



BIG ROCK PLOWING MATCH TIMES

BIG ROCK PLOWING MATCH: A PRIMER

October 12, 1895. The George W. Thomas farm, north of Big Rock, was host to the first Big Rock Plowing Match. The day was complete with dinner and nine plowmen, actually eight as one was ruled out because he used two instead of three horses. There were classes for gang plows, riding plows and walking plows, and the sweepstakes winner was Benjamin Thomas. And so it began and so it continues. By the turn of the 20th century there was a plowing match every weekend in September: Big Rock, Lily Lake, Troy and Wheatland. Today, only the Big Rock Plowing Match remains.

Today, as we look forward to celebrating our agricultural traditions at the 120th Plowing Match, plowmen are preparing for the competition, getting equipment ready and planning their strategies in the hope of winning their class and being the Sweepstakes Champion. This event is the reason we gather on the third weekend in September.

Bill Brickert and Craig Thomas, Association Board members, coordinate the plowing competition from preparing the field to awarding the trophies. Bill and Craig plow the scratch furrows to define the land, one furrow at each end of the field, indicating the start and the end point of each “land” section. A numbered marker and two stakes are placed, one at each end of the land.



Plowmen line up in front of their drawn land outside the scratch furrow waiting for the start time. Plowmen can set multiple stakes to guide the first round, creating one very straight line to guide the plow. Done correctly, when the plowman views the stakes, only one is seen.



At 9:00 a.m. sharp the plowmen gather for the “drawing of the lands”. Each class is announced, the rules are reviewed. Each plowman entering the class draws an envelope indicating the numbered land he/she is to plow. Classes scheduled on Saturday and Sunday are outlined on the Scorecard on page 2.

Craig and Bill record each plowman’s name and land number before the plowing begins.



Three hours to plow 7 rounds: 7 straight furrows of uniform depth and width, showing slight ridge and distinct from end to end. A low back distinct furrow, with back slightly crowning and all trash (sticks, weeds, grass) covered.

Only during the first round an assistant may help in setting the plow, adjusting for depth, realigning the plow and suggesting speed. The assistant also guides the plowing, pulling stakes out ahead of the tractor.

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

WINNERS OF 119TH PLOWING MATCH COMPETITION, 2013

SATURDAY, 9/14/2013

15 & under

1st-Jackson Kettelkamp, Elburn, 70 points
2nd-Alex Turk, Elburn, 69½ points

19 & under

No entries

Farmers Open

1st-Mark Nier, Chilton, WI., 88½ points
2nd-Brett Hake, Sandwich, 86 points

Prizewinner

1st-Jerry Thomas, Batavia, 79½ points
2nd-Kurt Wurster, Aurora, 75 points

Expert

1st-Paul Evans, Big Rock, 93½ points
2nd-Mike Winckler, Erie, 88 points

Novelty

1st-Bruce Johnson
2nd-Kris Johnson, Cortland

SUNDAY, 9/15/2013

Cancelled due to weather

BIG ROCK PLOWING MATCH: A PRIMER (CONT.)



Plowmen create devices to assist with plowing straight furrows. One such adaptation is a pole mounted on the front of the tractor. A chain hanging from this pole runs along the side of the furrow, enabling the plowman to focus on plowing with the assurance the furrow will be straight.



Everyone is invited to watch the plowing, located across from Plowman's Park, adjacent to the Historical Society on land provided by Marvel Davis. Horse-drawn ride provided by Mr. Alexander and his Clydesdales or a tractor driven ride courtesy of the Historical Society.



During the remaining rounds, the plowman is solo, carefully watching the plow to know when to stop. Within the three hours, each plowman may stop as needed to realign or adjust the plow, as well as factor in the speed of the plowing. Plowmen are attentive to the dead furrow on the left where the plow turns over the dirt. The furrow without trash is to the right.



Plowing concludes and the judges proceed into the fields to score. Plowmen head to the point board by the Junior Fair building to await their scores. Bill and Craig tally the judges' scores and post on the point board at the end of the plowing day. The left column indicates the day, class and name of the plowman. Columns along the top indicate land and point criteria leading to the total score for each plowman.



