



**132<sup>nd</sup> Big Rock Plowing Match Festival**  
**September 18th, 19th, & 20th, 2026**  
**Exhibitors Fair Premium List - Open To All Amateurs**

**ENTRIES**

- Entries will be accepted only between the hours of 3 PM and 6:30 PM on Friday, September 18th, 2026.
- All items entered must be the work of the exhibitor. Entries are limited to one per person in each class.
- Any entry In Handicrafts, Embroidery & Sewing, Crocheting & Hand Knitting and Quilts that has won a ribbon at the Exhibitor's Fair (Formally known Ladies Fair) may not be entered again. Non-winning items entered prior to 2022 are eligible.
- Judges may not enter any class they judge.
- Entry form is available to print from the website (bigrockplowingmatch.org). Each exhibitor is asked to fill out this form. Place an X in the box for each item you are entering.
- Each article/item **MUST** have an entry label (1"x 2") with class name and number per example.
- Do not put your name on the entry label.
- Labels are available to print from the website.
- Print on paper to cut and then tape or pin to item OR print on adhesive labels (Avery #5160).
- Please bring address/computer labels - one per item - to be used on entry tags.
- Entries are to be picked up between the hours of 3 PM and 4:30 PM on Sunday, September 20th, 2026.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS & JUDGING CRITERIA**

- Quality of workmanship, as well as beauty of the entry will be considered. Baked items will be judged on appearance, texture, taste, moisture and presentation. All ingredients must be edible on the baked items.
- Please bring 13 (Bakers dozen) of all cookies, cupcakes, muffins, brownies, bars and candies.
- All food entries must be on a sturdy plate or container. Entries must be packaged in a large zip top bag or container with a domed top. Sorry, no twist ties or plastic wrap. Entries deemed unsafe (mold, bugs, etc.) will be disposed of. Please no cream cheese or whipped cream toppings, exception special recipe.
- Not all entries will be awarded a ribbon. Judges' decisions are final.
- Prize money will be awarded after Saturday's auction in the Office (S.E. corner of lunch stand) at approximately 3:30 PM.
- Prize money not picked up by 4 PM on Sunday will be considered a donation and will not be forwarded by mail.
- Unless otherwise listed, **1st prize winning entries will receive \$10 and 2nd prize winning entries will receive \$5.**

**All winning entries in baking, cookies & candy, and vegetable and grain will be sold in the auction on saturday. All non winning entries in these classes will be sold as bake sale items in the Exhibitors Fair building following the auction.**

**Special Awards**

In the event of a tie, judges will determine the recipient of the special award

**Harley Davis Memorial**

A Polish Pottery Piece to the person winning the most ribbons in all classes. All ribbons count equally. This award may be presented a maximum of one time in any five consecutive years to the same individual.

**Big Rock Lions Club**

\$25 to the man winning the most blue ribbons (minimum 5) across all classes.

**Needham Shop - Kaneville**

\$25 to the person winning the most blue ribbons in Cakes-all types

**The LaKone Co.**

\$25 to the person winning the most blue ribbons in Breads, Bars, Pies & Muffins

**Healy Chapel**

\$25 to the person winning the most blue ribbons in Cookies & Candy

**Gladys Butcher Memorial**

\$25 to the person winning the most blue ribbons in Canned Goods

**Harry Schoger & Sons, Inc. - Big Rock**

\$25 to the person winning the most blue ribbons in Flowers

**Dairy Joy - Hinckley**

\$25 to the person winning the most blue ribbons in Handicrafts & Art

**Executive Affiliates, Inc. - Big Rock**

\$25 to the person winning the most blue ribbons in Embroidery & Sewing.

**Executive Affiliates, Inc. - Big Rock**

\$25 to the person winning the most blue ribbons in Crocheting/Hand Knitting/Quilts

**Big Rock Park District**

\$25 to the person winning the most blue ribbons in Photography

**Big Rock Plowing Match Assoc.**

\$25 to the person winning the most blue ribbons in Vegetable & Grain

## **Baked Goods**

### **Premium Baked Goods**

- Made from scratch only – no box mixes.
- Minimum 8” pan. May be layer.

