



BIG-ROCK PLOWING MATCH TIMES & FESTIVAL

WYLLIE McMICKEN

This is the story of a man whose team of mules, Gertrude and Genevieve, pulled his plow to cut through the earth on farmland in Wheatland Township, Will County. Born in Aurora, Wyllie helped his dad on the farm at Book Road and 111th in Plainfield, cultivating the land with mules and tractors over the years. At one point he worked over 2,000 acres in the surrounding area tending to corn and bean fields, as well as livestock.

At age 34 he competed with his team of mules, Gertrude and Genevieve, to take the Wheatland Champs trophy for Walking Plow at the Wheatland Plow Match Association in 1965 and again in 1966. In Kane County, Davis Field had just been established in 1961 as the home field for the Big Rock Plowing Match. Wyllie brought his trusty team of mules to the field in 1966 and came home with the first-place trophy in the Horse & Mule Class. He was mighty proud of those mules. In 1974 he purchased land in rural Argyle, Green County, Wisconsin, to raise cattle and feed crops. The gentle, rolling hills suited him and his family and they prospered farming the land.

In 2019, Wyllie was in Big Rock watching the tractor plowing at Davis Field. Sandra King Bullington (his first cousin Thomas King's daughter) was competing, as was his granddaughter Emily Harris. Wyllie was tickled pink to watch the gals plow with tractors and burst with pride when Sandra took first place in the Sweepstakes and Emily, giving it her best, finished. He was so proud of both of them. Members of the King family have been plowing for quite a while. The current generation includes sisters Sandra King Bullington and Sharon Harris, Sweepstakes winner in 2011. Their father Thomas King and his brothers David and James King plowed with tractors years before his girls took to the field to compete.

Step back in time and return to the way it was when horses and mules pulled the plows at the Big Rock Plowing Match. A horse plowing demonstration is scheduled for Saturday, September 21 at 1:30 pm at Davis Field. Wyllie's granddaughter, Emily Harris will be behind her team of Belgians, Barney and Junior, pulling her grandfather's plow. It has been 58 years since Wyllie took first-place in the Horse & Mule Class in 1966. His trophy will be at the afternoon demonstration. This will be a special moment when Wyllie's plow once again cuts through the earth in Davis Field.

Wyllie is best remembered as a man with a huge heart, happy personality, spirited sense of humor, who enjoyed telling jokes and being with and sharing life with people, especially his family. He was drawn to nature and his love went beyond farming to anything outdoors that kept him active. The Wyllie McMicken Memorial has dedicated funds for the replacement of the entry sign to Plowman's Park, promotion of plowing by horse or mule, kitchen upgrade and additional funds to be determined. The Association Board is extremely grateful to his daughter Margo and the McMicken family for this memorial gift.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

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| Registration & Entry Drop-Off for Junior Fair, Ladies Fair, Vegetable & Grain | 3 pm |
| Bicycle Parade (fire barn line-up at 4:15 pm) | 4:30 pm |
| Prairie State Railroad Club Train Rides | 5-9 pm |
| Carnival Rides | 5-9:30 pm |
| Music – Premier Entertainment DJ Darrin Lee | 6-9:30 pm |
| Rededication of the dugouts | 6:45 pm |
| Kane County Phantoms Baseball Game | 7:00 pm |

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

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| Western & English Horse Show | 8:30 am |
| Drawing for Lands | 9 am |
| Plowing | 9:30 am |
| Prairie State Railroad Club Train Rides | 10 am-5 pm |
| Petting Zoo | 10 am-5 pm |
| Children's Races (in cattle ring) | 10 am |
| 5 B's BBQ Pork Chop & Chicken Dinner | 11:30 am-1:30 pm |
| Carnival Rides | Noon-6 pm |
| Auction – Baked Goods, Vegetables & Paintings | 1-3 pm |
| Horse Plowing Demonstration | 1:30 pm |
| Pedal Tractor Pull (in cattle ring) | 2 pm |
| Plowing Trophy Presentation | 4 pm |
| Round Bale Roll-Off (in cattle ring) | 4:30 pm |
| Live Music: Wild Wrek | 6 pm |
| Olde Time Baseball Game under the Lights | 7 pm |



ESPECIALLY FOR KIDS

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| Carnival Rides | Prairie State Railroad rides |
| Children's Races | Prince & Princess Contest |
| Pedal Tractor Pull | Watermelon Eating Contest |
| Petting Zoo | |

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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| Tractor Trot 5K | 8 am Start |
| Drawing for Lands | 9 am |
| Plowing | 9:30 am |
| Church Service | 10 am |
| Prairie State Railroad Club Train Rides | 11 am-3 pm |
| Petting Zoo | 11 am-4 pm |
| Watermelon Eating Contest | 11 am-1 pm |
| 5 B's BBQ Turkey with Ham Dinner | 11 am-1 pm |
| Fox Valley Brass Quintet (pavilion) | 11:30 am-12:30 pm |
| Mud Volleyball | Noon Start |
| Carnival Rides | Noon-3 pm |
| Bags Tournament | 1 pm Start |
| Prince & Princess Contest | 1:30 pm |
| BINGO-Big Rock Park District (pavilion) | 2:30 pm |
| Plowing Trophy Presentation | 4 pm |

FREE PARKING • FREE ADMISSION

CARNIVAL RIDES

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| Friday | 5-9:30 pm |
| Saturday | Noon-6 pm |
| Sunday | Noon-3 pm |

CRAFT, ART & VENDOR SHOW

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| Saturday | 10 am-5 pm |
| Sunday | 11 am-4 pm |

CONCESSIONS

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| Friday | 5-10 pm |
| Saturday | 7:30 am-9 pm |
| Sunday | 8 am-5 pm |

BEER GARDEN

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| Friday | 5-10 pm |
| Saturday & Sunday | Noon-Close |

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Been quite a year at Plowman's Park. Enhancements at Kenny Field continued with an extended and recrowned infield completed by the Kane County Phantoms and the new dugouts are the gift of Ruh Farms. Park improvements start at the entry with a new sign and perennial flower bed and another bed around the flagpoles; the kitchen renewal, equipment replacement and electric upgrade; and an asphalt walkway to restroom building in partnership with the Lions Club. Mother nature dealt the park a blow with both storm damage and the need to remove 13 trees. We appreciate everyone's support with donations and in-kind contributions.

