



BIG ROCK PLOWING MATCH TIMES

BIG ROCK PLOWING MATCH: KEEPING THE TRADITION

Where has the time gone? Imagine – this will be the 122nd Big Rock Plowing Match. Started in 1894 it is one of the longest running annual events and the only one of its kind that remains active in Illinois. The Association has changed over the years to meet the many challenges of offering the Plowing Match, as well as maintaining Plowman’s Park. Back in the 1800 and 1900’s the work of the Association could be achieved with only two or three meetings of the Board a year. Plowman’s Park was purchased in 1950 and the Association was able to construct a building for the Ladies Fair. By 1957 the Plowing Match had become a two-day mini-fair. Next came the building of Kenny Field in 1967. Oh, my gosh, that was the same year that I joined the Board – 49 years ago. So, next year it will be 50 years for both Kenny Field and me being on the Board.

These years have been good, filled with changes and improvements to the Plowing Match. It all started with the plowing competition and expanded little by little with various events over the years that has included ASA fast pitch softball and church leagues. The horse show started in 1980 followed by horseshoe pitching, the round bale roll off and the pedal pull for children. At our 100th celebration the Plowing Match was enhanced with a carnival for families on Friday evening. The Junior Fair expanded and winning baked goods were added to the auction.

The auction of baked goods from the Junior and Ladies Fair is the primary source of funds for the Association to maintain the 19-acre park and buildings. Our blue and red ribbon bakers take home prize money and bragging rights. It is with great appreciation that we acknowledge our many sponsors who support us by providing the funds for the prize money. Our gratitude is also extended to everyone who bids and buys at auction – you take home some wonderful sweet treats and a tax deduction – and the Association gains funds to continue the tradition.



*Front-Denise Farrugia, Bonnie Warbol, Kim Hummell, Zac Ruh
2nd row-Sandy Carr, Anita Novicki, Bill Brickert, Craig Thomas
3rd row-Roger Hatfield, Gene Nebring, John Thompson, Terry Sorensen*

Now the Association runs nearly year-round with meetings, as well as maintaining the grounds. Over the years organizations have embraced the event and support the Association through partnerships such as the Big Rock Park District that sponsors a watermelon eating contest, prince and princess contest and bingo and Boy Scout Troop #19 and their Eagle Scouts. Members of the community have offered their expertise. Most recently Kolt O’Donnell assisted with underground water leaks and he generously added gravel, leveled and rolled the park’s driveway.

I believe all of these improvements and changes have made the Plowing Match and Plowman’s Park more attractive to families in our community, as well as the surrounding area. The event always has been free of admission and parking fees to enable everyone to participate and enjoy the event. The Association Board has been tireless in improving the buildings with metal roofs and steel siding over the past 15 years. Plowman’s Park is in great shape, better than it has been since it became home to the Plowing Match Association.

Some may say it was just another year, but I can say that it wasn’t. The past year brought change to the Board. Zach Ruh resigned when he became the proud owner of Dairy

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18-KIDS' NIGHT

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| Bicycle Parade (begins at fire barn) | 5:15 pm |
| Old-time Baseball | 6:00 pm |
| Carnival "Wristband Night" DRS Skinner's Amusements Inc. | 6:00-9:30 pm |
| Premier Entertainment by DJ Darrin Lee | 6:00-9:30 pm |

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

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| Western & English Horse Show | 8:30 am |
| Farmers Market Silent Auction Begins | 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 20

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| Church Service | 10:00 am |
| Drawing for Lands | 10:30 am |
| 5B'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 Silent Auction Ends | 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 DRS SKINNER'S AMUSEMENTS INC. (WEATHER PERMITTING)

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| Friday | 6:00-9:30 pm |
| Saturday | Noon-5:00 pm |
| Sunday | Noon-4:00 pm |

CONCESSIONS

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

CRAFT, ART, & ANTIQUE SHOW

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



CARNIVAL WRISTBANDS

DRS SKINNER'S AMUSEMENTS INC.
FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

- ◆ Friday Night presale wristbands will be \$15 each.
- ◆ Presale flyers will be distributed to students through the schools.
- ◆ Wristbands purchased on Friday night will be \$18 each.
- ◆ There are no refunds on presale tickets.
- ◆ Saturday: \$20 wristbands will be available from noon until 5:00 pm. Individual tickets will also be available.
- ◆ Sunday: all rides will be \$2 from noon until closing

Questions about wristbands? Call Sandy at 630-556-3171.



