



BIG ROCK PLOWING MATCH TIMES

119TH BIG ROCK PLOWING MATCH SET FOR SEPTEMBER 13-15, 2013

Big Rock, Illinois, will play host to the 119th annual Plowing Match for three days from Friday through Sunday. A traditional competition based on Welsh heritage, this event began in 1894 under the direction of Big Rock farmers S.A. Chapman, W.D. Powell and Walter Scott. This farm show is the only event of its kind in Illinois, and is one of the longest running events of its kind, anywhere showcasing the agricultural heritage of our community and the use of the plow.

A true must see is our Craft, Art and Antique Show featuring handcrafted items from over 50 vendors on Saturday and Sunday. Other attractions this weekend will include train rides, a horseshoe tournament, a farmers market and much more. Browse the schedule for the complete lineup of events.



Activities get under way on Friday with the carnival wristband night from 6:00 to 9:30 pm. The concession stand will be selling hot dogs, chips and pop. We welcome back DJ Darrin Lee of Premier Entertainment who will provide music from 6:30 to 9:30 pm.

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- ◆ Business Space Rental: Sandy Carr, (630) 556-3171
- ◆ Craft, Art & Antique Show: Jeanne Jackson, (630) 556-3779
- ◆ Ladies Fair: A. Denise Farrugia, (630) 556-4771
- ◆ Junior Fair: Sandy Carr, (630) 556-3171
- ◆ Horse Show: Bonnie Warchol, (630) 556-3501
- ◆ Horseshoe Tournament: Jim Brummett, (630) 556-3547
- ◆ Prince and Princess Contest: Cindy Nehring, (630) 556-3238
- ◆ Pedal Tractor Pull: (630) 327-2512
- ◆ Tractor Trot 5K Fun Run: Dick Dahleen, (630) 417-0340

www.bigrockplowingmatch.com

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13—KIDS' NIGHT

Bicycle Parade (begins at fire barn)	5:15 pm
Carnival Wristband Night, \$15	5:00-9:30 pm
Premier Entertainment by DJ Darrin Lee	6:00-9:30 pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14—OPEN TIL 9:00 PM

Western & English Horse Show	8:30 am
Tractor Trot-5K Fun Run	9:00 am
Horseshoe Tournament	9:00 am
Plowing	9:30 am
Children's Races (in the cattle ring)	11:00 am
5 B's BBQ Pork Chop & Chicken Dinner	11:30 am-2:00 pm
Junior Fair Baked Goods Auction	1:00 pm
Ladies Fair Baked Goods Auction	1:30 pm
Pedal Tractor Pull (in the cattle ring)	2:30 pm
Plowing Trophy Presentation	3:30 pm
Round Bale Roll-off (in the cattle ring)	4:00 pm
South Moon BBQ	5:00-8:00 pm
Music by the Wooden Rockers	6:00-9:00 pm
Carnival Wristband Night, \$15	6:00-9:00pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Church Service	10:00 am
Drawing for Lands	10:30 am
Reuland's Catering Roast Beef Dinner	11:00 am-1:30 pm
Watermelon Eating Contest	11:00 am-1:00 pm
Plowing	Noon
Horseshoe Tournament	Noon
Farmers Market Auction (Grain/Veg. Show tent)	1:00 pm
4-H Beef Show (in the cattle ring)	1:00 pm
Prince and Princess Contest	1:30 pm
Bingo—Big Rock Park District (pavilion)	2:30 pm
4-H Beef Auction (in the cattle ring)	3:00 pm
Plowing Trophy Presentation	4:30 pm

CARNIVAL RIDES

Friday	5:00-9:30 pm
Saturday	10:00 am-9:00 pm
Sunday	12:00 pm-4:00 pm

CONCESSIONS

Friday	5:00-9:30 pm
Saturday	7:30 am-9:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am-5:00 pm

CRAFT, ART, & ANTIQUE SHOW

Saturday	9:00 am-5:00 pm
Sunday	11:00 am-4:00 pm



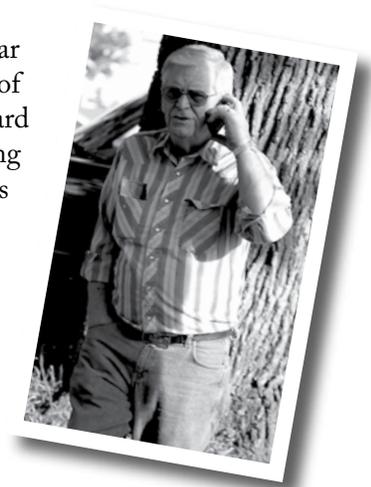
The 119th Big Rock Plowing Match is about to get underway and I'm amazed at how quickly the year has gone by. Many things have been improved over the year such as the women's rest room, the roof of the stage and blacktop around the concession stand, making our park much more attractive. The Board has worked hard over the last six years to get the grounds and buildings maintenance free by installing steel sidings and roofs, along with reducing gravel around the concession stand. These improvements have been completed by the assistance of donations and gifts from local people who want to see the Plowing Match Association move forward. Thank you.