The plowing competition at Davis Field will include a step back in time with a horse plowing demonstration. New this year will be two nights of baseball under the lights: Friday with the Kane County Phantoms and Saturday with Olde Time Baseball and the DuPage County Plowboys; rededication of dugouts; and

the Fox Valley Brass Quintet playing during Sunday dinner. Schedule times have changed for Children's Races, Pedal Tractor Pull, Round Bale Roll-Off and Olde Time Baseball. There's also expanded hours for amusement rides. We recognize the Village of Big Rock as the Legacy Sponsor of the amusement rides and other donors who contributed.

Remember to return for the Pumpkin Train on Saturday, October 5 presented by the Prairie State Railroad Club with the Association. More on page 18.

So, let's celebrate the 130th Big Rock Plowing Match & Festival with family and friends. Looking forward to a fun, family-friendly weekend, September 20, 21 & 22.



Terry Sorensen

WINNERS OF THE 129TH PLOWING MATCH COMPETITION, 2023

SATURDAY, 9/15/2023

15 & Under Class

Corban Nier of Kiel, WI, 86 points

19 & Under Class

2nd – Levi Marquardt of Hinckley, 37 points

Farmers Open Class

1st – Asher Thomas, 85½ points

2nd – Heather Dollinger of Elburn, 83 points

3rd – Dana Nehring of Big Rock, 82 points

4th – Chuck Roberts of Rochelle, 81½ points

Prizewinner Class

1st – Mark Nier of Kiel, WI, 91 points

2nd – Trent Pierson of Elburn, 80½ points

3rd – Kurt Wurster of Aurora, 72 points

Expert Plowman Class

1st – Paul Evan of Big Rock, 79 points

2nd – Mike Winckler of Erie, 76 points

3rd – Sandra Bullington of Athens, AL, 75 points

4th – Rick Wolf of Erie, 71½ points

Novelty Class

1st – Steve Hecathorn

2nd – Kris Johnson of Cortland

3rd – Carson Underwood of Shabbona

SUNDAY, 9/16/2023

Plowing cancelled due to field conditions caused by rain.



HORSE PLOWING DEMONSTRATION

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 AT 1:30 PM
DAVIS FIELD**

Emily Harris with her team of Belgians, Barney & Junior, will explain and demonstrate plowing. Her grandfather, Wyllie McMicken, won the Horse & Mule Class in 1966 using this plow. Settle in and return to the way it was when horses and mules pulled the plows at the Big Rock Plowing Match.

SCORECARD OF THE BIG ROCK PLOWING MATCH

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

9:00 am Sharp

Drawing for Land

9:30 am

Plowing Starts

4:00 pm

Trophy Presentation

Total Possible Points: 100 Perfect Score

25 points: Low back furrows distinct (back to be slightly crowning and all trash covered)

25 points: Furrows of uniform depth and width, showing slight ridge and distinct from end to end

25 points: Line of furrow

15 points: Covering of trash

10 points: General neatness of the whole and appearance of ends

- ◆ All plowmen must plow 5 inches but not more than 7 inches deep.
- ◆ All plowmen must make 7 rounds.
- ◆ No assistance to any plowmen after the first round.
- ◆ All plowmen using 16-inch plows must plow not less than 14 inches.
- ◆ All plowmen using 14-inch plows must plow not less than 12 inches.
- ◆ All plowmen using 12-inch plows must plow not less than 10 inches.
- ◆ All plowmen must leave the field at designated finish time, unless granted more time by field committee for some reasonable cause.

All plowmen will be scored back:

- ◆ 4 points for each foot in width for not finishing the land by the specified finish time.
- ◆ 4 points for each inch less than the minimum depth of 5 inches.
- ◆ 4 points for each inch in excess of the maximum depth of 7 inches.

CLASSES ON SATURDAY

- ◆ Boys and Girls 15-and-Under Class
- ◆ Boys and Girls 19-and-Under Class
- ◆ Farmers Open Class
- ◆ Prizewinners Class: Plowmen who have taken two first places in the Farmers Class qualify to compete in this class.
- ◆ Expert Plowmen's Class: Plowmen who have won first place two successive years in the Prizewinners Class must compete in this class.
- ◆ Novelty Class: Judged on unit only, plowing does not enter in judging. Plowmen in this class are not required to make 7 complete rounds.

CLASSES ON SUNDAY

- ◆ Antique Rubber Class: Tractors made before 1939
- ◆ Antique Steel Class: Tractors made before 1939
- ◆ Novelty Class: Judged on unit only, plowing does not enter in judging. Plowmen in this class are not required to make 7 rounds.

SWEEPSTAKES

Given to the plowman with the highest score during the Plowing Match, except those entered in the Expert class.

39TH ANNUAL HORSE SHOW—SATURDAY

STARTS PROMPTLY AT 8:30 AM

This year's Horse show will introduce several different classes for performance, pleasure or fun, as well as the English and Western classes. New classes will include: Open Western Walk, Trot, Warmup, Pleasure; Open English Walk, Trot, Warmup, Pleasure; separate open classes for Pony and Horses age 19 and younger; as well as Open Senior Horse Halter for Horses age 20 and older.

The Open Calcutta Pleasure Class has been renamed in honor and in memory of Shelley Mroz who volunteered her time and expertise with the show and at the announcer's stand for over 30 years.

Riders of all ages are invited to compete for ribbons, cash awards and bragging rights. First place winners in each of the classes receives a \$10 cash award. High Point Awards are given in two age groups: age 15 and under and age 16 and over.

Ride-A-Buck is one of the five Just for Fun classes offered. How good are you at riding bareback? How good are you at keeping a

buck (dollar bill) underneath you while you ride bareback? Believe you can, then enter this class, follow the commands to walk, trot and canter and keep that buck underneath you. The last rider left with the buck wins all the bucks.

The horse arena is adjacent to Kenny Field, tucked into the southwest corner of Plowman's Park. The majestic oaks provide a canopy of shade to relax under as you watch the showmanship and horsemanship of riders. It all starts promptly at 8:30 am on Saturday, September 21 and offers a few hours or a full day of enjoyment.

Congratulations to our 2023 High Point Winners

- ◆ Age 16 and over: Megan Saar
- ◆ Age 16 and over Reserve: Emily Lesko
- ◆ Age 15 and under: Regan Strange
- ◆ Age 15 and under Reserve: Sam Halterman

Check out the 2024 show bill below.