Joy in Hinckley. Bob Raymond was appointed to fill the vacancy. Jeannie Jackson, a main stay with the Plowing Match stepped down and Dawn Stegall assumed responsibility for the craft show. We send well wishes to both Jeannie and Zac. At this time I would like to thank each Board member for their hard work and dedication to our organization that has meant so much to this community for so long.

The 122nd Big Rock Plowing Match continues to change, while at the same time it remains true to showcasing the agricultural heritage of our community and the use of the plow. Come out and join us September 16-18. Thank you from myself and the Board.

Roger Hatfield
President, Big Rock Plowing Match Association



VEGETABLE AND GRAIN SHOW



How does your garden grow? Here's a chance to show off your prized vegetables, grains, and fruits; enter the Vegetable and Grain Show. Bring your entries to the tent next to the Ladies Fair building between 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm on Friday, September 16.

Ribbons and cash prizes are awarded to the winners. Most classes award first, second and third place, with cash prizes ranging from \$3 to \$5. The Ivan & Betty Davis Memorial awards three places for the largest pumpkins. First place receives \$25, second place \$15, and third place \$10; pumpkins should be entered in Section I, which is open to all ages.

Special awards for the person winning the most blue ribbons are presented in three age categories: \$15 in Section I which is open to all ages; \$15 in Section II for 18 years of age and under; and \$8 in Section III for 12 years of age and under. The participant with the most blue ribbons overall is awarded \$15.

All entries must be grown by the exhibitor. Entries not taking a prize must be picked up by exhibitor on Sunday between 11:30 am and 12:30 pm. Otherwise entries will be sold at auction.

Prize winning entries will be sold by silent auction.

- ◆ Bidding will begin at 9 am on Saturday, September 17.
- ◆ Bidding will end at 1 pm on Sunday, September 18.
- ◆ Winning bids will be determined at 1 pm and must be paid and picked up by 2 pm.
- ◆ All proceeds will go to the Big Rock Plowing Match Association.

2015 WINNERS

Most Blue Ribbons

- ◆ Section I Open Class: Jerry Hubbard
- ◆ Section II 18 and under: Andrea Curry
- ◆ Section III 12 and under: Four-way tie—
 Austin McMurtrie, Ashleigh Wackerlin,
 Chance Wackerlin, Travis Herrmann and
 Leila Bowman

The Vegetable and Grain Show Premium sheet lists all the categories and may be found 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 any questions.

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 121ST

PLOWING MATCH COMPETITION, 2015

All events were cancelled due to weather.



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4-H CATTLE SHOW AND AUCTION

SUNDAY

The Cattle Show takes over the ring on Sunday afternoon at 1:00 pm at the Plowing Match. Members of the Big Rock Cowhands 4-H will be joined by 4-H members from Kane County as well as Lee, DeKalb and Kendall counties. Raising, caring for, feeding and training their animals is a daily year-round project for 4-H members. They bring their prized steers to compete and be sold at auction.

Judging is based on form, market readiness and cover. Awards are presented for breeds: Angus, Hereford, Shorthorn and Crossbred. Winners in each of the breed classes then compete for overall Grand and Reserve Champions.

Congratulations to the 2015 show winners:

- ◆ Grand Champion Overall—Trace Fidler, Genoa
- ◆ Reserve Champion Overall—Tate Johnson, Shabbona

The Auction at 3:00 pm provides an opportunity to support our area youth and fill your freezer with locally raised beef.