The ladies on the Board are coordinating our wine festival—Wine Tasting Under the Oaks. This was our second annual and was a success, even with the weather not looking favorably on us. This year, eight wineries offered a wide variety of wines and artisans provided wine-related hand-crafted items.

Again the Board wants to thank all who have supported the Plowing Match Association and the activities at the Park.

Roger Hatfield
President, Big Rock Plowing Match Association

P.S. See you at the Park



SCORECARD OF THE BIG ROCK PLOWING MATCH



LAND DRAWING

Saturday

9:00 am Sharp
9:30 am Start
12:30 pm Finish

Sunday

10:30 am Sharp
12:00 pm Start
3:00 pm Finish

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 the class.
- ◆ Horse or Mule 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 plowmen with the highest score during the Plowing Match, except those entered in the Expert class.



WINNERS OF 118TH PLOWING MATCH COMPETITION, 2012

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

19 & under

1st—Erich Turk, Elburn, 83½ points

Farmers Open

1st—Dana Nehring, Big Rock, 87 points

2nd—Kurt Wolf, Erie, 86½ points

Prizewinner

1st—Jerry Thomas, Batavia, 83½ points

Expert

1st—Paul Evans, Big Rock, 93½ points

2nd—Mike Winckler, Erie, 92 points

Novelty

1st—Ralph Johnson, Waterman

2nd—Kris Johnson, Rochelle

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Antique Rubber

1st—Curt Anderson, Elburn, 87½ points

2nd—Mike Winckler, Erie, 86½ points

Antique Steel

1st—Paul Evans, Big Rock, 90 points

2nd—Jerry Thomas, Batavia, 83 points

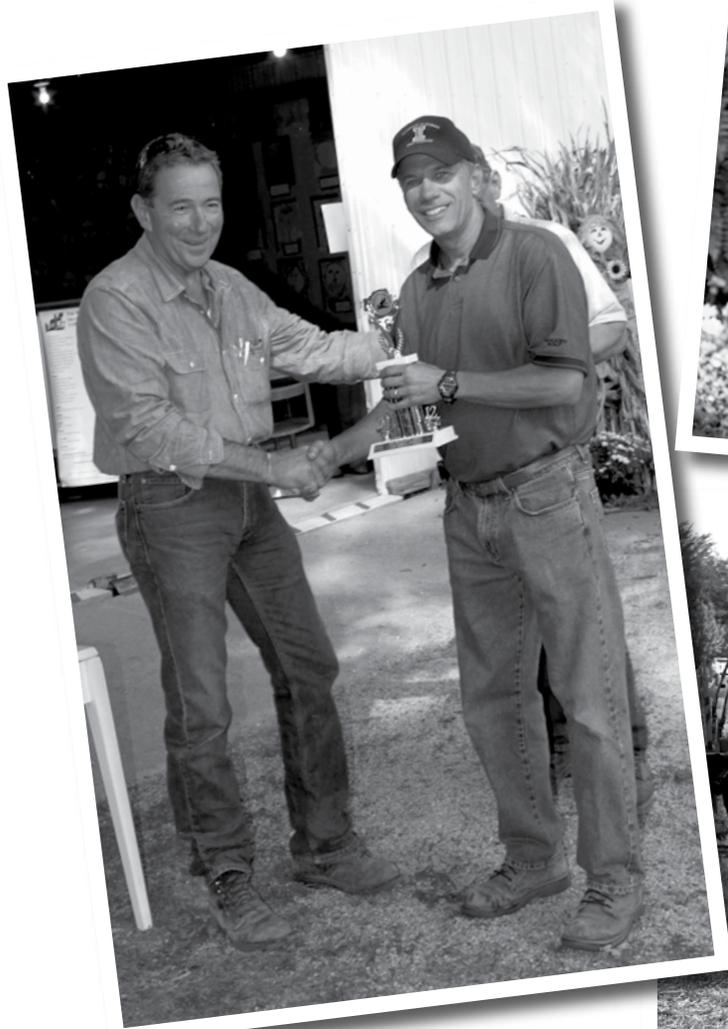
Novelty

1st—Kris Johnson, Rochelle

2nd—Ralph Johnson, Waterman

Sweepstakes Winner

Highest score: Paul Evans, Big Rock, 90 points



29TH ANNUAL HORSE SHOW

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 8:30 A.M.