Classes

1. Open Pony Halter (14.2" & under) English & Western
2. Open Horse Halter (Horse 19 yrs. & under)
3. Open Senior Horse Halter (Horse 20 yrs. & older)
4. Open Showmanship – English & Western

Tack Change

5. Open Western Walk, Trot, Warmup, Pleasure
6. Western Pleasure (15 and under)
7. Western Pleasure (16 and over)
8. Open Western Pleasure
9. Western Horsemanship (15 and under)
10. Western Horsemanship (16 and over)
11. Open Western Horsemanship
12. Beginners Only Walk, Trot
13. Lead Line

– LUNCH –

14. Open English Walk, Trot, Warmup Pleasure
15. English Pleasure (15 and under)
16. English Pleasure (16 and over)
17. Open English Pleasure
18. English Equitation (15 and under)
19. English Equitation (16 and over)
20. Open English Equitation
21. Shelley Mroz Open Calcutta (\$\$\$) Pleasure Class

Audience bids to own the horse & rider. All monies bid is pooled and distributed to winning "owners" based on placement of top three horses. First Place 50%, Second Place 35%, Third Place 15%. Riders receive ribbons.

22. Non-Blue Ribbon Winner Pleasure

Just for Fun

23. Open Command Class (100% Payback for 1st, 2nd, 3rd plus \$50)
24. Musical Cones
25. Egg & Spoon Race
26. Ride-A-Buck (bareback)
27. Bribe Your Horse

Classes

Classes: \$8 per event payable in cash or check at show

General Guidelines

- ◆ All contestants must wear proper attire except in classes: 12-13-23-24-25-26-27. The decision of the judge is final.
- ◆ Five-minute tack change allowed if notified to the announcers booth.
- ◆ NO ONE under the age of 18 may show a Stallion.
- ◆ The Show Committee has the right to combine, cancel or divide a class when necessary.
- ◆ The Show Committee has the right to refuse check or issue tabs. A \$50 charge on all returned checks.
- ◆ Entries are non-refundable.
- ◆ The Horse Show is not liable for theft, accident or injury to rider, equipment or horse.

The Show is designed to be educational, fun and may be financially rewarding.

- ◆ Cash awards to all first place and high point winners.
- ◆ All ribbon winners are eligible to win a \$100 cash prize Drawing at end of show. You must be present. No stand-ins please.

High Point Awards: age 15 and Under

4-6-8-9-11-15-17-18-20-21-22

High Point Awards: age 16 and Over

4-7-8-10-11-16-17-19-20-21-22

Judge: Karen Sander, Union

Directions: Eleven miles west of Aurora, via Route 30. Turn south onto Rhodes Road at the Gazebo. Cross the railroad tracks, immediately turn right onto Hinckley Road. Proceed west to Plowman's Park. Enter main gate and head west to trailer area between park fence and baseball field.

Ample trailer parking available.

Lunch break at approximately 12:30 pm

For more information, contact Donna at 630.802.4629 or at donnahieser@yahoo.com.

KENNY FIELD DUGOUTS, INFIELD AND THE KANE COUNTY PHANTOMS

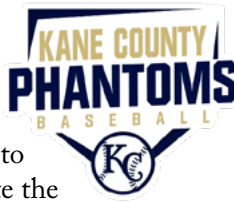
REDEDICATION OF THE DUGOUTS AT KENNY FIELD
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 6:45 PM

The Ruh boys played on Kenny Field as kids and their fond memories led them to take on the project of replacing the dugouts and enhancing the players' experience. Their vision was to create dugouts at grade level, to eliminate the issue of water accumulating on the floor. The concrete walls would be replaced with chain-link fencing for more light and air circulation. It would be larger with two-level benches for seating and the structure would be low maintenance with metal framing and roofing.

So, with that vision in place, they began last fall with the demolition of the original 1967 dugouts, site was then filled in and graded, followed by the concrete slab being poured, and then the chain-link fencing. Work resumed in April with the metal posts and beams set in place to frame the dugouts, followed by the roof decking, and then the metal roof and trim. Benches were installed and the Iowa hydrants put in place. Vision complete.

Steve and Charley Ruh, Ruh Farms, dedicate the dugouts to all the ball players: past, present and future and to their memories of playing on Kenny field.

So...who are the Kane County Phantoms? The Kane County Phantoms baseball program aims to develop and prepare high school freshmen-seniors to play at the next level now and in college baseball. They practice and play



on Kenny Field. The fall intra-squad World Series of seven games are held to provide an extra opportunity for players to grow their game skills. Find their schedule and more information at kanecountyphantoms.com

Over the past two years the Kane County Phantoms have invested their time, labor and money to improve the infield. In 2023 the team cut/dug, rolled and removed 15 feet of grass to extend the entire infield. This year the infield was further improved with baseball-grade sand/gravel and recrowned. The Association is pleased to partner with the team in maintaining the playing field. Let's fill the bleachers on Friday, September 20 at 7 pm after the Dugout Rededication.



OLDE TIME BASEBALL

SATURDAY

Big Rock Wildcats vs DuPage County Plowboys. First pitch, 7 pm.



Vintage baseball returns with the arbiter behind home plate setting the rules for the game, insisting that players adhere to gentlemanly behavior at all times. The rules and style of play date back to the pre-Civil War days of 1858. Nineteenth century baseball is a different but similar game sure to be exciting and fun to watch.

The DuPage County Plowboys play games all across the states, as well as locally in the Cantigny Red Oak Vintage Baseball Festival. Members of the community are invited to join the Big Rock Wildcats team. Contact Gene Nehring at 630.918.7831 if interested in being a player.

ESPECIALLY

BICYCLE PARADE

FRIDAY

**SPONSORED BY THE BIG ROCK FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT**

Kids' Night kicks off with the bicycle parade. Gather at the Big Rock Fire Protection District building/fire barn located at 47w863 Second Street. Arrive early to line-up at 4:15 pm so you are ready at 4:30 pm. when the BRFPD Emergency Vehicle hits its siren and leads the way to Plowman's Park.

Tell all your friends about the parade and challenge them to decorate their bicycles. Route is 8/10th of a mile. The parade will arrive at Plowman's Park just in time for the opening of the Prairie State Railroad Club train rides, amusement rides and all the evening activities.



PEDAL TRACTOR PULL

SATURDAY

Kids really like tractors and this event puts them on a pedal tractor for some afternoon fun. The competition challenges kids to pedal pull a weighted sled as far as they can to achieve the longest measured distance. As the pedal tractor pulls forward the sled is dragged, creating friction, the weight moves forward and the sled becomes harder to pull. There are six weight classes: under 30 pounds; 31-40 pounds; 41-50 lbs.; 51-60 lbs.; 61-70 lbs.; and 71-80 lbs.

Good to know tips from previous winners:

- ◆ Always look ahead
- ◆ The faster you get going, the farther you'll go
- ◆ Go as fast as you can
- ◆ When it starts getting hard, pedal harder

Take note of the new earlier time: registration will begin at 1:30 pm. Pay the \$1 entry fee and weigh-in to qualify. The competition begins at 2 pm. See you at the Cattle Ring.

