCKLEY RD.
BIG ROCK



The AgeGuide senior grant for tablets is in the final stage. If you are 60 or older and have had little technology experience but are interested in learning to use a tablet, here's your chance. In exchange for attending 3 one-hour sessions at Big Rock Library, you get to keep the tablet for 2 years. You can phone the library at 630-556-3604 and we will send you the very easy grant application. You do not need to be a library user but you need to live in Kane County to qualify.

Are you a crafty kid?

You're invited to Big Rock Library at 10:30 am on Saturday, Aug. 20 for a Take and Make craft session. Release your inner creativity with our art supplies. What's your vision and we'll help you make it come alive. Instructor Laura will help you create items which you can enter in to the Big Rock Plowing Match Jr. Fair.



Summer Reading...

...ended on July 30 and we'd like to do a shout out of appreciation for the sponsors whose contributions made it a success: Funway, Culver's, Brookfield Zoo, Cougars Baseball, Casey's in Plano, Wal-Mart, Classic Cinema, Paisano's, Sugar Grove Café, Big Rock Café, Kuiper's Orchard, and 3 library patrons' money donations. Please thank them for their generosity.





HBR CUSD #429 • UPDATES AND HIGHLIGHTS

Greetings HBR families and community members!

As of writing this in the middle of July, we are getting ready for the last of our three two-week long extended learning opportunities. These learning opportunities have helped provide our students with additional support to master the skills that they need to continue to thrive in their educational journey. I want to thank the dedication of the students, parents/guardians, and staff that have made this all possible. Because of our collective efforts, we are better poised for the 2022-2023 school year as we prepare to get #BackToBetter!

To say that we have had an event-filled couple of years planning and executing new and adjusted approaches to our educational approach would be an understatement. Part of our regular practice is to continually ask why we are doing what we are doing and what the resultant impact has been. Our district wide focus on getting #BackToBetter is to focus our professional learning and practice on our Tier 1 instructional practices with an emphasis on academic and social/emotional development. After reading that sentence, you may be asking yourself, "What are Tier 1 instructional practices?" Simplistically, they are the instructional practices that teachers use every day in their classroom to provide the learning experiences for all students. As we are in the planning stages for the 2022-2023 school year, we are excited to have an increased focus on our improving and enhancing our instructional practices than we have had in recent years. Instead of getting back to normal, as is a familiar catchphrase these days, our focus is on getting #BackToBetter in all facets of what we do.

I would be remiss if we didn't acknowledge and thank our staff members who have been busy at work getting our buildings ready for our first day of school on Monday August 15th. Through the tireless efforts of our custodial, maintenance, and transportation staff, our facilities have undergone the needed cleaning, repairs, and sprucing up of our facilities to ensure a productive learning environment is in order. The rest of our staff have been behind the scenes planning, receiving professional development, engaging in collaborative meetings, and organizing a mountain of paperwork to make sure the needed internal and external communication occurs. If you know someone in these roles, please express your thanks to them for their efforts.

I want to share a couple of things with you related to the beginning of the school year. First, if you have school aged children, or are just interested in what is going on as we start the 2022-2023 school year, I encourage you to check out three things:

1. Visit <https://www.hbr429.org/> and select the appropriate school to see our announcements and events.
2. If you don't have our Android or iOS Aptegey app for your phone, search for Hinckley-Big Rock CUSD #429 in the app store to download this important communication tool.
3. The 2022-2023, as well as the 2023-2024, school calendar can be found at <https://www.hbr429.org/page/school-calendar>.

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 Dr. Sonntag at 815-286-7576 or jsonntag@hbr429.org 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 30 minutes 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.

FREE
DEVELOPMENTAL
SCREENING



2022



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Extreme bucking action returns with the Big Rock Bronc & Saddle Bronc Match on Sunday, August 14 at 2 pm in Plowman's Park. Get your tickets at the gate beginning at noon. Tickets are \$17 (ages 6-Adult) and infants-age 5 are free. Details on our website and Facebook.

The 128th Big Rock Plowing Match & Festival will celebrate our agricultural heritage at Plowman's Park from September 16 through September 18. Head over to Davis Field for the plowing competition any time between 9 am-3 pm with plowing to begin at 9:30 am. Stroll under the oaks to enjoy the Craft and Art show and enter the Junior and Ladies Fair buildings to view the displays. Start planning now to enter your baked goods, photography, handicrafts and more. Premium Lists have the details.

What's happening?

- Carnival rides and midway games provided by Alpine Amusement Company will be available on Friday, September 16 from 5-9 pm and Saturday, September 17 from noon-4 pm. Plan on lots of fun both days. Spread the word and bring your friends. Watch our website and Facebook for wristband and ticket details.
- The Vegetable & Grain Show will return in 2023 in a new and different format.
- Sadly, the Cattle Show has been fading due to the dissolution of the Big Rock 4-H Cowhands and a general lack of interest in 4-H groups in the area. The Coordinators are working on what will be possible for 2023.