September is an exciting month to those of us who eagerly anticipate the Saturday when the annual Big Rock Plowing Match Horse Show will be held. Come on out, see what it is about and become a Horse Show groupie.

The show begins promptly at 8:30 am and is geared to be educational and fun for all ages. There is something for everyone with different and challenging classes ranging from conformation, Western and English pleasure to the fun classes like “bribe your horse” or a lively class of “musical chairs” on horseback. We have several returning families that are second- and third-generation participants!

Our judge for the sixth year is Lynn Hnetkowsky from Manhattan, Illinois, who will make sure the riders have a good time while also making suggestions to improve their ride.

2012 WINNERS

High Point Winners 16 and over

- ♦ High Point: Krin Kettelkamp, Elburn
- ♦ Reserve High Point: Ashley Truesdale, Mokena

High Point Winners 15 and under

- ♦ High Point: Baylee Collier, Coal City
- ♦ Reserve High Point: Markayla Shreck, Waterman

This is a family event so pack up everyone and head on over to Plowman's Park for the horse show! You won't be disappointed (guaranteed). See you Saturday.

On a sad note, long-time horse show participant, quarter horse Corporal Klinger passed away. He will be missed.

If you would like a show bill or more information on the Horse Show, please call Committee Chairwoman, Bonnie Warchol at 630-556-3501 or e-mail her at brw1964@gmail.com.



BEEF SHOW

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1:00 PM

The ring will be full of prized cattle as the Beef Show swings into action. Members of Big Rock Cowhands will be joined by 4-H members from other parts of Kane county as well as Lee, DeKalb and Kendall counties. An auction will be held at 3:00 pm, providing you an opportunity to fill your freezer while also supporting our area youth.



ROUND BALE ROLL-OFF

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 AT 4:00 PM—
NEW TIME

Come one, come all and test your strength and skill at the Round Bale Roll-Off. The Round Bale Roll-Off is an old fashioned contest that tests teams of three people attempting to roll a 1,200-pound bale of straw several feet across a finish line. Two teammates push the bale while the third tries to stay on top. If the person on top falls off, the bale must stop while that person is helped back on top by his teammates. The first team across the finish line wins.

Winners will be judged on a time basis. Prizes and ribbons will be awarded for first through third place. There are two age groups; Boys and Girls ages 13 to 18, and Men and Women age 19 and above. No cleats or spikes are allowed.

Registration will begin at 3:30 pm with the contest beginning at 4:00 pm in the cattle ring. Registration forms will be available at the Big Rock Post Office or at the schools.

Registration fee is \$15 per team. For more information email Lynne Paver at shalafarm@aol.com.

CARNIVAL WRISTBANDS FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHTS

More wristband hours are coming to the Plowing Match. Friday is "Wristband Night" at \$15 if purchased on the grounds. In addition to Friday's Wristband Night, wristbands will also be available for \$15 on Saturday at the grounds from 6-9 p.m. Individual ride tickets may also be purchased at the park during carnival hours at 20 tickets for \$20—see schedule for hours. Watch for the Carnival Wristband Friday night presale flyer coming to your school.



DELICIOUS FOOD OFFERED AT THE PLOWING MATCH

SERVED SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

The Big Rock Plowing Match Association invites you to dinner on Saturday from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm from 5 B's Catering of Waterman. Dinners are \$10 for 1 chop or quarter chicken or \$12 for 2 chops or half chicken or a combo and are served with baked beans, applesauce, cole slaw and dessert.

South Moon BBQ of Hinckley will be featured on Saturday night serving wonderful barbecue bites from 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Homemade rubs and sauces are used on their slow cooked pork and your mouth will water just thinking about it.

On Sunday from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm, we will serve a complete roast beef dinner prepared by Reuland's Catering of Aurora. Dinners are \$12 per plate and include roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, buttered green beans and cole slaw.



CHILDREN'S PEDAL TRACTOR PULL

The annual children's pedal tractor pull has been scheduled for Saturday, September 14 at 2:30 pm in the cattle ring. The event is sponsored by the Plowing Match Association and will be run by John Thompson and friends. The pedal tractor pull is open to boys and girls who weigh up to 80 pounds.

The entry fee is just \$1 and there will be five classes:

- ◆ 40 lbs. and under
- ◆ 41-50 lbs.
- ◆ 51-60 lbs.
- ◆ 61-70 lbs.
- ◆ 71-80 lbs.

A first place trophy will be awarded for each class and a participation ribbon is given to all entrants. Registration will begin at 1:30 pm at the cattle ring.