#### **Class**

- 1 Angel Food- Unfrosted
- 2 Pineapple Upside Down
- 3 Favorite Recipe - Include recipe on 3x5 card
- 4 Chocolate Zucchini
- 5 Chocolate Cake, Chocolate Frosting
- 6 White Cake, Vanilla Frosting
- 7 German Chocolate Cake, Coconut Pecan Frosting
- 8 Apple Cake- Minimum 9”x 13”
- 9 **Special Recipe - Must Use This Recipe**

1<sup>st</sup> \$30      2<sup>nd</sup> \$20      3<sup>rd</sup> \$10

#### **Lynne Paver's Carrot Cake**

- 2 C. Flour
- 1 Tsp Baking Soda
- 2 Tsp Cinnamon
- 1 Tsp Salt
- 2 C. Shredded Carrots
- 1 C. Drained Pineapple
- 1 C. Coconut
- 1 C. Chopped Pecans
- 1 Tsp Vanilla
- 2 C. Sugar
- 1 ½ C. Oil
- 3 Eggs

#### **Frosting:**

- 4 oz Cream Cheese
- 1 C. Powdered Sugar
- ½ Tsp Vanilla
- 4 Tbsp. Butter

Combine sugar, oil, and eggs. Mix and add sifted flour, baking soda, cinnamon, and salt. Add carrots, pineapple, coconut, pecans and vanilla. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour in a greased pan.

**Frosting:** Combine the cream cheese, powdered sugar, vanilla and butter.

### **Specialty Cakes & Cupcakes**

#### **Class**

- 10 Dump Cake, Unfrosted - Minimum 9”x 13”
- 11 Bundt Cake- Open Class
- 12 Cupcakes- Open Class
- 13 Streusel Coffee Cake – 8 “x 8”

### **Breads**

- Made from scratch only. No mini loaves.

#### **Class**

- 14 Banana Nut Bread
- 15 Cranberry Bread
- 16 Pumpkin Bread
- 17 Zucchini Bread
- 18 Sour Dough
- 19 Corn Bread - 8”x 8”
- 20 Yeast Bread

### **Bars**

- Made from scratch only. Approximately 2” square.

#### **Class**

- 21 Brownies, Frosted, No Nuts
- 22 Butterscotch Bars
- 23 Lemon Bars
- 24 Toffee Bars
- 25 Brookie Bars
- 26 7 Layer Bars

### **Pies**

- Minimum 9” Round

#### **Class**

- 27 Dutch Apple Pie - Crumble Top
- 28 Apple Pie - Two Crust Pie
- 29 Pecan Pie
- 30 Cherry Pie
- 31 Favorite Pie Recipe- Include recipe on 3x5 card
- 32 Pumpkin Pie

### **Muffins**

- Full Size Muffins

#### **Class**

- 33 Apple Cinnamon Muffin
- 34 Poppy Seed Muffin
- 35 Blueberry Muffin
- 36 Cranberry Muffin
- 37 Double Chocolate Muffin
- 38 Favorite Muffin Recipe- Include recipe on a 3x5 card

## **Cookies & Candy**

### **Cookies**

#### **Class**

- 39 Oatmeal
- 40 Chocolate Chip
- 41 Snickerdoodle
- 42 Peanut Butter
- 43 Shortbread Cookie
- 44 Favorite Christmas Cookie-Include recipe on 3x5 card
- 45 Sugar Cookie

## **Candy**

### **Class**

- 46 Chocolate Fudge - No Nuts- 1" Square
- 47 Peanut Butter Fudge- 1" Square
- 48 Caramels- 1" Square
- 49 Peanut Brittle-2" Square
- 50 Caramel Corn- Quart Size Zip Top Bag (Full)
- 51 Favorite Fudge Recipe- Include recipe on 3x5 card

## **Canned Goods**

### **Fruit, Jams & Jellies**

- Half-pint up to quart only, sealed with ring (honey can be unsealed)

### **Class**

- 52 Peaches
- 53 Applesauce
- 54 Strawberry Jam
- 55 Peach Jam
- 56 Raspberry Jam
- 57 Apple Butter
- 58 Honey
- 59 Grape Jelly
- 60 Pepper Jelly
- 61 Apple Pie Filling

### **Vegetables**

- Half-pint up to quart only, sealed with ring

### **Class**

- 62 Dill Pickles
- 63 Bread & Butter Pickles
- 64 Pickle Relish
- 65 Tomatoes
- 66 Jalapenos
- 67 Green Beans

### **Miscellaneous**

- Half-pint up to quart only, sealed with ring
- Custom seasoning blend, seasoned salt and jerky to be packaged in an airtight container or zip top bag

- 68 Salsa
- 69 Tomato Sauce
- 70 Pasta Sauce
- 71 Hot Sauce
- 72 Berry Sauce (Think ice cream topping)
- 73 BBQ Sauce
- 74 Custom Seasoning Blend
- 75 Seasoned Salt
- 76 Jerky

## **Flowers**

- Fresh or dried flowers must be used.