Thank you to our 2015 buyers:

- ◆ Don Dickinson
- ◆ Don Willrette –Pioneer Seed
- ◆ DeKane Equipment
- ◆ Elburn Co-Op
- ◆ O'Donnell Excavating
- ◆ Old Second Bank
- ◆ Joe & Steve's Fat Farm
- ◆ Joy Fernandez

We hope to see you on Sunday – watch the show and bid on the steers at the auction!



CRAFT, ART & ANTIQUE SHOW

SATURDAY & SUNDAY



Wander through wonderful displays nestled between the mature, shady oak trees to enjoy all our vendors have to offer at our Craft, Art and Antique Show. Over 30 new and returning artisans, crafters and vendors will be offering you a nice selection of items: hand-carved gourds, handmade quilted items, jewelry, soaps, candles, bean bag games, crocheted items, doll clothes, refinished furniture and unique hand crafted wood items. You will also be able to purchase from some of your favorite vendors: Tupperware, Perfectly Posh, Magnabilities and more.

The show times are Saturday, September 17 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sunday, September 17 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Please visit www.bigrockplowingmatch.com for further details or an application. Coordinator Dawn Stegall may be reached via email at dcsras6057@sbcglobal.net.



BIG ROCK LIONS CLUB

As an International service organization, the Lions Club of Big Rock is proud to be an active part of our community, raising money to serve those in need. This group of men and women have a long standing commitment to the community.

Big Rock Boy Scout Troop 19 is sponsored by the Lions Club and receives financial support throughout the year.

Since 2011, strawberry shortcake has been provided and served by the Lions at each of the Big Rock Historical Society / Library car shows. Recently the Lions gave the Library an Optelec, a low vision magnifier that can increase the size of an image or text from 3 to 60x. The Library has also received financial support from the Lions.

The Lions annually support events at the Big Rock Plowing Match through sponsorships for the Junior & Ladies Fairs; Cattle, Horse and Vegetable & Grain Shows; Pedal Pull and Round Bale Roll Off; and of course, the Plowing.

They annually contribute to the Sight & Sound campaign of the Lions of Illinois Foundation to provide assistance and support for those with vision and hearing limitations.

In 2014, the Lions Club initiated the Student Service Memorial Award in honor of members Kevin Clark and Dave Young. Each year faculty members at the middle school nominate and select a student who best exemplifies a commitment to community service. The student is recognized at the Awards Banquet and receives an individual award plaque. A plaque in the school acknowledges the award winner: Zac Mills in 2014-2015 and Elliot Rae Saucedo in 2015-2016. The school receives \$500 towards projects that will enhance and benefit the students at Hinckley Big Rock Middle School.