SPONSORED BY THE BIG ROCK PARK DISTRICT

WATERMELON EATING CONTEST

Come and enjoy the fun on Sunday at 11:00 am on the stage. The person with the fastest time after eating slices of watermelon will win a cash prize: \$10 for age group 8-11 eating 1 slice, \$20 for age group 12-15 eating 2 slices and \$30 for age group 16 and up eating 2 slices. No entry fee. Registration begins at 11:00 am at the stage prior to the contest.

BINGO

Play Bingo under the Pavilion at Plowman's Park on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Cash prizes will be awarded.

CRAFT, ART & ANTIQUE SHOW

Over 40 artisans and crafters will be featured this year including favorites returning with exciting new items, as well as new artisans. Wander through the displays to see hand-woven baskets, hand-carved gourds, handmade quilts, aprons, scarves and hats and wood items. Also available will be unique handmade jewelry from primitive to hand fused glass, polymer clay and semi-precious to precious gems. Vendors will also return offering Watkins products and More Polish Pottery will have new patterns. The show runs Saturday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sunday from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.



2012 FIRST PLACE WINNERS

Left to right: Diane Noble, hand-quilted items; Pat Gates, hand-crafted ceramic; Peterine Svoboda, hand-painted woods; Susan Lenske, hand-woven baskets; Celia Turner, dichroic glass jewelry; Carol Finn, embellished cards; Ed Makie, woods; Lisa LeMaire, stained glass windows; and Lindsey Carr, hand-crocheted scarves.

It is time for me to retire from this volunteer position, so I am looking for a people person who would enjoy organizing and running the Art and Craft Show next year. I will be more than happy to support you through the transition and teach you the routine. For more information about the show, please contact Jeanne Jackson at beadinghappy@yahoo.com or (630) 556-3779.



BIG ROCK TOWNSHIP IS PROUD TO SUPPORT THE 119TH BIG ROCK PLOWING MATCH

With our very best wishes for a successful weekend.

Your Big Rock Township Officials,
Sandra Carr, Supervisor
Kenneth Rojek, Trustee
Robert Schoger, Trustee
Bradley Scott, Trustee
Paul Wedeen, Trustee
Cara Rausch, Clerk
Rebecca Byington, Assessor
Rick Rausch, Road Commissioner

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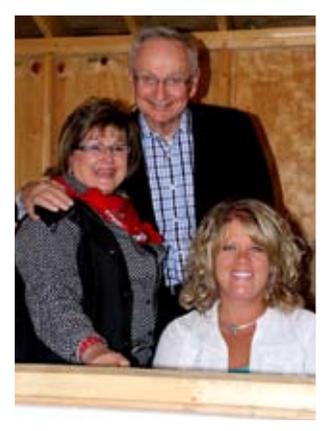
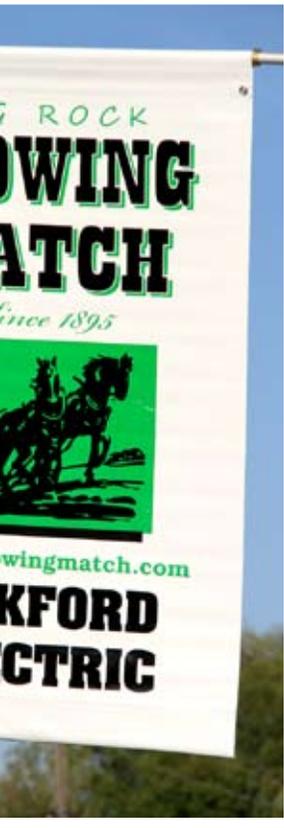
4TH ANNUAL TRACTOR TROT 5K

Back by popular demand, the annual 5K run will kickoff the Plowing Match on Saturday, September 14, beginning promptly at 9:00 am. Enjoy a jog through the beautiful back roads of Big Rock.

Registration fee of \$20 includes an event t-shirt if form is received by September 5. Event registration sheets are at the Big Rock Post Office, Rockway, Big Rock Fire Department, Big Rock Café and are available online at the Plowing Match Facebook website. Same day race sign-ups are welcome, but does not include a t-shirt. Please contact Dick Dahleen at 630-417-0340 to volunteer or ask questions.







THE JUNIOR FAIR SHOWCASES THE CREATIVITY OF YOUNG PEOPLE

The Junior Fair Coordinators have a lot to be grateful for this year:

- ◆ We have a new member, Donita Bartoszek, who has created our new and improved Premium Sheet.
- ◆ Rich Harvest Farms of Sugar Grove generously offered to sponsor all of our Section II—Regular Classes.
- ◆ The Rayman Family of Big Rock is supporting the Junior Fair by paying for all of the award ribbons.
- ◆ The Brian Hanacek Family of Big Rock is sponsoring a new art class in Category A—Special Entry.