The Big Rock Plowing Match Association, sponsors the first place awards in each class. Second and Third place awards are sponsored by the Big Rock Park District. All children receive a Participation Ribbon.

AMUSEMENT RIDES EXPANDED

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY

There's more time to have fun at the festival when the Alpine Amusement Company returns with expanded hours. Friday: 5-9:30 pm, Saturday: Noon-6 pm, Sunday: Noon-3 pm

That comes to 13.5 hours of carnival rides and midway games primarily for ages 5-14. We are grateful to the individual donors and The Village of Big Rock, a Legacy Sponsor of Amusement Rides, for funding assistance.

The popular 3-day weekend wristband returns. Unlimited carnival ride wristbands may be purchased ONLINE at bigrockplowingmatch.org beginning at 6 pm on Friday, September 6 and ending at 9 pm on Tuesday, September 17. Purchase daily unlimited ride wristbands online at \$25 for Friday OR Saturday; \$15 daily unlimited rides on Sunday; or \$45 for a 3-day weekend wristband. These prices are only for online wristband purchases.

Purchase DAILY unlimited ride wristbands ON-SITE at ticket booth for \$30 per day Friday or Saturday and \$20 on Sunday. Cash or check accepted, payable to Big Rock Plowing Match Association. Weekend wristbands are unavailable for purchase on-site. Individual ride tickets will be available onsite for \$4 each, cash only, at the ticket booth. ATM at Concessions building.

Enjoy the carnival rides for 13.5 hours during the weekend. Saturday hours are expanded to 6 pm. Spread the word about the amusement rides, plowing match and festival and encourage others to attend our unique and family-friendly weekend that is full of fun for everyone.



Y FOR KIDS

JUNIOR FAIR/SCHOOL EXHIBITS

Young people, ages 3 to 14, are invited to enter baked goods, handmade items and photos. There are over 90 classes, divided by age brackets, included on the Premium List. Browse the list for classes that interest you to have your handmade items on display for the weekend.

This year's Special Entry classes are:

- ♦ Art: Fall themed scene drawn in crayon, colored pencil, markers, etc. Your traced hand must be incorporated into the scene
- ♦ Craft: Create a scarecrow with a cylinder-shaped item
- ♦ Baking: Giant decorated cookie using the Special Entry Recipe

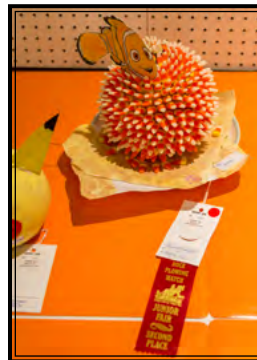
Details for the Special Entry classes, as well as all classes, are on the Junior Fair Premium List located on the Plowing Match website.

Baking entries placing first and second are sold at auction at 1 pm on Saturday afternoon. Consider bidding on some delicious treats to take home to enjoy! The cash awards for each class and the special awards for the person with the most entries and most blue ribbons across all classes is funded by our generous sponsors. We thank our sponsors for their ongoing support.

The School Exhibit features classroom artwork projects by Hinckley-Big Rock School students. Browse the exhibit on Saturday and/or Sunday.

Contact a Junior Fair Coordinator with questions, suggestions for a new class and to share your ideas:

- ♦ Donita Bartoszek
630.556.9000
- ♦ Sarah Magro
630.335.6205
- ♦ Mary Rogerson
630.330.0114



CHILDREN'S RACES

SATURDAY

Have you been practicing the three-legged race with your buddy? This unique race is one of many that are free for children, preschool through eighth grade. Bring your children out to try some old-fashioned games that require different strengths such as balancing an egg on a spoon, locating pennies in tall grass, and crab walking with speed.

The fun begins at a NEW time in the morning: 10 am in the Cattle Ring.

- ♦ Preschool: Run to Mom/Dad, Bunny Hop and Penny Race
- ♦ Kindergarten & 1st grade: Crab Walk, Balloon Walk and Penny Race

- ♦ 2nd & 3rd grade: Crab Walk, Balloon Race and Three-legged Race with ties provided
- ♦ 4th, 5th & 6th grade: Egg on a Spoon, Balloon Walk and Three-legged Races with ties provided
- ♦ 7th & 8th grade: Egg on a Spoon and Three-legged races with ties provided
- ♦ NEW this year will be an All-ages Egg Toss.

Prizes include ice cream tickets and cash.

Coordinators: Lynne Paver, Sandy Madden, Emily Herrman

BIG ROCK BULL BASH AND BRONC MATCH

Saturday night professional bull riding in Big Rock has become a tremendous success selling out every year. This year's Sunday afternoon bronc match included a short round bull riding feature. It was a beautiful weekend and everyone had a great time. We are most grateful for all the new and returning sponsors for underwriting both the bull and bronc events, to Matt Noble and Next Level Productions for producing the events, to the Big Rock Lions Club for their partnership, to all the volunteers assisting in a multitude of duties and to everyone for attending these fundraising events in support of the Big Rock Plowing Match Association. Event Director: Bob Raymond with Abby Needham, Assistant.

Bull Riding Sponsors

- ◆ **Main Event:** High Choice Feeders
- ◆ **Bullfighters:** Premier Crop Insurance
- ◆ **Clown:** The Lakone Company
- ◆ **90 Gates:** Vacationland
- ◆ **Chute-Gate:** Catom Trucking, Dairy Joy, Edward Jones Brian Michel, JD's Auto & Trailer Repair, LabelTek Inc., Lewis Veterinary Services
- ◆ **Cowboy-Gate:** J & D Door Sales, Nedrow Painting
- ◆ **Arena Banner:** Bar K Farms, Bickford Electric, Big Rock Park District, Big Rock Township, DeKane Equipment Corporation, Enck Concrete, Jack and Jina's BP, Koalafied Heating & Air, LLC, The Lakone Company, LDL Transfer, Inc., Naperville Construction Fence Rental, Needham Shop, Pessina Tree Service, Quad County Crane, RayVac Plastic Decorators, Resource Bank, Rooster Ag, Ruh Farms, Schollmeyer Landscaping, Inc., STA Enterprises, Inc., Trian Transport, 3-D Auto Repair, Village of Big Rock, Werhli Custom Fabrication, White Stone Events, Willrett Farms Trucking
- ◆ **Special Thanks:** Executive Affiliates, Bob & Sharon Schoger



Bronc & Saddle Bronc Sponsors

- ◆ **Chute-Gate:** Edward Jones Brian Michel, The Lakone Company, Lewis Veterinary Services, Trian Transport
- ◆ **Cowboy Gate:** Nedrow Painting, Schollmeyer Landscaping, Inc.
- ◆ **90 Gates:** Vacationland
- ◆ **Arena Banner:** Catom Trucking, J & D Door Sales, J & L Stables, Needam Shop, Ness Hay & Straw Sales, RayVac Plastic Decorators
- ◆ **Special Thanks:** Executive Affiliates, Bob & Sharon Schoger



SUDS AND SOUNDS ON SATURDAY NIGHT

Obscurity Brewing & Craft Mead of Elburn is coming to Big Rock to provide a wide variety of craft beers, seltzers and ciders in addition to domestic beers on tap. Photo ID is required for alcohol purchases.