The plowing competition scoring is posted on the field as a reference point for guests and observers to gain an understanding of the scoring. Points are received based on the quality of the plowing specific to the five elements/categories being scored (see page 2 for criteria).



Craig Thomas, right, presents the trophy to Paul Evans for winning the 2013 Expert Class with 93½ points.

We are looking for information about the plowing competition from 1959 to 1978: photos, newspaper articles, winners, etc. We would be delighted to accept or copy any information you are willing to share. Please contact Bill Brickert at 630-556-3190 or Craig Thomas at 815-495-9418 to share information.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19-KIDS' NIGHT

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Western & English Horse Show	8:30 am
Tractor Trot-5K fun run	9:00 am
Horseshoe Tournament	9:00 am
Drawing for Lands	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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

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	6:00-9:30 pm
Saturday	10:00 am-5:00 pm
Sunday	12:00 pm-4:00 pm

CONCESSIONS

Friday	5:00-9:30 pm
Saturday	7:30 am-5:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 pm-4:00 pm

CRAFT, ART, & ANTIQUE SHOW

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

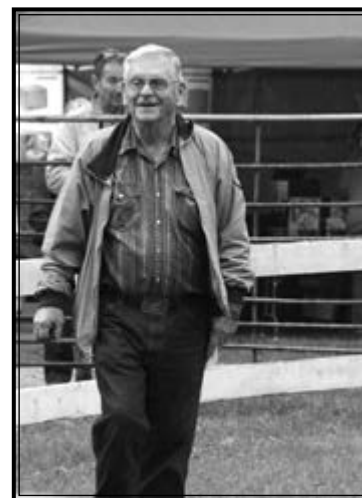


A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

On behalf of the Big Rock Plowing Match Association Board, we extend an invitation to everyone to attend the 120th Plowing Match on September 19-21, 2014. We have had a successful year in that all our picnics that were scheduled got in with no problems and although our wine tasting was cancelled we hope to have it again in the future. I want to thank the Board members and all of the volunteers that give their time and talents to make the Plowing Match a success. The Plowing Match is celebrating 120 years and this is still a non-profit organization, which in this day and age is unheard of. The Plowing Match and all its traditions are made possible through the generosity of the people of the community and surrounding areas. So again, thank you and let us have another successful year featuring the farming traditions of our community.

Roger Hatfield

President, Big Rock Plowing Match Association



CARNIVAL WRISTBANDS FRIDAY & SATURDAY

Exciting new rides and more wristband hours are coming to the Plowing Match. Friday is “Wristband Night” at \$13 with a presale ticket or \$16 if purchased that night. Saturday will feature “Wristband Afternoon” for \$16. Afternoon wristbands will be available for purchase only at Plowman’s Park. Individual ride tickets may also be purchased at the park during carnival hours—see schedule. Watch for the Carnival Wristband presale flyer coming to your school.



WATERMELON EATING CONTEST

SPONSORED BY THE BIG ROCK PARK DISTRICT

Who will have the fastest time this year? Find out on Sunday at 11:00 am. The person with the fastest time after eating slices of watermelon will win a cash prize: \$10 for age group 8-11 eating one slice, \$20 for age group 12-15 eating two slices and \$30 for age group 16 and up eating two slices. No entry fee. Registration begins at 11:00 am at the stage prior to the contest.



2014 PRINCE & PRINCESS CONTEST

SPONSORED BY THE BIG ROCK PARK DISTRICT

All boys and girls, ages 3 through 5, living in the area are invited to enter this year’s Prince & Princess Contest to be held on Sunday at 1:30 pm. Please check in at the stage by 1:00 pm.

Entry forms are due by Monday, September 15, and are available on the Park District website at www.bigrockparks.com, the Plowing Match website, at the Big Rock post office, distributed through H-BR elementary school or may be requested from Cindy Nehring at (630) 556-3238.