We are grateful for all who support this wonderful event for our young people.

Three Special Entries categories are new this year:

- ◆ *Special Craft Entry*—“*Create a Mosaic*”. Use materials of your choice and create a mosaic representation of a person, thing or abstract design. Please do your creating on a piece of poster board or foam board. Do not frame. We only limit the size to 12" x 18", not your imagination. Have fun!
- ◆ *Special Baking Entry*—“*7-Up Cake*”. Do not wait until the Plowing Match to try this recipe. Bake up a pan for your family and see what their taste buds say.
- ◆ *Special Art Entry*—“*Best Drawing of a School Bus*”. Use a “school bus-sized” piece of paper (8½" x 14") to sketch out your bus and then color it with markers, crayons or colored pencils. Do not frame your drawing.

As you look at this year’s premium sheet, take a few minutes to recall the drawings and crafts that you have done at school; at scout meetings; at camp; at vacation Bible school; for the Sandwich, Kendall County or Kane County fairs or “just for fun” during the summer. Your entry does not need to be made just for the Junior Fair—it just needs to fit the requirements of the category in which it is entered.

Entrants *do not* have to live in Big Rock to participate in the Junior Fair. We usually have approximately 500 entries from 15 different communities plus other states. Entries are accepted from 2:00 pm until 7:00 pm on Friday, September 13, at the Junior Fair Building.

2012 SPECIAL PREMIUM WINNERS

- ◆ Most blue ribbons
 - 12-14 year olds: tie, Amanda Miller and Lucy Rivera
 - 9-11 year olds: Leah Spangler
 - 6-8 year olds: Jordan Sprecher
 - 3-5 year olds: Anna Herrmann
- ◆ Most points all categories: Jordan Sprecher
- ◆ Most entries: Firstplace (tie) , Jordan Sprecher and Makayla Woodward

SPECIAL PREMIUM—CRAFT GET CREATIVE WITH DUCT TAPE

- ◆ 3-5 years old: 1st, Anna Herrmann; 2nd, Mia Geltz; 3rd Hunter Schmidtbour
- ◆ 6-8 years old: 1st, Lily Geltz; 2nd, Dylan Bartlett; 3rd, Jake Juneau
- ◆ 9-11 year olds: 1st, Katie Juneau; 2nd, Annette Franklin; 3rd, Rebekah Badal
- ◆ 12-14 year olds: 1st, Amanda Miller; 2nd, Ben Novicki

SPECIAL PREMIUM—BAKING MUD BARS

- ◆ First place: Leah Spangler
- ◆ Second place: Emily King

ATTENTION: PARENTS OF JUNIOR FAIR BAKERS

The auction of the 1st and 2nd place-winning baked goods at the Junior Fair will take place at 1:00 pm on Saturday, September 14, so that you, grandparents or other supporters can have a chance to bid on their favorite baker’s entry.

Junior Fair Premium Sheets are available on our website www.bigrockplowingmatch.com, at the Big Rock Post Office, at Dairy Joy or by calling Sandy at (630) 556-3171.

If you have any questions, please call Donita at (630) 556-9000, Sandy at (630) 556-3171, Laurie at (630) 556-3711, JoAnn at (630) 556-4849 or Deb at (815) 286-7247. We look forward to seeing you at the Junior Fair!

LADIES FAIR 2013

Enter your baked goods, handmade and handcrafted items, in the 2013 Ladies Fair. Everyone—men, women and children, are eligible to submit entries for display and judging and remember: no entry fees. Over \$2,500 in prize money and special awards will be presented to individuals in recognition of winning ribbons. The Special Awards and Section I are sponsored by businesses and prize money for the remaining sections is provided by the Big Rock Plowing Match Association.

Take a look at the Premium List—by winning the most ribbons in all classes you may be the recipient of the Harley Davis Memorial special award—an engraved crystal vase. Recent winners include Donita Bartoszek, Gail Geltz and Liz Allard.

This year's Special Recipe is a Bananas Foster Upside-Down Cake from Karen Thompson. Karen enjoys reading cookbooks and trying new recipes, and after visiting New Orleans discovered this recipe, which became family favorite. Karen's ties to the Plowing Match go back to 1985 when she began selling her painted plowing blades, which were a highly sought out Plowing Match memento. Follow the recipe and criteria on the Premium List and submit your entry. First place takes a blue ribbon and earns \$30 and second place receives \$20 and a red ribbon.