Saturday night will feature Le Grande Band playing some of the greatest hits from the 60's-present. With drums, bass, guitar and vocal harmonies this cover band plays rock, pop, blues and more with a little bit of something for everyone. So, plan to gather round for some night music, brews and food from a menu created especially for the evening.



FOX VALLEY BRASS QUINTET



FOX VALLEY
BRASS
BAND



FOX VALLEY
MUSIC
CONSORTIUM
For the Love of Music

The Fox Valley Brass Quintet will be playing a medley of tunes for your dining pleasure on Sunday from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm at the pavilion. These five musicians have been performing together for several years. They are members of the Fox Valley Brass Band which is one of nine groups in the Fox Valley Music Consortium. This dinner performance is the gift of Patricia Austin, Austin's Violin Shop, Sugar Grove.

KITCHEN RENOVATION

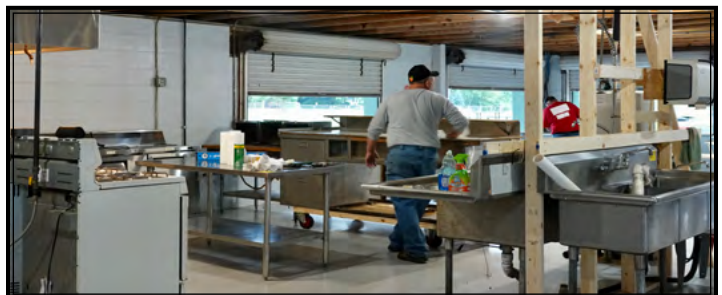
You have seen them for years in the concession building stocking the refrigerators and freezers, laboring over the grill, filling orders at the window and doing everything necessary to offer food and drink at Association events. Steve and Dean, Dean and Steve-either way this dynamic duo is responsible for spearheading the kitchen renovation and electrical upgrade.

For years they talked about "what-ifs" and in 2023 they put the plan in motion drafting a wish list. Dean researched online auctions for used restaurant kitchen equipment and scored big. They picked up a trailer full of stainless steel equipment and Steve stored it. Clearing the building of all equipment and disconnecting plumbing was necessary before the floor could be addressed. Cracks were filled, floor prepped, an epoxy coating put down and the walls painted. Next came the electrical upgrade with a new panel. Then they began putting everything back together, installing purchased equipment with the grill and exhaust fan/hood being at the center of the renovation.

With a few adjustments it was ready for the first big event, the car show in June. They continue to tweak after each event and Dean and Steve's smiles are a bit broader—their plan is working very well. The Association is extremely grateful for this dynamic duo and everyone who helped them along the way. A big thank you is also extended to all the donors who contributed to this project.

Kitchen Donors

Dean Hummell, LabelTek, Inc., Steve Ruh and American Lawmen Motorcycle Club, Fox Valley Chapter; Anonymous; Big Rock Historical Society; Cordogan Clark & Associates, Inc.; Dugan's Auto Service, Inc.; John & Nan Long; Wyllie McMicken Family; Wesley & Diane Morris; Open Range Grill; Paisano's Pizza & Grill; John & Mary Rogerson; South Moon BBQ; and Ralph Stegall



SATURDAY | 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

2 pork chops or half chicken or combo Plate
(1 chop & ¼ chicken) served with baked beans,
coleslaw, and applesauce—\$17

1 pork chop or ¼ chicken served with baked beans,
coleslaw, and applesauce—\$15

SUNDAY | 11 AM - 1 PM

Ham with turkey served with au gratin potatoes,
southern-style green beans with bacon bits,
applesauce, roll and butter—\$17

*The Association thanks Sheri Sorensen, Dinner
Coordinator, and all the volunteers assisting
with the dinner service.*



LADIES FAIR - 2024

Opportunity is yours. There are six sections with 118 classes to enter your baked goods, handmade and handcrafted items. All amateurs-men, women and children, are eligible to submit entries for display and judging, and remember - no entry fees. Premiums range from \$5 to \$30 with ribbons awarded and over \$2,000 in prize money provided by our generous sponsors and the Big Rock Plowing Match Association. The coveted Harley Davis Memorial Award and cash prizes are great incentives to make 2024 your year. So, read over the Premium List, decide what you will enter, pull your favorite recipes, gather your handicrafts and plan your strategy. By winning the most ribbons in all classes you may be the 46th recipient and be awarded a piece of Polish Pottery bakeware.

Barb Raymond's frosted Texas Sheet Cake is this year's Special Recipe. This is what the Raymond family asks her to bring to gatherings and it always gets eaten up. There are so many reasons this is a favorite: it has been a tried and true recipe for a very long time, it is easy to make, there's lots of it so it feeds more, and everyone loves dessert especially when it is Barb's Texas Sheet Cake. Each time she makes it, Barb secretly hopes there will be a few pieces left to take home and enjoy later-doesn't happen very often. Follow the recipe for your chance at first place (\$30), second place (\$20) or third place (\$10).

New and different in 2024

- ◆ Specialty Decorated Cake, sponsored by the Big Rock Park District, theme is pickleball. Winners earn \$20 for first place and \$15 for second.
- ◆ Special Handicrafts includes a decorated 4" flower pot and the model kit class features the 1953 Hudson Hornet.
- ◆ Several NEW classes are being introduced in various categories.
 - Breads: Corn Bread and Sourdough Bread
 - Muffins: Poppy Seed Muffin
 - Cookies: Cookie using a Sourdough Starter
 - Fruit, Jams & Jellies: Honey

Baked goods and candy entries earning a ribbon will be sold at auction. All none-winning baked goods and candy entries will be sold after auction. Details in Ladies Fair building.

Treasures from the Ladies Fair, a spiral-bound compilation of all the special recipes from both the Ladies and Junior Fair through 2019, will be available for \$15 at the Information Booth. Get them before they are sold out.