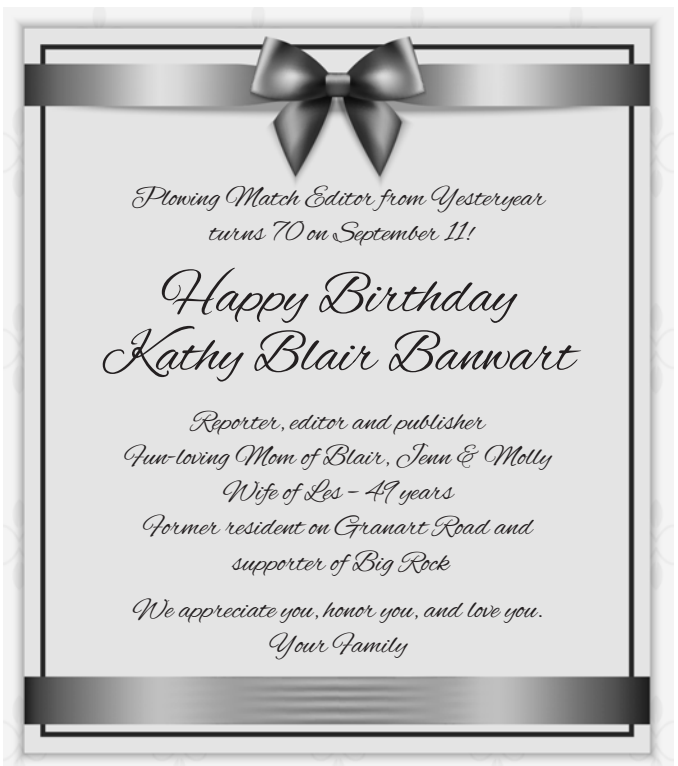


The ability to accomplish these and future projects is dependent on your participation and generous support of the club's fundraising efforts. The Plowing Match provides an opportunity for two fundraisers: a raffle and Cow Chip Bingo. Club members are selling raffle tickets now and during the Plowing Match to win cash prizes up to \$500. Be sure to get your tickets before Sunday afternoon: \$5 each, 3 for \$10 and 7 for \$20. You need not be present to win, but to win you do need to purchase a ticket before the drawing.

Cow Chip Bingo involves the purchase of a square for \$2 or \$5 and the cow does the rest. Squares may be purchased in advance from any Lions Club member or contact Bill Fischer fischerwp@sbcglobal.net. 50% of funds collected for each sheet goes to the person who owns the square where the chips fall. Witness the cow "in action" outside the cattle areas on the east side of Plowman's Park.

The Big Rock Lions Club welcomes men and women to join the group in their efforts to give back to our community. If you are able to contribute some of your valuable time to their cause, please contact President Bill Kline at bfkline@aol.com or call Bill Fischer at 630-567-3119. 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 Lion's Club booth during the Plowing Match.



BIG ROCK PLOWING MATCH HORSE SHOW— A FUN WAY TO END THE YEAR!

Horse lovers have been gathering in the southwest corner of Plowman's Park for the past 31 years and this year's Horse Show, the 32nd is sure to offer a full day of competition.

Riders compete for ribbons and cash awards in a variety of classes from "High Point" based on age to a new class, Open Pony Halter – for 14.2" and under in both English and Western. All ribbon winners have a chance to win \$100 cash through a drawing that matches the number on the back of their ribbon. Be present at the end of the show to win.

An audience favorite is the "Open Calcutta", a judged English or Western pleasure class, where the audience participates, bids to "own" a horse and rider for that class and takes a reward if their rider places. The money collected is split among the winning bidders: 50% to 1st place, 35% to 2nd place and 15% to third place. Ribbons are presented to the riders placing first through sixth. This is one of five "just for fun" classes scheduled in the middle of the show to provide a break from the competitive classes.

Ms. Julie Angus, a certified Illinois Horse Show judge, is from Ottawa, Illinois. The focus of our competition is for the riders to have fun while being coached on how to improve their ride. At the end of each class, riders are encouraged to ask questions.

So, join in the fun and cheer on the riders and their horses. See you on Saturday!



HORSE SHOW BEGINS PROMPTLY SATURDAY, 8:30 A.M.

Classes

1. Open Halter – English & Western
2. Open Pony Halter (14.2" & under) English & Western
3. Open Showmanship – English & Western
4. Western Horsemanship (15 and Under)
5. Western Horsemanship (16 and Over)
6. Open Western Horsemanship
7. Western Pleasure (15 and Under)
8. Western Pleasure (16 and Over)
9. Open Western Pleasure
10. Lead Line**

Just for Fun

11. Musical Cones
12. Open Command Class
13. Egg and Spoon Race
14. Bribe Your Horse
15. Ride-A-Buck (bareback)

Classes

16. Open Bareback Equitation
17. Walk Trot*
18. Open Calcutta (\$\$\$) Pleasure Class
19. English Pleasure (15 and Under)
20. English Pleasure (16 and Over)
21. Open English Pleasure
22. English Equitation (15 and Under)
23. English Equitation (16 and Over)
24. Open English Equitation
25. Grooms Class*
26. Non-Blue Ribbon Winner Performance Class

Classes: \$5 per event

*Walk Trot, Lead Line and Grooms Class-Participants in these events are not eligible for any other performance class. Lead Line riders are not eligible for Walk Trot Class (17).