BINGO

SPONSORED BY THE BIG ROCK PARK DISTRICT

Come and enjoy Bingo on Sunday at 2:30 pm under the Pavilion at Plowman’s Park. At least five individual games will be played and prizes will be awarded.

BIG ROCK TOWNSHIP IS PROUD TO SUPPORT THE 120TH BIG ROCK PLOWING MATCH

With our very best wishes for a successful weekend.

Your Big Rock Township Officials

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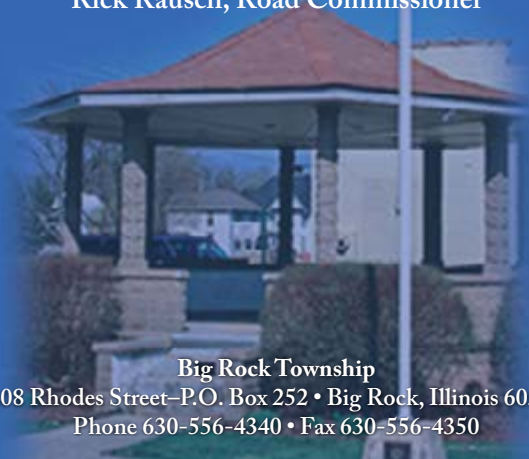
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The Village of Big Rock is proud to support the 120th Plowing Match and would like to extend a special thanks to the Plowing Match Board and all the volunteers who help make it happen.

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HORSE SHOW PLOWS NEW GROUND...FOR FUN!

Anyone who has ever been to the Plowing Match knows that a lot more goes on than just plowing fields for fun, competition, prizes and trophies.

At the Southwest corner of Plowman's Park, we will be holding our 30th Annual Plowing Match Horse Show, beginning promptly at 8:30 on Saturday morning. As always, the show prescribes to the ideals of **fun, competition, prizes, surprises, and more FUN!**



Besides the first through sixth place ribbon awards, the first place winner gets an additional surprise. Ribbons and cash are also awarded to the high point and reserve winners ages 16 and over and 15 or under.

All ribbon winners have the chance to win a \$100 cash prize through a drawing matches the number on the back of their ribbon. You must be present in the center of the arena at the end of the show.

Crowd-pleaser events include the Walk Trot and Lead Line for the littlest riders to the Calcutta for the audience participation piece of the show. For a copy of the Horse Show Bill containing all the details, e-mail Horse Show Coordinator, Bonnie Warchol at BRW1964@gmail.com or call 630-556-3501.

Aside from the standard Western and English competition classes, we also include a number of "just-for-fun" classes:

- ◆ Musical Cones
- ◆ Open Command Class
- ◆ Egg and Spoon Race
- ◆ Trot Poles
- ◆ Bribe Your Horse
- ◆ Trot Barrels
- ◆ Ride-a-Buck (bareback)

Returning this year to judge the event is Ms. Lynn Hnetkovsky, from Manhattan, Illinois. Lynn has judged our shows in the past and always makes sure that the riders have fun while coaching them how to improve their ride. Both riders and parents of riders have asked for her to come back and judge the show. She's a big part of why the show is so successful.

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.

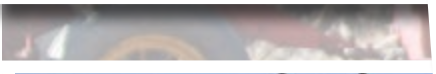
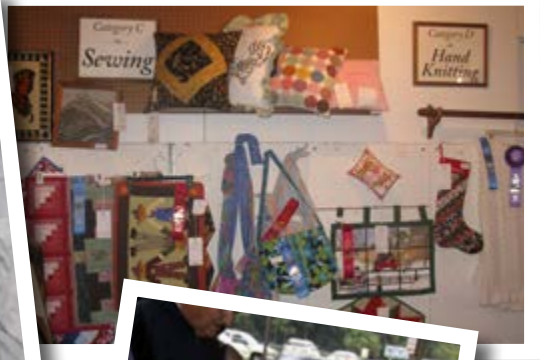


CRAFT, ART & ANTIQUE SHOW

In our beautiful Plowman's Park, tucked between the huge shady oak trees, you will find a nice selection of artisans and crafters who have been busy hand crafting their work to sell to you the customer. You will also be able to purchase from some of your favorite home party vendors. This is a Juried Show, awarding First, Second and Third place ribbons to artisans and crafters in each category.