New talent, new sponsors or new buyers for our auction are always welcome. If you are interested in being a volunteer or have questions, contact any Committee member: Karen 630.556.3620; Megan 630.940.4553; Kate 630.927.2244; or Sarah 630.400.6596. Follow the Ladies Fair on Facebook: like both the Ladies Fair and the Plowing Match sites. Stay in touch with us via email at bigrockladiesfair@gmail.com



Donita Bartoszek-2023 award recipient

VEGETABLE & GRAIN SHOW

How does your garden grow? The Vegetable & Grain Show features 20 classes open to all ages with \$300 in prize money with entries awarded \$10 for first place and \$5 for second. New classes include: carved pumpkin, largest sunflower bloom, bundled lavender, bundled sage and gathered eggs. Entries earning a ribbon will be sold at auction. All none-winning entries will be sold after auction. Details in Ladies Fair building.

Entries are displayed inside the Ladies Fair building. Browse exhibits: Saturday 9 am-12:30 pm and 3:30-5 pm (building is closed during Baked Goods Auction from 12:30-3:30 pm) and Sunday after Church Service to 2:30 pm. Show is coordinated by the Ladies Fair Committee.



JUNIOR & LADIES FAIR

BAKED GOODS, VEGETABLES, AND PAINTINGS AUCTION

SATURDAY

Indulge in the sweet taste of homemade, prize-winning baked goods from the Junior and Ladies Fairs as well as prize-winning vegetables from the Vegetable & Grain Show.

- ◆ Over 50 different categories of baked goods will be auctioned to the highest bidder.
 - Indulge in the delicious taste of homemade cakes, cupcakes, quick breads, bars, pies, muffins, cookies and candies.
 - Each year the Junior Fair and Ladies Fair features a Special Recipe.
- ◆ NEW: Baskets with an assortment of vegetables will be included this year.
- ◆ BONUS: three original paintings by local artist Cynthia Ray will be featured.

The Preview List of the First & Second prize-winning baked goods to be included in the auction was a big hit with the bidders when introduced in 2023.

- ◆ Individual items will be auctioned in random order and may be bundled together, but you will know what will be available and the name of the baker before the bidding starts.
- ◆ Preview List will be available 12:30-1 pm when you register to bid at the stage.

Everyone is invited to bid and buy these amazing baked goods, vegetable baskets and paintings.

- ◆ Parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles – bid on your favorite young baker's entry.
- ◆ Supporters – bring home yummy baked goods to satisfy your sweet tooth.
- ◆ Businesses – buy homemade cakes, cookies and candy to treat your employees.

Bidding begins at 1 pm on Saturday on the stage; bring your checkbook. Register for your bidder number before the auction begins:

- ◆ Via email at bigrockplowingmatch@gmail.com
- ◆ At the bandstand before the auction, 12:30-1 pm

Baked goods, vegetable baskets, and paintings are presented; auctioneer begins the bidding and announces the winner.

The auction is a win-win, buyers go home with an array of sweet treats, vegetables and/or paintings plus a tax-deduction and the Association receives funds to support Plowing Match events, as well as grounds and building maintenance.



Paintings by Cynthia Ray to be sold at auction








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Have your family, school, church or community event at this beautiful park during the week, as well as on weekend dates, May-October. Amenities include an upgraded kitchen, pavilion table seating, open areas for activities under an oak canopy, accessible restrooms and ample parking.



To have your event under the oaks, submit your request via our website bigrockplowingmatch.org using the provided forms. Expect a response within 3 business days. This private park is owned and maintained, without any tax or public funds, by the Big Rock Plowing Match Association.

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2024 PRINCE AND PRINCESS CONTEST

Hear Ye, Hear Ye! All boys and girls three, four and five years old, living in Big Rock and the surrounding communities, are hereby summoned to take center stage on Sunday at 1:30 pm. Wear your finery and be ready to be judged on poise, appearance and smiles. Entrants should check in at the stage by 1 pm.

Entry forms are available on the Park District website www.bigrockparks.com and the Plowing Match website, www.bigrockplowingmatch.org. Contact Cindy Nehring at 630.742.4275.

The 2023 Court: Prince Sawyer Milling and Princess Saylor Telfer, Shealyn Stonebraker, Adalyn Green and Corey Crawford. Returning 2022 Princess Amira Schroeder assisted with crowning the 2023 Court.



WATERMELON EATING CONTEST

Setting records for eating watermelon can be very interesting: Sam Stilson from Canada ate a 15-pound watermelon in 23 minutes, 7 seconds and Dinesh Shivnath Upadhyaya from India ate 367.8 grams of watermelon in 30 seconds.

And in Big Rock the fastest time wins with the amount of watermelon to be eaten determined by the age group. Age 11 and under will eat a half slice, award \$10; ages 12-15 will eat one slice, award \$20; and ages 16-20 will eat two slices, award \$30. NEW in 2024 will be a group for adults, age 21 and older eating three slices, \$40 award. Sunday is the day. No entry fee. Minimum of two contestants per age group. Register at the stage beginning at 10:45 am. Contest begins at 11 am.

Winners in 2023 were: Jordan Lynch eating a half slice in one minute:15 seconds; Hadessah Schroeder's time for one slice was one minute:32 seconds; and it took four minutes:51 seconds for Joe Farrugia to consume two slices. Will the 2023 winners hold on to their bragging rights in 2024? Who will set the record for fastest time and earn cash? It could be you.



BINGO

Be at the pavilion at 2:30 pm to play BINGO. Everyone is invited. It is free and lots of fun with four individual games awarding \$25 in prize money and a grand prize of \$50 for filling an entire card. Here's to lots of joyous shouts of "BINGO!", cards that are lucky and daubers that never run dry.



PETTING ZOO

Sponsored by the Big Rock Park District and Big Rock Plowing Match Association

Under the red and white striped tent is where the farm animals will be on Saturday from 10 am-5 pm and Sunday from 11 am-4 pm. Experience the community petting zoo located near the Junior Fair /School Exhibit building. Farm animals will be available for visitors to enjoy hands-on interactions with goats, calves, chickens, rabbits, donkeys and more. This educational and fun exhibit will be presented by the Hinckley-Big Rock FFA Team with their sponsor Tracy Sandersen and the George Bauman Family.



ROUND BALE ROLL-OFF

SATURDAY

Round bales are featured in this old-fashioned competition of strength and skill where teams compete to roll the bale the fastest across the ring. Two people roll the bale and the third dares to stay on top as it rolls. If the person on top falls off, the bale must stop and that person must get back on top before they can start rolling the bale again. The team with the best time wins.