General Guidelines

- ◆ All contestants must wear proper attire except in classes: 10-11-12-13-14-15-24. 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 (3 entries per class minimum).
- ◆ The Show Committee has the right to refuse check or issue tabs. A \$40 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 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.

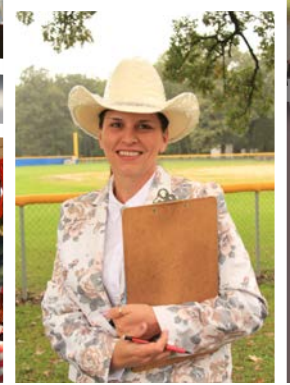
High Point Awards: age 15 and Under
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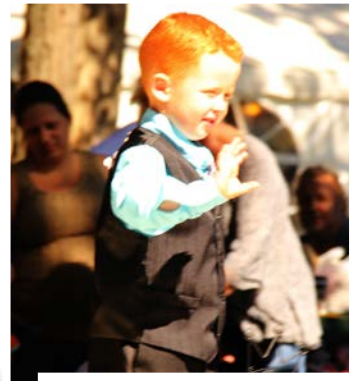
High Point Awards: age 16 and Over
1-2-3-5-6-8-9-16-18-20-21-23-24-26

Judge: Ms. Julie Angus, Ottawa, Illinois
Ample trailer parking available.

Lunch break at approximately 12:30 pm

Need more information? Contact Bonnie at (630) 556-3501
or email brw1964@gmail.com





122ND BIG ROCK PLOWING MATCH LADIES FAIR—2016

Be part of the tradition—showcase your talent at the Ladies Fair—open to all amateurs: men, women and children. There is plenty opportunity with 135 different classes in 18 categories spread across six different sections. Take the challenge to enter baked goods, canned fruit or vegetables and your best handicrafts and photos—three, 10, 20 or more. Look through your completed projects for items to enter. Although entries that have won a ribbon may not be entered again, articles/items entered prior to 2014 are eligible. Earn first and second place ribbons, be rewarded with a Special Award and take home prize money and bragging rights on your achievements.

Spread the word to your family, friends and neighbors to encourage them to enter the Ladies Fair with their best baked goods and more. This year, new entrants will be eligible to receive a basket of Big Rock goodies from our local businesses. The person that has the most referrals of people entering for the first time will also receive a basket. Talk it up and when you check in your items on Friday, complete the form as a first-time entrant or as a recruiter. Winners will be announced at the Auction on Saturday.

This year's Special Recipe comes from Mary Dalton, a former Plowing Match Board member, Ladies Fair Committee member and recipient of the Harley Davis Award. The Chocolate Chip Zucchini Cake is the most-requested dessert at Mary's family gatherings. She has been baking it, as has her sister and cousin, for over 30 years using the recipe from the St. John's United Church (Naperville) cookbook. This family favorite makes dessert a real treat as the cake is moist, tasty, feeds a lot, is easy to transport and always brings smiles. Just follow the recipe, bake in either a bundt or 9" x 13" pan, for your chance at a first place blue ribbon (\$30) or a second place red ribbon (\$20).

Premiums and prize money for the various categories and Special Awards are provided by individuals and businesses, as well as the Big Rock Plowing Match Association. All support is most appreciated. We welcome Big Rock Park District as a new sponsor for the entire Handicrafts category and Special Handicraft sponsor William Yoder Family. Contact Denise if you are interested in being a 2017 sponsor.