Our craft show will run Saturday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sunday from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. We are pleased to introduce Tree Scott and her daughter Lindsey who are joining Jeanne in coordinating the show. For information about the show, please contact Jeanne Jackson at beadinghappy@yahoo.com or (630) 556-3779.



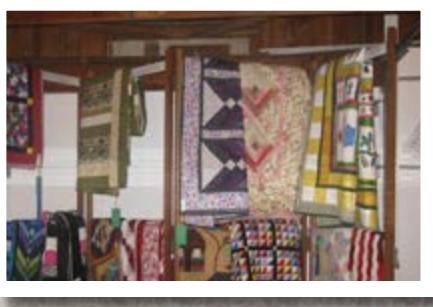


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JUNIOR FAIR SHOWCASES THE CREATIVITY AND TALENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE

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

- ◆ Our new and improved Premium Sheet was well received last year and brought us many new participants.
- ◆ Rich Harvest Farms of Sugar Grove generously offered to sponsor all of our Section II–Regular Classes again this year.
- ◆ The Rayman Family of Big Rock is supporting the Junior Fair again in 2014 by paying for all of the ribbons we award.
- ◆ The Brian Hanacek Family of Big Rock is sponsoring a different art class in Category A–Special Entry this year.

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

Once again the Junior Fair has three Special Entries to showcase:

- ◆ *Special Craft Entry*—“*Paint a Colorful Umbrella*”. Pop open a small umbrella (no golf size, please), think of a design for all to see and paint it with acrylic paint on the outside of your umbrella. We plan to hang them from the rafters in the Junior Fair building! Have fun!
- ◆ *Special Baking Entry*—“*XTRA–Special Celebration Cake for the 120th Plowing Match*”. Do not wait until the Plowing Match to try this recipe. Bake up a 9" x 13" pan for your family and see what their taste buds say.
- ◆ *Special Art Entry*—“*Best Poster about Big Rock, Illinois*”. Put on your thinking cap and decide what you like best about Big Rock. Then use photos, drawings, words and whatever else you can dream up to tell us about your favorite “Big Rock things” on a piece of poster board no larger than 23" x 29" Can't wait to see what you come up with!

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 it is entered in.

Entrants do not have to live in Big Rock to participate in the Junior Fair. Last year we had entries from 18 different communities plus other states. And, we set a record with 580 entries! Entries are accepted from 2pm until 7pm on Friday September 19 at the Junior Fair Building.

2013 SPECIAL PREMIUM WINNERS

SPECIAL PREMIUM–BAKING 7-UP CAKE

- ◆ Most blue ribbons
 - 12-14 year olds: (tie) Allen Bartoszek and Lucy Rivera
 - 9-11 year olds: Grace Auersch
 - 6-8 year olds: Jordan Sprecher
 - 3-5 year olds: Savannah Komes
- ◆ Most points all categories: (tie) Grace Auersch and Jordan Sprecher
- ◆ Most entries: First place (tie) Jordan Sprecher and Savannah Komes

- ◆ First Place: Alicia Diaz
- ◆ Second Place: Amy Johnson

SPECIAL PREMIUM–ART BEST DRAWING OF A SCHOOL BUS

SPECIAL PREMIUM–CRAFT CREATE A MOSAIC

- ◆ 3-5 years old: 1st, Hunter Schmidtbauer; 2nd, Zach Juneau; 3rd, Anna Herrmann
- ◆ 6-8 years old: 1st, Jordan Sprecher; 2nd, Mia Geltz; 3rd, Jake Juneau
- ◆ 9-11 year olds: 1st, Leah Spangler; 2nd, Annette Franklin; 3rd, Katie Juneau
- ◆ 12-14 year olds: 1st, Lucy Rivera; 2nd, Sarah Zeigler; 3rd, Kara Runyan

- ◆ 3-5 years old: 1st, Savannah Komes; 2nd, Anna Herrmann, 3rd, Caitlin Abner
- ◆ 6-8 years old: 1st, Savannah Troyer; 2nd, Anya Ritchie; 3rd, Sasha Dzikowicz
- ◆ 9-11 years old: 1st, Nathan Troyer; 2nd, Leah Spangler; 3rd, Grace Auersch
- ◆ 12-14 years old: 1st, Ben Novicki; 2nd Allen Bartoszek

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.