The Premium List is available from the Plowing Match website or you can have it emailed. Previous entrants with an email address on file with us received the Premium List in early August. To receive your copy early via email next year, send your contact information, with Ladies Fair in the subject line to bigrockplowingmatch@gmail.com.

Bring your entries to the Ladies Fair building on Friday. Here are tips for shortening your check-in time.

- ♦ Avoid the last-minute rush and arrive early, entries accepted between 2:00 and 7:00 pm
- ♦ Arrange your entries in the same order as listed on your 3"x 5" entry card
- ♦ Use tape or safety pins to securely affix 1"x 2" label on each article/item
- ♦ Remember, your name must not appear on the item
- ♦ Bring return address or computer labels—one per item—to be used on entry tags

Entering more than 20 items? Call Denise by September 7 to arrange pre-registration of your entries. This will shorten your check in time, as well as that of everyone else in line.

On Saturday afternoon, prize-winning baked goods will be auctioned to the highest bidder starting at 1 pm with Junior Fair items, followed by the Ladies Fair items at 1:30 pm. These blue and red ribbon winners are the best of the best. All you need is a bidder's number available just before the auction or you can get one now by contacting Denise at (630) 556-4771 or via email at bigrockplowingmatch@gmail.com.

This year we welcome Gina Dunlap and Karen Yoder to the Ladies Fair Committee as we extend our best wishes to Donita Bartoszek in her new role on the Junior Fair Committee and to Lyrka Lawler as she embarks on new adventures. Gina Dunlap has helped at the Ladies Fair as a volunteer and also as a judge. She was recruited by her neighbor Cheryl to serve on the committee. Gina enjoys quilting and getting together with family and friends. Karen Yoder is drawn to volunteer activities, assisting at both Wine Festivals as well as at the Plowing Match. Denise invited Karen to serve on the committee. Karen's interests include handicrafts and sharing time with family. The Dunlap and Yoder families are active in the community and both Gina and Karen look forward to being involved with the Plowing Match.

We are always on the lookout for new talent, new sponsors or new buyers for our auction. Are you interested in volunteering? Questions? Contact any Committee member: Gina Dunlap at (630) 556-3082, Cheryl Lee at (630) 988-2522, Karen Yoder at (630) 556-3620 or A. Denise Farrugia at (630) 556-4771.

LADIES FAIR 2012 SPECIAL AWARDS WINNERS

- ♦ Harley Davis Memorial: Most ribbons in all classes—Donita Bartoszek
- ♦ The La Kone Company: Most blue ribbons in all classes—Donita Bartoszek
- ♦ Burgess Tractor Service: Most entries in all classes—Donita Bartoszek
- ♦ Big Rock Lions Club: Man with most blue ribbons—Wray McKenzie
- ♦ Big Rock Plowing Match Association: Most entries in all baking classes—(tie) Denise Groch & Donita Bartoszek
- ♦ Needham Shop: Most blue ribbons in quilts—Ruthanne Hettinger
- ♦ Old Second National Bank: Most blue ribbons in Section I—Breads, Bars & Pies—Donita Bartoszek
- ♦ Old Second National Bank: Most blue ribbons in Section I—Cakes—Denise Groch
- ♦ Healy Chapel: Most blue ribbons in Section II Baking—Denise Groch
- ♦ Gladys Butcher Memorial: Most blue ribbons in Canned Goods—Sharon Harris
- ♦ Harry Schoger & Sons, Inc.: Most blue ribbons in Flowers—Mary Lambert
- ♦ Dairy Joy: Most blue ribbons in Handicraft—Julie Williamson
- ♦ J & D Door Sales: Most blue ribbons in Embroidery—Mary Gunier
- ♦ Rooster Ag Realty: Most blue ribbons in Sewing—Pam Schrader
- ♦ Executive Affiliates, Inc.: Most blue ribbons in Hand Knitting—Mary Gunier
- ♦ Executive Affiliates, Inc.: Most blue ribbons in Crocheting—Mary Gunier
- ♦ Resource Bank: Most blue ribbons in Photography—Karen Levandowski

VEGETABLE & GRAIN SHOW

How does your garden grow? Well, here's a chance to show off your prized vegetables, grains and fruits. Bring your entries to the tent next to the Ladies Fair building between 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm on Friday.

Winners will receive ribbons and cash prizes. Here are just a few examples of some of the premiums for the show: One peck of potatoes will win \$4.50 for first place, and a display of five garden vegetables will win \$3. All entries must be grown by the exhibitor.

Awards are also presented for the participant with the most ribbon winning entries in Section I receiving \$15, as will the top winner in Section II. The participant with the most ribbons overall will receive \$15.

The Vegetable & Grain Show Premium sheet lists all the categories and is on the Big Rock Plowing Match website.