### **Class**

- 77 Arrangement In Pumpkin
- 78 Tiny Flower Nation (Under 5")
- 79 Succulent
- 80 One Cup At A Time
- 81 Mason Jar Delight

- 82 Perfect for Fall

- 83 Terrarium

- 84 Framed Pressed Flowers- Maximum 8x10 frame

## **Handiwork**

### **Art**

- Framed- Maximum 11"x14"

### **Class**

- 85 Pencil Drawing
- 86 Acrylic Painting
- 87 Watercolor Painting
- 88 Digital Art- Printed

### **Handicrafts**

- Maximum Size - 22"x 22"

- 89 Christmas Ornament
- 90 Handmade Clay Piece (Not Wheel Thrown)
- 91 Felted Wool Item
- 92 Recycled Art
- 93 Handmade Wood Piece
- 94 Special Handicraft: Diamond Art- 1<sup>st</sup> \$15 2<sup>nd</sup> \$10

### **Embroidery**

### **Class**

- 95 Cross Stitch - Wall Hanging
- 96 Cross Stitched Item
- 97 Embroidered Item

### **Crocheting/Handknitting**

- No Machine Knitting

### **Class**

- 98 Childs Item
- 99 Adult Item
- 100 Afghan
- 101 Holiday Item

### **Quilts**

- Quilt tops must be completely pieced by the exhibitor.

### **Class**

- 102 Quilted Wall Hanging, Maximum 24"x 36"
- 103 Child's Themed Quilt
- 104 Holiday Themed Quilt
- 105 Quilt (Open Class)

### **Sewing**

### **Class**

- 106 Table Runner
- 107 Decorative Pillow
- 108 Child's Garment, No Costumes
- 109 Stuffed Toy
- 110 Purse
- 111 Holiday Item

## **Photography**

- All photos must be in a frame with easel back. The frame is to be 5"x 7"
- All photos are specific to the theme, if listed

### **Class**

- 112 Plowing Match
- 113 Infant/Toddler
- 114 Landscape - Park
- 115 Weather
- 116 Floral - Hydrangea
- 117 Water - Creek
- 118 Animal - Deer
- 119 Black & White - Cemetery
- 120 Patriotic
- 121 Farm
- 122 Pet
- 123 Action
- 124 Funny

## **Vegetable & Grain**

- All entries should be clean and blemish free. Loose items must be contained in an appropriately sized box, basket, etc. Entries will be judged partially on presentation.

### **Class**

- 125 Yellow Dent Corn - 6 ears
- 126 Potatoes - 6
- 127 Carrots - 6
- 128 Tomatoes (Heirloom) - 6
- 129 Cherry Tomatoes - 12
- 130 Onions - 6
- 131 Garlic - 3
- 132 Peppers - 6
- 133 Apples - 6
- 134 Pears - 6
- 135 Zucchini - 1
- 136 Melon - 1
- 137 Miniature Pumpkins - 3
- 138 Indian Corn - 3 ears
- 139 Unusual fruit or vegetable - 1
- 140 Largest Pumpkin
- 141 Lavender, bundled, 1" diameter
- 142 Sage, bundled, 1" diameter
- 143 Gathered Eggs, 12, unwashed

**Thank you for entering the Exhibitors Fair!**

**We hope to see you in 2027.**

### **Exhibitors Fair Hours**

Browse the displays and exhibits.

Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM-Closed For Auction

Sunday: After Church Service- 2:30 PM

### **Please note:**

The Plowing Match Management will not be responsible for loss or damage to any entry, but every precaution will be taken for the safekeeping of all entries.

### **Interested in volunteering?**

Opportunities include helping with receiving entries, judging, or the auction. Contact: Karen (630) 220-4753, Megan (630) 930-4553, Kate (630) 927-2244, Nan 815-693-7214

Additional Contact Information:

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