Be the first to know about 2023 – send us an email indicating your area of interest to receive information about the 2023 Plowing Match & Festival events.

The 2022 edition of Plowing Match Times is scheduled to be delivered to your mailbox by September 12 and will also be available on our website and at Plowman's Park. More on the website: event schedule, premium lists and registration forms, as well as previous issues of Plowing Match Times.

Save the dates

Bronc Match-August 14; Plowing Match & Festival-September 16-18

Get the latest news on our website and on Facebook.

Website: bigrockplowingmatch.com

Email: bigrockplowingmatch@gmail.com

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www.conleyoutreach.org



Summer is in full swing at Conley Outreach! The Clothing Exchange is rolling through summer and soon will be ready for back-to-school shoppers. Appointments are available the third Wednesday of each month, both day and evening times. We are continuing to meet our neighbors who may need assistance or even just help navigating local services regularly. Grieving with Hope grief group has been meeting monthly on the fourth Thursday of each month, accept holidays, at the Elburn Office. Registration is required but it only needs to be a call or e mail to get started. We recently held our Good Grief Day Camp this past June at the Mc Cannon Farms here in Big Rock. The children spent their time processing their loss through a series of engaging lessons, art, and drama activities.

Additionally, we would like to take a minute to thank our friends at Schollmeyer Landscaping, INC for their generous donation of mulch and labor for our Serenity Falls Waterscape. The Falls are located in Elburn and serve as the backdrop for loved ones visiting their memorial pavers. Their kindness has assisted in keeping the Serenity Fall location beautiful those that are grieving.

As fall approaches, we would like to mention that not only will we be adding a new grief program but also be gearing up for our annual Chili Cook Off at Kuiper's Family Farm in October. Keep your eyes and tastebuds on notice for more information about this wonderful event which benefits the Conley Outreach Grief fund that allows us to provide no and lost cost bereavement services.

For more information about the events and programs mentioned or to purchase a memorial paver at Serenity Falls please call our office at 630-365-2880 or to make an appointment for the clothes closet, e-mail my Clothes Closet Manager, Jenn at her e-mail address, jenncocks1@gmail.com. Also, keep track of events by liking us on Facebook. We look forward to connecting with you soon!



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TRY US. YOU WILL LIKE US!**



HINCKLEY AREA FOOD PANTRY
"NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS"

The Hinckley Area Food Pantry (HAFP) is searching for a new Community Liaison. This volunteer position is essential for the ongoing operation of the HAFP and its great way to "give back" to our community.

The Community Liaison serves as the first point of contact for communication from external organizations, clients, and community members. They also manage our online presence (web page, social media, etc.) and help us publicize special and ongoing HAFP events.

If you are interested in learning more about this position, please contact HAFP Board President, Todd Claxton via e-mail at t.claxton@mchsi.com. Please share this information with others who may be interested.

www.hinckleyareafoodpantry.org
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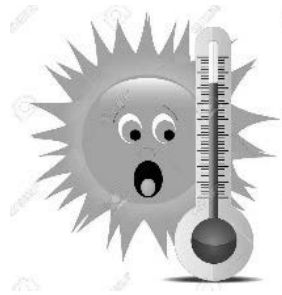
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Summer is in full bloom here in Big Rock, pools are open, backyard cook outs are on, and the temperature is rising. With rising temperatures, come increased risk of heat related illnesses and even death. This is especially true in your vehicle(s). Even on a 75° F day the temperature in side your care can reach 94° F in just 10 minutes!! This heat can be dangerous to anyone, but especially dangerous to children, elderly, and pets. On average, 39 children under the age of 15 die each year as a result of being left in a hot car. Did you know it is illegal, in the state of Illinois, and 19 other states, to leave a child unattended in a vehicle? Look at the chart below to see how quickly temperatures can reach over 100° F in just a short amount of time.

How quickly a car heats up

Minutes passed	Outside air temperature					
	70 °F	75 °F	80 °F	85 °F	90 °F	95 °F
10 min.	89 °F	94 °F	99 °F	104 °F	109 °F	114 °F
20 min.	99 °F	104 °F	109 °F	114 °F	119 °F	124 °F
30 min.	104 °F	109 °F	114 °F	119 °F	124 °F	129 °F
40 min.	108 °F	113 °F	118 °F	123 °F	128 °F	133 °F
50 min.	111 °F	116 °F	121 °F	126 °F	131 °F	136 °F
60 min.	113 °F	118 °F	123 °F	128 °F	133 °F	138 °F

Internal car temperature

Source: Jan Null, CCM (Certified Consulting Meteorologist); Department of Geosciences; San Francisco State University

INSIDER

Please be careful and don't leave anyone in a vehicle.