Prize winning entries will be priced and sold on Sunday at the Farmers Market at 1:00 pm. All proceeds go to the Big Rock Plowing Match Association. Cindy and Dale Dean continue to organize this event. Please call the Deans at (630) 556-3791 with questions.



BIG ROCK COWHANDS 4-H CLUB

The Big Rock Cowhands 4-H Club has completed another successful year. This years members are Courtney Biery, Nathan Biery, Kory Blair, Clay Cargola, Mason Cargola, Reno Colburn (vice-president), Erik Dunteman, Jessica Dunteman, Lauren Dunteman (secretary), Rebecca Dunteman (president), Jillian Hanacek, Julia Hanacek (treasurer), Michael Long and Tyler Ott. The leaders are Darrin and Linda Ott.

Many of the members entered their 4-H projects at the Kane County Fair in July. The kids chose projects such as photography, vegetables, cooking, welding, visual arts, aerospace, woodworking, grains, goats, sewing, sport fishing, swine, horses, beef, rabbits and small pets. The kids receive a blue, red or white ribbon based on the quality and knowledge of their project.

Our club meets at the Big Rock Town Hall on the third Sunday of every month at 6:30 p.m. If anyone is interested in joining, contact Darrin or Linda Ott at (630) 556-3085. New members are always welcome.

PLOWMAN'S PARK HOSTS EVENTS

Throughout the year, Plowman's Park is host to many community activities. Perhaps you have enjoyed an event at this beautiful park.

- ◆ Big Rock Plowing Match
- ◆ Wine Tasting Under the Oaks
- ◆ Prairie State Railroad Club
- ◆ Park District Halloween Fest
- ◆ Community Easter Egg Hunt
- ◆ Church, school and family picnics
- ◆ Scouting events
- ◆ Youth baseball games

This wooded 19-acre site is available for rental. Contact Bonnie Warchol at (630) 556-3501 to book the park for your next event.



WINE TASTING UNDER THE OAKS

SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2014

And they came, from over 54 zip codes, five states and even the United Kingdom! With wine glasses in hand, more than 300 strolled under the oaks sipping wine, listening to music, viewing art and enjoying delicious, savory and sweet treats.

The date is set and plans are underway for the 3rd Annual Wine Tasting Under the Oaks on the fourth Saturday in June. You can look forward to more music and the convenience of extra tickets being sold in the wine tasting area.

So, mark your calendar for a lovely afternoon and evening from 1:00-8:00 pm at Plowman's Park. A \$15 wine-tasting wristband will include a souvenir wine glass and five tastings.

Visit our website at www.bigrockwinefest.com to view the photo album of the 2013 Wine Festival. For more information you can email us at bigrockwinefest@gmail.com or call (815) 286-7208.

WHY LIVE IN BIG ROCK?

Big Rock is one of those hard-to-find communities that few have ever heard of and even fewer know about. It's a community that takes you back in time, lets you take a deep breath and urges you to just relax.

The farmland and the crops are a rich tradition for the community. The school district, civic, social and religious organizations all work together to create a welcoming and supportive community. Is Big Rock problem free? No. Is there a community there to help you through your problem? Yes!

The Plowing Match is a very unique event that reaches back in time to when the entire community would truly celebrate a successful harvest and share the gifts of the good earth. The Plowing Match continues many traditions, including free admittance and beginning the festivities on Sunday with a church service to thank Him for our bounty.

Recently, there have been changes in the community and many more will come, but the overall culture of the community remains the same. Big Rock is a community that beckons you, a community where you meet new friends that quickly become "good old" friends. That's what sets us apart.

Come to the Plowing Match and see what we are all about. It's an event steeped in tradition built over the past 119 years. We are certain that once you come, you will yearn to return year after year after year.

This picture says it all. Even the cattle take time to teach their young about Big Rock. Listen and you can hear, "Once upon a time there were three little children; can you tell me what sound a child makes?"



BIG ROCK LIONS CLUB

It's that time of year again when our community gets together for some fall fun and the Lions Club of Big Rock is proud to be an active part of all the festivities planned!

As always, the Club will be sponsoring the "Cow Chip Bingo". If you are not familiar with the game, the rules are easy. Just purchase a square from one of the Lions Club members in advance or on Saturday or Sunday at the Plowing Match and the cow does the rest. The squares cost either \$2 or \$5 depending on the signup sheet you choose. If the cow chooses to deposit his "chips" on your square, you win 50% of the pot for that sheet. If the cow does not cooperate within a given time, a number will be drawn by someone in the crowd. The Lions Club members will be selling the squares, but if you want to purchase in advance or take a sheet to work to sell, contact Bill Fischer fischerwp@sbcglobal.net or any Lions Club member. If you want to witness the cow "in action" she will be located just outside the cattle arena on the east side of Plowman's Park.