Looking ahead we are very excited to introduce a new special class for 2017: Special Quilt—a mini quilt depicting the Big Rock Plowing Match. Quilters are invited to explore the many facets of this unique event and use their imagination to interpret the theme in a mini 24" square quilt. The first place quilter will receive \$100 and second place \$50. Both quilts will be sold at auction as a fund raiser for the Ladies Fair.

GOOD TO KNOW

- ◆ **Entries:** Friday, September 16 from 2:00 to 7:00 pm. Tips for check-in are on Premium List. Entering more than 15 items? Pre-register with Denise by calling 630-556-4771.
- ◆ **Hours:** View the exhibits in the Ladies Fair building on Saturday from 9 am to 12:30 pm and 3:30-5:00 pm. Closed during the Auction. Sunday from after Church Service to 2:30 pm.
- ◆ **Committee:** Gina Dunlap at (630) 849-4718, Cheryl Lee at (630) 988-2522, Karen Yoder at 630-556-3620 or A. Denise Farrugia at (630) 556-4771.



LADIES FAIR—2015 SPECIAL AWARDS WINNERS

- ◆ Harley Davis Memorial: Most ribbons in all classes—Donita Bartoszek
- ◆ Big Rock Lions Club: Man with most blue ribbons—Jay Yaggie
- ◆ Big Rock Plowing Match Association: Most entries in all baking classes—1st, Donita Bartoszek; 2nd, Gail Geltz
- ◆ Needham Shop: Most blue ribbons in quilts—Mary Thurow
- ◆ The La Kone Company: Most blue ribbons in Section I—Cakes—Donita Bartoszek
- ◆ The La Kone Company: Most blue ribbons in Section I—Breads, Bars & Pies—Donita Bartoszek
- ◆ Healy Chapel: Most blue ribbons in Section II—Cookies & Candy—Donita Bartoszek
- ◆ Gladys Butcher Memorial: Most blue ribbons in canned goods—Donita Bartoszek
- ◆ Harry Schoger & Sons, Inc.: Most Blue Ribbons in Flowers—Jenny Jones
- ◆ Dairy Joy: Most blue ribbons in Handicraft—Vicki Eibel
- ◆ Executive Affiliates, Inc.: Most blue ribbons in Section V—Embroidery & Sewing—Mary Gunier
- ◆ Executive Affiliates, Inc.: Most blue ribbons in Section V—Hand Knitting & Crocheting—Mary Gunier
- ◆ Resource Bank: Most blue ribbons in Photography—Karen Levandowski

THE JUNIOR FAIR SHOWCASES YOUNG PEOPLE'S TALENTS AND CREATIVITY

PREMIUM SHEET NEWS

This year's premium sheet boasts some changes:

- ◆ The baked goods have been divided into two age groups: 3-8 year olds and 9-14 year olds.
- ◆ More baking options: snickerdoodle cookies, peanut butter kiss cookies, decorated sugar cookies, bar cookies (your choice), yeast bread (okay to use a bread machine) and cake pops too!
- ◆ New classes in three age groups: make a dream catcher, origami art, a painted stone and a junk art robot.

The Junior Fair has three Special Entries to showcase:

- ◆ Special Craft Entry is Make a Sock Puppet. Grab a sock—it can be patterned, striped, or plain—and let it help inspire you as you decorate it to look like an animal, a person, a space creature, or whatever you can dream up.
- ◆ Special Baking Entry calls for a 9" x 13" pan of Peanut Butter & Jelly Bars. They are yummy! I had to try this recipe myself and I am so glad I did!
- ◆ Special Art Entry is Make a Diorama that Illustrates a Book. Do you have a favorite book? A story that you really enjoyed? Turn a shoebox on its side and create a scene from that book. Use Legos, drawings, action figures, miniatures, whatever you can think of to create your scene.

The Junior Fair welcomes young people from all communities to enter—from Big Rock and beyond. 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. 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. Entries are accepted from 2 pm until 7 pm on Friday, September 16 at the Junior Fair Building.