Who will stay on top without falling off? Which team will push the fastest? Will the team of John Davis, Matt Thompson and Joe Turk make it a three-peat in 2024? They have taken First Place in the 19+ Division in both 2022 and 2023. Will your team be the spoiler and take home the bragging rights in 2024?

Show up at the Cattle Ring at 4 pm to register for \$15 per team. NEW start time for the contest is 4:30 PM.

There are two divisions: ages 13-18 and ages 19 plus. No cleats or spikes allowed.

Cash prizes are awarded to winning teams in each division: \$150 for first place and \$75 for second place. Also awarded are great prizes from local businesses: Indian Oaks Golf Course, Classic Cinema of Sandwich, Funway of Batavia, Hill's Country Store, Jewel Foods, Napa Auto Parts, Sugar Grove Family Fun Center and others.

2023 WINNERS

Ages 13-18 Division-One Direction

- ◆ 1st-Sebastion Huelke, Anthanasius Karas, Cash Yorls, 32.5 seconds
- ◆ 2nd-Judd Bark, Travis Herrmann, Gavin Pickert, 33.8 seconds
- ◆ 3rd-Lily Bostic, Savannah Bostic, Bella Ray, 41.6 seconds
- ◆ 4th-Marshall Ledbetter, Colten Sargent, Caden Walsh, 47.2 seconds

Ages 19 + Older Division-Two Directions

- ◆ 1st-John Davis, Matt Thompson, Joe Turk, 41 seconds
- ◆ 2nd-Nick Bostic, Mike Groleau, Jesse Ray, 1 minute, 11 seconds
- ◆ 3rd-Dave Madden, Kody O'Donnell, Kolt O'Donnell, 1 minute. 13 seconds
- ◆ 4th-Tim Kallas, Tim Milling, Ryan Zimmerman, 1 minute, 25 seconds

Coordinators: Lynne Paver, Sandy Madden and Emily Herrmann

Thank you to all our sponsors and to the Byington Family for supplying the round bales.



BAGS TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY

Who will take home the bragging rights for 2024? We are looking for players who can score points by either landing a bag on the board or putting the bag through the hole. Register now.

- ◆ Open to adults, 21 and older
- ◆ Blind draw for partners at 1 pm
- ◆ Double elimination tourney
- ◆ Entry fee is \$25 per person
- ◆ Register ASAP for available spots
- ◆ Maximum number of players is 40
- ◆ Application form at www.bigrockplowingmatch.org
- ◆ Registration for spots, if available, will open before tournament.

Prize winnings

- ◆ 1st Place Team-\$500
- ◆ 2nd Place Team-\$250
- ◆ 3rd Place Team-125

Tournament co-sponsors: Dairy Joy and Pessina Tree Service.

Contact Steve Ruh at 630-461-9879 or steve@ruhfarms.com with questions.



MUD VOLLEYBALL

SUNDAY

Join us for some mud-slinging on Sunday. Mud volleyball? Here's how it works! Four volleyball courts are created at Plowman's Park. Instead of grass or sand as the court, the floor is inches of our finest Kane County mud!

Registration details and forms on the Mud Volleyball page bigrockplowingmatch.org. Games start at Noon. Volleyball courts are adjacent to Kenny Field. Find a cozy spot under the oaks and settle in for an afternoon of mud-filled adventures.



TRACTOR TROT 5K

SUNDAY 8 AM START

Come join us for the Tractor Trot 5K that offers scenic views of farmland and countryside. Run or walk through rural Big Rock with your family, friends, or neighbors. This 5K offers winding paved roads and prizes will be awarded. We hope to see you there!

It all begins at the entrance to Plowman's Park. Arrive by 7:45 am. Same day sign-ups are welcome! Just arrive earlier, as the run begins at 8 am. Registration fee is \$30. Online registration at www.bigrockplowingmatch.org

Event Sponsors: Big Rock Lions Club; Herrmann & Sons; Hintzsche Family-Big Rock; JB Industries; The Lakone Company; Steve & Sherry Michael; and Suburban Lawn. Thank you to Big Rock Fire Protection District for support services.

Event Coordinators: Jacqueline Madden Michael and Tim Smith



CRAFT, ART & VENDOR SHOW

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Kick-off the weekend Friday night when you can enjoy ice cream and sweets at Hill's Country Store, have shimmering strands of tinsel added to your hair by Wrangled Roots, discover the giant LED balloons of Berkowski & Co., and get your Plowing Match official gear and merchandise at Chickabitty Designs, our authorized vendor. On Saturday and Sunday stroll through the park to discover over three-dozen new and returning vendors.

Artisans, crafters and vendors will present their hand-crafted wares: home & table décor, jewelry & accessories, doll clothes, fabric crafts including blankets & quilts, fall & holiday items, tumblers, pens, kitchenware, sauces, herb blends and wood creations. Non-profit groups and local businesses DeKane Equipment, Vacationland, Ever Had 23, Tupperware, Tastefully Simple will welcome your support. Here's some tempting sweet choices: caramel apples, cotton candy, ice cream, caramel corn, popcorn, pretzels and more. Quench your thirst with lemonade, Italian ice, slushies, coffee and more.

Show times are Saturday 10 am-5 pm and Sunday 11 am-4 pm. We welcome new art, craft, vendor or businesses. Find more information and an application at www.bigrockplowingmatch.org



PUMPKIN TRAIN RETURNS

OCTOBER



We are BACK with even more fantastic family-friendly fall fun on Saturday, October 5 from Noon-7 pm. The Prairie State Railroad Club, in partnership with the Big Rock Plowing Match Association, will offer train rides from noon-7 pm. In addition to the seasonal displays along the train route there will



be food trucks (Got Calzones, Tinez Tacos, Bumble Bites Freeze Dried Delights), the Ladies Fair Committee will provide a Hot Cocoa Bar, fresh popcorn sponsored by the Kobernus Family, photo op backdrops, and more. Clifford the Big Red Dog will visit, sponsored by Scholastic Book Fair. Children under age 10 will receive a free pumpkin as long as supplies last. Our thanks to Honey Hill Orchard, Waterman; Genoa Smiles, Genoa; and Jonamac Orchard, Malta for the pumpkins. This free event is open to all.

Sign up NOW for the Skeleton Crew where you can decorate an area adjacent to the track for riders to enjoy. Details at prairiestaterr.com. Remember to register by September 30. To sign up for the Skeleton Crew, contact Adam at 331.575.2878 or Katrina at 331.442.3143 or send an email to psrrpumpkintrain@gmail.com.