You will have the opportunity to win a new i-Pad 4G! Club members are selling tickets from now until shortly after the Plowing Match. Stop by the Lions Club booth to purchase one of a limited number of tickets @ \$3 each or 5 for \$10 or 7 for \$20 for a chance to win.

The Lions Club is also involved in the community in many other important ways, but they need your support to accomplish many of the projects they do throughout the year. We are fortunate to have an active club in Big Rock.

The Club is looking for new members to help them in their efforts. To contribute some of your valuable time to their cause, please contact their president, Bill Kline at bfkline@aol.com or call him at 630-556-3872. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at the Big Rock Township hall at 7:30 pm.

For more information regarding the Big Rock Lions Club, stop by their booth on the Plowing Match Grounds during the festival.

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GARY BLANKENSHIP

**CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT
AS THE AG INSTRUCTOR AT HINCKLEY-BIG ROCK HIGH SCHOOL**

The Plowing Match Association Board wishes you all the best and is grateful for your leadership in the Ag Construction classes, coordinating the construction of the red wagons for transporting people from the park to the plowing match grounds, the picnic tables and the tables under the pavilion at Plowman's Park.

THE BIG ROCK PLOWING MATCH ASSOCIATION SEEKS DONORS AND SPONSORS

The Association is grateful to everyone in the community that is involved with the Plowing Match. We are seeking your support to enable us to continue the tradition of the Plowing Match for future generations. The costs related to hosting the Plowing Match and Wine Tasting Under the Oaks, as well as maintaining the property and buildings is quite a challenge. We thank you for your consideration of this request.

WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT THE ASSOCIATION

Donations

Supporting the Association with a monetary donation will assist with funding improvements and events, as well as maintaining the buildings and grounds. Our Recognition Plan acknowledges donors and sponsors at the Plowing Match, on our website and in the Big Rock Plowing Match Times.

Up to \$100 \$100+ \$250+ \$400+ \$500+

Checks should be payable to the Big Rock Plowing Match Association. Donations received by September 6, 2013 will be acknowledged with the 2013 Donors and Sponsors. Donations received later will be acknowledged with the 2014 Donors and Sponsors.

Sponsor for 2014

We invite you to join us as an event sponsor. Sponsorships are available beginning at \$25 and may be designated for the Association or a specific event: Cattle Show, Horse Show, Junior Fair, Ladies Fair, Pedal Pull, Plowing, Round Bale Roll Off and Vegetable & Grain Show.

Sponsors are acknowledged in premium lists, sponsor listings and in the Big Rock Plowing Match Times. We would be delighted to talk with you about the possibilities. Contact Denise at 630-556-4771.

2014 Big Rock Plowing Match Times

This year's issue of the Big Rock Plowing Match Times has more color including the cover and the centerfold collage, more photos throughout and is 16 pages long with information about Big Rock and the Plowing Match. This was made possible, in part, by the paid ads.

For 2014 we are seeking to expand our support with a published listing of family and business names (\$10-\$20), as well as business card (\$30-\$35) or ¼ page (\$50) ads. If you are interested in placing an ad or want to be included in the supporter list, please let us know. Pick up a form at the Information Booth or the Office during the Plowing Match or contact Anita at (815) 286-7208.

The Big Rock Plowing Match Association is a 501(c) 4 not-for-profit organization.

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THE BIG ROCK PLOWING MATCH BOARD THANKS THE MANY FRIENDS OF THE PLOWING MATCH AND SUPPORTERS OF PLOWMAN'S PARK

- ◆ Thank you to all who supported our fundraising efforts by attending our Second Annual Wine Tasting Under the Oaks. The weather and the Blackhawks' Stanley Cup play-off game may have impacted participation, but those who came had a great time.
- ◆ We thank the Prairie State Railroad Club for being our resident "eyes". They are on the park grounds daily and inform us when some things are "just not right".
- ◆ The park is mowed and trimmed by Byron "Scotty" Scott, Jr. Thanks for keeping the park looking great!
- ◆ Our country restrooms are maintained by Sue Moss – thanks for tending to this not so easy task.
- ◆ Thank you to the Cub Scouts of Three Fires Council who rent the park in July. During their week long Day Camp they pick up all the paper scraps and refuse that others have left behind. They truly do us a "good turn".

The Board appreciates everyone's assistance in keeping these private grounds "in shape" for others to use. We are very proud to be part of the Big Rock community.

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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 Plowing Match, Wine Tasting under the Oaks Festival and Plowman's Park.

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