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 2014

Look carefully at the 2014 Premium List as there are changes in both the categories and the classes. Classes that were under-performing based on the number of entries over the past eight years—several averaged less than two entries since 2007—were eliminated. Categories were combined and criteria was established regarding the minimum and maximum number of classes in a category. The result is 18 categories with 135 classes across six sections, including a new class in Handiwork.

The Special Handicraft is being introduced this year as a new opportunity for you to express your creativity. This year we invite you to decorate a glass block. As with the Special Recipe, a different special handicraft will be featured each year. We thank Premier Entertainment D.J. Services for sponsoring this class, which offers a \$15 premium for first place and \$10 for second.

This year's Special Recipe is an apple cake in memory of Lois V. Morris. With ties to the Big Rock area from before the Civil War, the sixth generation of the Morris family is delighted to share this favorite recipe. 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.

We appreciate the businesses and individuals that provide the prize money by sponsoring the Special Awards and many categories. Prize money for the remaining categories is provided by the Big Rock Plowing Match Association. Several categories this year are entirely sponsored by one donor. We welcome our new category sponsors: Ken & Carol Rojek sponsoring Cookies, LDG Landscaping sponsoring Flowers, the Richard J. Dunlap Family sponsoring Sewing, and Robert Brown in loving memory of Dawn Brown sponsoring Hand Knitting. New sponsors also include: Friend of the Plowing Match and Premier Entertainment D.J. Services. Contact Denise if you are interested in being a sponsor for 2015.

Looking for the 2014 Ladies Fair Premium List? You can print it from the Plowing Match website or have it emailed. Previous entrants with an email address on file with us received the Premium List in July. To be added to our email list, send your contact information, listing Ladies Fair in the subject line to: bigrockplowingmatch@gmail.com.

Bring your entries to the Ladies Fair building on Friday, September 19 between 2:00 to 7:00 pm. Tips for shortening your check-in time are included on the Premium List. If you are entering more than 20 items, call Denise by September 12 for all the details to pre-register your entries. This will shorten your check in time, as well as everyone else in line.

We always welcome new talent, new sponsors or new buyers for our auction. If you interested in volunteering or have 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.



*2013 Harley Davis Memorial
Award winner Donita Bartoszek*

LADIES FAIR 2013 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—Dale Thomas
- ◆ Big Rock Plowing Match Association: Most entries in all baking classes—1st, Donita Bartoszek; 2nd, Gail Geltz
- ◆ Needham Shop: Most blue ribbons in quilts—Susie Shaddle
- ◆ 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—Gail Geltz
- ◆ Healy Chapel: Most blue ribbons in Section II Baking—Christine Schilling
- ◆ Gladys Butcher Memorial: Most blue ribbons in Canned Goods—Donita Bartoszek
- ◆ Harry Schoger & Sons, Inc.: Most blue ribbons in Flowers—Mary Lambert
- ◆ Dairy Joy: Most blue ribbons in Handicraft—Lisa Badal
- ◆ J & D Door Sales: Most blue ribbons in Embroidery—Mary Gunier
- ◆ Rooster Ag Realty: Most blue ribbons in Sewing—Lynda Spraner
- ◆ 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—Jim Thicksten

JUNIOR & LADIES FAIR BAKED GOODS AUCTION

SATURDAY



Prize-winning baked goods will be auctioned to the highest bidder on Saturday afternoon starting at 1:00 pm with Junior Fair items followed by the Ladies Fair items at 1:30 pm. These blue & red ribbon winners are the best of the best from both the Junior Fair and Ladies Fair. Parents, grandparents and other supporters will have the chance to bid on their favorite baker's winning entry and take home some amazing sweet treats.