PRAIRIE STATE RAILROAD CLUB

All Aboard! Plowman's Station is where you board the trains pulled by large-scale model steam, diesel and electric locomotives. The mile-long ride takes you along-side the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railroad line, through the woods, over a trestle and loops back to the station. Everyone is invited to ride the trains on Friday from 5 to 9 pm, Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday from 11 am to 3pm.



The Club provided train rides at the Big Rock Car Show and several private events at Plowman's Park, as well as at the Sycamore Steam Show. Over 5-days in July, Club members completed a bridge replacement project, building abutments, re-grading track, and addressing and improving a water drainage issue. The Anderman Bridge is now open. Club members tend to track cleanup and maintenance of approximately 5 acres in the northwest area of the park.

Our mission, as a 501c3 not-for-profit corporation, is to educate the general public about safe conduct around railroad facilities and crossings, including distribution of Operation Lifesaver materials at Club sponsored events. For information about the club visit the website at www.prairiestaterr.com



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Donations may be sent to: Big Rock Plowing Match Association, P.O. Box 261, Big Rock, IL 60511.

All donations are greatly appreciated and will lead to the continued success and work of the Association.

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The Plowing Match Association Board expresses their sincere gratitude to all the individuals, businesses and companies that have provided expertise and services in support of the Big Rock Plowing Match & Festival and Plowman's Park.

- ♦ Aurora Area Convention & Visitors Bureau for promotion of the Plowing Match & Festival.
- ♦ Bickford Electric for their generous in-kind assistance with our electrical needs.
- ♦ Big Rock Historical Society for use of Davis Field for plowing, allowing parking on their property and providing rides between the plowing competition and Plowman's Park.
- ♦ Big Rock Lions Club for the asphalt walkway to the restroom building and renovation.
- ♦ Big Rock Park District for maintaining our baseball field-Kenny Field and sponsoring the Olde Time Baseball game, Bingo, Watermelon Eating Contest, the Prince & Princess Contest, co-sponsoring the Tractor Pedal Pull and Petting Zoo, and providing the dashboard plaques for the plowmen in the plowing competition.
- ♦ Dairy Queen Drive-In for assistance with concessions supplies.
- ♦ DeKane Equipment Corporation for continued support.
- ♦ From My Garden to Yours for the gift of perennials, designing, planting and maintaining the new garden beds at the entry sign and around the flagpoles.
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- ♦ Hinckley Big Rock Middle School 8th grade students for cleanup help on the Monday after Plowing Match weekend.
- ♦ Greg Klotz for harvesting and preparing Davis Field for the plowing competition.
- ♦ LabelTek Inc. for printing and underwriting the cost of the 2024 Bull Riding and Bronc Match tickets and posters, Plowing Match posters and *Plowing Match Times*.
- ♦ Mike Long for allowing parking on his property.

- ♦ Plowing Judges for their time and expertise in assessing furrows and awarding points.
- ♦ Charles Shonts for tree identification, tree tagging and tree assessment at Plowman's Park.

The Plowing Match Board appreciates everyone's assistance in keeping these private grounds beautiful. We are very proud to be part of the Big Rock community.



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The twenty-ninth annual Plowing Match of the Big Rock Plowing Association was held on Saturday, September 27, 1924 on the farm of Harry S. Long 3 miles west of Big Rock. Due to rain about 3 o'clock in the afternoon the day was cut short. All plowing and most of the programs of the day had been completed before the crowd was dispersed. (Crowd was up to standard). Baseball game was called a game at five innings with Plano the winners against Hinckley.

Miner Bros. of Kaneville won the Horseshoe Pitching contest with Will Lewis and Paul Davis, Big Rock, second. Dr. Edward Babcock of Aurora held a good crowd while addressing them on the subject of "Americanism". Womens department had a good day as the bad weather did not interfere. Music was furnished by the Hinckley Band.

Sept. 27, 1924, H. S. Long Farm

The Plowing Match Association made a motion that the President have power to fill vacancies of committeemen. Assignments: Horse Plowing-Maurice Jones; Farm Tractor-V. B. Thomas; Dealer Tractors-Conrad Lind; Grounds-C. E. Harbour; Stand-Leroy Wildin; Baseball-Stanley Morris; Grain-D. M. Reed; Horseshoe Pitching-John F. Evans; and Police-Mussel Parish.

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Results of the Plowing

Boys under 17 years

Lawrence Miller, Big Rock, 80%
Russell Boyer, Big Rock, 78%

Gang Plows

Morton Morris, Big Rock, 89%

Sulky Plows

Montague Jones, Big Rock, 91%
Roy Lewis, Big Rock, 88%
W. P. Foster, Geneva, 84%

Walking Plows

Ernest T. Voss, Big Rock, 80%
Clare Bartan, Big Rock, 59%

Prize Winners

Edwin Reese, Big Rock, 92%
Tim Jones, Big Rock, 88%

Judges for all above classes: M. W. Kyzer,
Geo. W. Thomas, Wm. Edwards

Farm Tractor Class

Geo. Susenmichl, Wheatland, 97%
Walter Erickson, Wheatland, 96¾%
Lester Allere, Big Rock, 96½%
Harry Schmidt, Sugar Grove, 96¼%
Archie Williams, Big Rock, 93¾%
Roy Cook, Sugar Grove, 92½%
Fred DeGroff, Big Rock, 84%
Everett Davis, Big Rock, 83½

Judges: C. E. Brackett, Jack Mier, I. R. Grumley

Manufacturers & Dealers Tractors

Charles Hagerman, Wheatland, 88½
Glynn Wright, Yorkville, 87½
George Schoger, Aurora, 85
Judges: Otis Whildin, H. B. Kouth,
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Grain and Vegetable Show

Yellow Corn

1st – F. Bastian, \$2
2nd – C. Florence, \$1

White Corn

1st – J. Cooker, \$2
2nd – E. Claude, \$1

Flecked Colored Corn

1st – F. L. Barton, \$2
2nd – Ralph Dugan, \$1

Wheat

1st – Stanley Snow, \$2
2nd – W. B. Raymond, \$1

Barley

1st – W. H. Thomas, \$2
2nd – Stanley Snow, \$1

Rye

1st – W. W. Williams, \$2
2nd – O. F. Whildin, \$1

White Oats

1st – E. C. Kinney, \$2
2nd – W. W. Williams, \$1

Early Potatoes

1st – W. H. Thomas, \$2
2nd – Evan D. James, \$

Late Potatoes

1st – Clayton Jeter, \$2
2nd – H. Williams, \$1

Largest number points in Grain Show

W. H. Thomas, 4 pts., \$5

Exhibit of Fruit & Vegetables

Mrs. W. J. Meyer, \$5
W. H. Thomas, \$3

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