HELLO AND GOODBYE

The Junior Fair welcomes three new coordinators: Sarah Magro, Kelley Morris, and Mary Rogerson. So happy you stepped forward to help. We cannot wait for your new ideas!

We bid farewell to Debbie Vistine and Jo Ann Kline who are retiring after 8 and 20 years respectively. Thank you ladies for all your innovative ideas and hard work as together we expanded the Junior Fair.

2015 SPECIAL PREMIUM WINNERS

- ◆ Most blue ribbons 3-5 year olds: (tie) Brooklyn Morel, Vivienne Deacon
- ◆ Most blue ribbons 6-8 year olds: (tie) Sienna Deacon, Sienna Culver
- ◆ Most blue ribbons 9-11 year olds: Jordan Sprecher
- ◆ Most blue ribbons 12-14 year olds: (tie) Hailey Pierson, Olivia Morris
- ◆ Most points all categories: Olivia Morris
- ◆ Most Entries: First Place: Ashley Leifheit, Second Place: (tie) Sienna Culver, Jordan Sprecher

SPECIAL PREMIUM—ART

DRAW YOUR FAVORITE CARTOON CHARACTER

- ◆ 3-5 year olds: 1st, Brielle Deacon; 2nd, Vivienne Deacon; 3rd, Emma Ziemba
- ◆ 6-8 year olds: 1st, Anna Herrmann; 2nd, Maddie Latch; 3rd, Savannah McMurtrie
- ◆ 9-11 year olds: 1st, Rachel Lapeyre; 2nd, Liberty Pierson; 3rd, Emma Lapeyre
- ◆ 12-14 year olds: 1st, Hailey Pierson; 2nd, Hailey Ruhl; 3rd, Jillian Hanacek

SPECIAL PREMIUM—BAKING

HONEY BUN CAKE

- ◆ First Place: Olivia Morris
- ◆ Second Place: Andrea McCord

SPECIAL PREMIUM—CRAFT

MAKE A SHOEBOX PARADE FLOAT

- ◆ 3-5 years old: 1st, Andrew Herrmann; 2nd, Ashley Leifheit; 3rd, Travis Herrmann
- ◆ 6-8 years old: 1st, Corbin Michael; 2nd, Caitlin Abner; 3rd, Anna Herrmann
- ◆ 9-11 years old: 1st, Lily Geltz; 2nd, Jordan Sprecher; 3rd, Kylee Hellebrand
- ◆ 12-14 years old: 1st, Jacob Weissensel

Remember the Junior Fair Baked Goods Auction on Saturday at 1 pm.

Questions? Please call Donita at 630-556-9000, Sandy at 630-556-3171, Sarah Magro at 630-335-6205, Keeley Morris at 630-546-8580 or Mary Rogerson at 630-330-0114. We look forward to seeing you at the Junior Fair!

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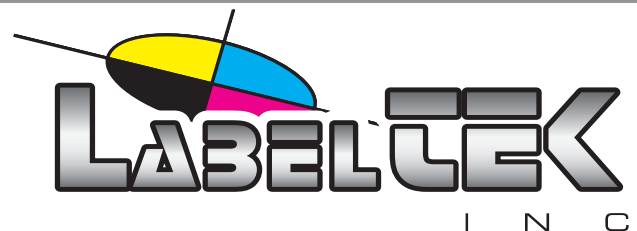
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- ◆ The Plowing Match and Plowman's Park.
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- ◆ Big Rock Park District for maintaining our baseball field, Kenny Field.
- ◆ Ron Burgess for creating the stands for the display cases in the Ladies Fair building.
- ◆ Nathan Carr for the design and maintenance of the Plowing Match website.
- ◆ Cub Scouts of Three Fires Council for picking up all the paper scraps and refuse that others have left behind. They truly do us a "good turn" during their week-long day camp.
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- ◆ Sue Moss for maintaining the buildings at Plowman's Park.
- ◆ Prairie State Railroad Club for being our resident eyes and informing us when things are just not right.
- ◆ Sign FX for printing and updating Plowing Match signs.