- ◆ More than 75 different categories of baked goods will be auctioned to the highest bidder.
- ◆ These mouthwatering, delicious treats include everything from carmel pecan rolls to German chocolate cake.
- ◆ Homemade breads, muffins, pies, cobbler, cakes, cookies, cupcakes and candies winning first or second place during the Junior or Ladies Fair competition await a place on your table.

This event is a definite crowd pleaser and is a perfect opportunity to make new acquaintances, revisit old friends and support the Plowing Match Association.

Pick up a bidder's number, available that day, at the bandstand (12:30-1:00 pm) or you can get one now by contacting Denise at (630) 556-4771 or via email at bigrockplowingmatch@gmail.com



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BIG ROCK LIONS CLUB

“Cow Chip Bingo” remains a popular activity at each Plowing Match. Purchase a square for \$2 or \$5 from a Lions Club members in advance or at the Plowing Match, and the cow does the rest. Witness the cow “in action” outside the cattle arena on the east side of Plowman’s Park. Another fundraiser provides the opportunity to win \$600. Contact a Lions Club member to purchase a ticket. A limited number of tickets are available for \$5 each or 3 for \$10 or 7 for \$20.

Lions Club will also be coordinating the Children’s Races on Saturday at 11:00 am in the cattle arena.

The Lions Club is fortunate to have such an active club in Big Rock and is involved with the community and school district in many important ways, but they need your support to accomplish many of the projects they do throughout the year. This past year the Lions supported reading projects in CUSD 429.

Sandy Madden, H-BR Reading Specialist, requested funding assistance for PebbleGo, an online database especially for students in grades K-3, and a reading program challenge for the students. The Lions Club agreed to fund both projects for school year 2013-2014 at \$950. Results of the program were astonishing:

- ◆ PebbleGo was accessed almost 5,000 times from school or home
- ◆ Students in early childhood through third grade read for a combined 511 days
- ◆ 59 students in fourth grade read 2,982 books
- ◆ More than 1,500 book reports were written by the fifth grade students

The Lions Club has endorsed Ms. Madden’s additional funding request for both projects during the 2014-2015 school year, and pledged matching funding up to \$1,000. The School Board accepted the funding challenge presented by the Lions Club: for each \$1 allocated to the reading projects, the Lions will allocate \$2 up to \$1,000. Funds may be used for purposes deemed most beneficial to the reading programs. The Big Rock Lions Club proudly supports the children of Big Rock.

The Club is always looking for new members to help them in their efforts. To contribute your valuable time to their cause, please contact their president, Bill Kline at BFKLINE.BIGROCK@GMAIL.COM or call at 630-742-9749. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at the Big Rock Township hall at 7:30 pm.

For more information, stop by the Lions Club booth at Plowman’s Park during the Plowing Match.



5TH ANNUAL TRACTOR TROT 5K

SATURDAY

Back by popular demand, the annual 5K run through the beautiful back roads of Big Rock will kick off the Plowing Match on Saturday beginning promptly at 9:00 am.

Registration fee of \$20 includes an event t-shirt, if form is received by September 12. Event registration sheets are at the Big Rock Post Office, Rockway, Big Rock Fire Department, Big Rock Café and available online at www.crossroadscyc.com or the Plowing Match Facebook website. Same day race sign-up are welcome but does not include a t-shirt.

Contact Adam Hammond to volunteer or ask questions at (630) 800-8323 or email adam.hammond20@gmail.com.

HORSESHOE PITCHING TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Whether you’re just a weekend backyard pitcher, ranked by the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, or somewhere in between, we hope to see you for Singles Competition on Saturday and Doubles Tournament on Sunday. Entry fee is \$5 per person per tournament and trophies will be awarded for both days’ winners.

We start Saturday morning at 9:00 am with the “C” class players, move on to the “B” pitchers, and end the first day with our “A” players, hitting ringers at nearly every pitch.