Did you know that the Big Rock Fire Protection District is made up of people that live right here in Big Rock? We are always looking for more, dedicated people that want to be part of something bigger and help their fellow community members. Stop by any time 8am-8pm to talk to on duty staff or on one of the first three Tuesdays each month from 6:30pm-9:30pm to check out our training and get involved.

Meeting notices and agendas are posted on the Fire Station door at least 48 hours.

Big Rock Fire Protection District

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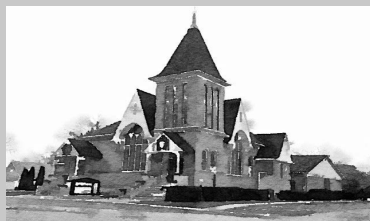
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INC Board, NFP has a new name! We are now INC Mental Health Alliance. Our board approved a name change for our organization enabling the community to better understand who we are and what we do. We have a new website and email

addresses as well. Please visit our new website at www.incmha.org. Staff can be reached at dalila@incmha.org, colleen@incmha.org, ann@incmha.org, and isabella@incmha.org.

September is National Suicide Prevention month. Nearly 800,000 people a year lose their lives to suicide according to the World Health Organization. However, suicide is preventable through appropriate treatment and education about the warning signs. Education about suicide prevention can include a crisis plan. A crisis plan, or safety plan, is a written list of resources and coping mechanisms for an individual to utilize when in crisis (<https://www.va.gov/health-care/health-needs-conditions/mental-health/suicide-prevention/>). An important component of a crisis plan is the inclusion of a suicide and crisis lifeline. The lifeline utilizes trained volunteers that are available 24 hours a day to talk with individuals in crisis. As of July 2022, the suicide and crisis lifeline has added a 3-digit number, 988, making it easier to access help in a crisis. Creating a crisis plan and / or suicide intervention with a loved one can be an enormous task, and local services that specialize in this area would be helpful. Suicide Prevention Services, an INC-funded agency, specializes in suicide prevention services, depression screening, and outreach / educational workshops. For more information, visit them at <https://www.spsamerica.org>. NAMI KDK, another INC-funded agency, provides education and support groups for individuals with a mental health condition and their loved ones that includes crisis planning and intervention. For more information, visit them at <https://www.namikdk.org>.

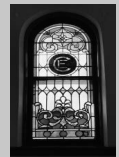
The next Big Rock 708 Mental Health Board meeting will be on Thursday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the Big Rock township office. Details for this public meeting can be found on our website at www.incboard.org.



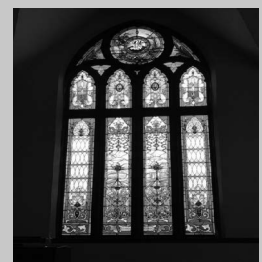
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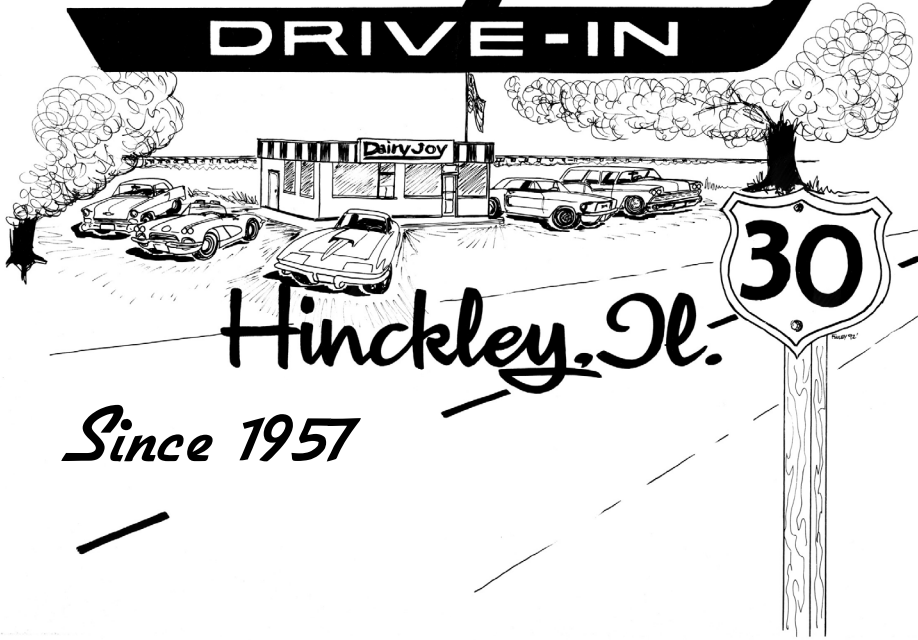
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