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.

5 B'S SERVING DINNER BOTH DAYS AT THE PLOWING MATCH

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

You are invited to dinner on both Saturday and Sunday as 5 B's Catering of Waterman serves up everyone's favorite chicken, pork chops, or roast beef.

Saturday's menu offers plates at \$12 with a choice of two pork chops, half chicken or a combo plate (one chop and quarter chicken) served with baked beans, coleslaw, and applesauce. Dinner will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 2 pm.

An old-fashioned roast beef dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 pm on Sunday. Dinners are \$12 per plate and include roast beef, cheesy au gratin potatoes, buttered green beans, coleslaw, and roll with butter.

Looking for a scrumptious dessert? Visit Hills Country Store booth to buy an ice cream delight.



HORSESHOE PITCHING TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY

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. Entry fee is \$5 per person per tournament and trophies will be awarded.

We start bright and early Saturday morning at 9:00 am with the "C" class players, and when they finish, we'll move on to the "B" pitchers, and end the day with our "A" players, hitting ringers at nearly every pitch. We look forward to a day of fierce competition.

Tournament coordinators are Jim Brummett, Donna Monterubio and Darrin Lee. Questions? Contact Jim at (630) 556-3547 or Donna by email at bxv847@gmail.com.

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JUNIOR AND LADIES FAIR BAKED GOODS AUCTION

SATURDAY

The first and second place ribbons have been awarded, winners announced and our prize-winning bakers have earned their bragging rights for the next year. These amazing 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 and 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 an array of sweet treats.

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

This auction is our primary fundraiser with all proceeds supporting the Plowing Match events, as well as maintaining the buildings and grounds. The auction is a win/win, buyers go home with a tax deduction and wonderful sweet treats and the Association receives funds to support their work.

All you need is 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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With our very best wishes for a successful weekend.

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WATERMELON EATING CONTEST

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Who will have the fastest time in 2016? Find out on Sunday at 11 am. The person with the fastest time after eating slices of watermelon will win a cash prize: \$10 for age group 7-11 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.

2015 Contest Winners:

- ◆ Returning Champion Molly From age 11 ate one slice in 1 minute 33 seconds.
- ◆ Hunter Masur age 14 ate two slices in 2 minutes 4 seconds.
- ◆ Returning Champion Cherin Dettman, tied with her sister Alice.
- ◆ After a tie-breaker round of two additional slices, Cherin won by one second with a time of 1 minute 32 seconds.



PLOWMAN'S PARK AVAILABLE

This beautiful 19-acre park is available for rental for family, school, church or community events. Throughout the year, Plowman's Park is host to many community activities. Perhaps you have enjoyed an event under the oaks. Contact Bonnie Warchol at 630 556-3501 to book the park for your next event.

- ◆ Big Rock Plowing Match
- ◆ Big Rock Classic Car, Truck, Tractor Show
- ◆ Prairie State Railroad Club
- ◆ Community Easter Egg Hunt
- ◆ Church, school and family picnics
- ◆ Scouting events
- ◆ Youth baseball games



2016 PRINCE & PRINCESS CONTEST

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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.

Entry forms are available on the Park District website at www.bigrockparks.com and the Plowing Match website www.bigrockplowingmatch.com. Contact Cindy Nehring at (630)556-3238.

2015 Winners:

- ◆ Prince Andrew Herrmann and Princess Katarina Gengler.
- ◆ Second place went to Tobias Patsch and Kinley Reeves.
- ◆ Third place went to Colton Groch and Brooklyn Morel.



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BINGO

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Come and enjoy Bingo on Sunday at 2:30 pm under the Pavilion at Plowman's Park. There will be five or more individual games played and prizes will be awarded.

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