At noon on Sunday we begin signing up for the Doubles Tournament, drawing names for partners, where the “C” and “B” pitchers will partner with an “A” player for an afternoon of fierce competition.

Tournament coordinators are Jim Brummett, Donna Monterubio and Darrin Lee. Contact Jim at (630) 556-3547 or Donna by email at bvx847@gmail.com.

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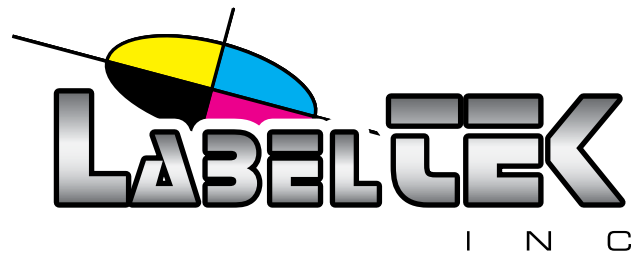
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VEGETABLE AND GRAIN SHOW



How does your garden grow? Here's your 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. Most classes award first, second and third place with cash prizes ranging from \$2 to \$4.50. The Ivan & Betty Davis Memorial awards three prizes for the largest pumpkin with first place receiving \$25, second place \$15, and \$10 for third place.

Special awards are presented to the participant winning the most ribbons in Section I, II and III, as well as an award for the participant with the most ribbons overall. All entries must be grown by the exhibitor.

2013 Winners

- ◆ Most Blue Ribbons
 - Section I—Open Class: Jerry Hubbard
 - Section II—18 and under: Jack Ward
 - Section III—12 and under: Danny Jones
- ◆ Most Ribbons Overall: Jerry Hubbard

The Vegetable and Grain Show Premium sheet lists all the categories and is on the Big Rock Plowing Match website. This event is organized by Cindy and Dale Dean who can be reached at 630-556-3791 with questions.

FARMERS MARKET AUCTION

Sunday, September 21, 1:00 pm

Prize winning entries will be sold by auction at the Vegetable & Grain Show tent. All benefit the Big Rock Plowing Match Association.

THANK YOU FROM THE BIG ROCK PLOWING MATCH BOARD

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 and Plowman's Park.

- ◆ George Alexander and his Clydesdale horses for providing an elevated view for people to enjoy the plowing competition.
- ◆ Allegra, Aurora for printing the premium lists, posters and sponsor banners.
- ◆ Aurora Area Convention & Visitors Bureau for promotion of the Plowing Match.
- ◆ Bickford Electric for tending to all our electrical needs.
- ◆ Big Rock Boy Scout Troop 19 for helping with garbage pickup throughout the weekend.
- ◆ Big Rock Car Show Committee for cleaning up the park, kitchen and restrooms.
- ◆ Big Rock Historical Society for allowing parking on their property and providing rides between the plowing competition and Plowman's Park.
- ◆ Big Rock Park District for maintaining our baseball field—Kenny Field.
- ◆ Nathan Carr for the design and maintenance of the Plowing Match website.
- ◆ Cub Scouts of Three Fires Council for picking up all the refuse that others have left behind. They truly do us a "good turn" during their week-long day camp.
- ◆ DeKane Equipment Corporation for equipment assistance in maintaining Plowman's Park.
- ◆ Halloweenfest Committee (a consortium of Hinckley Parks Sugar Grove Park District, Big Rock Park District and the Gene Franks Family) for installing a new roof on the stage, providing new coffee urns for the kitchen, providing and assisting with the installation of new light fixtures in the Junior and Ladies Fair buildings, and providing the wagons used by the Historical Society to transport people between Plowman's Park and the plowing competition.
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- ◆ Sign FX for printing and updating Plowing Match signs.
- ◆ Sunbelt Rentals of Sugar Grove for providing the tower lights 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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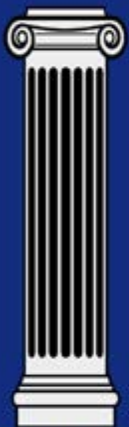
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