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BIG ROCK PLOWING MATCH TIMES

KENNY FIELD AT 50

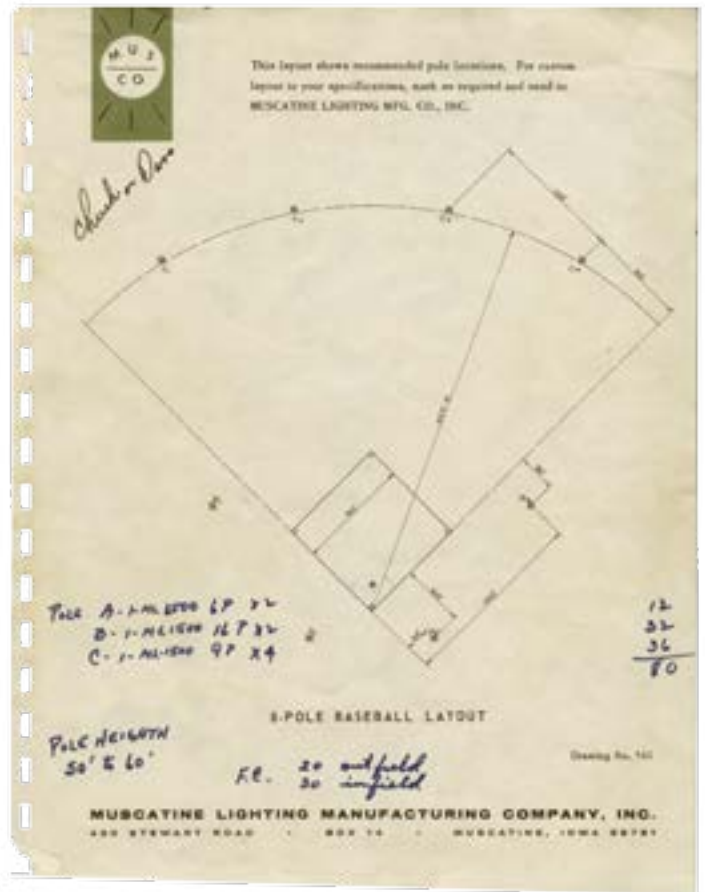
A ball field in Big Rock and an idea by three men about lights: that is how it all began. The ball field had been there a long time. The Big Rock Town team played there back in the 1920's. Long before the Plowing Match Association bought the land plenty of ball games had been played and lots of kids had fond memories of the field. It was 1965 when Bill Thurow Jr., Roger Hatfield and Kenny Raymond went to the Plowing Match Board to ask about putting four light poles at the baseball field. They had a church team that was playing at a field in Wheatland and wanted to play in Big Rock. The request was turned down.

Two years later in June of 1967, a fatal car accident on Rhodes Avenue and Granart Road took the life of Kenny Raymond. Before the funeral, his uncle Roy Raymond spoke to Bill Thurow and Roger Hatfield and said we are going to build a lighted baseball field at the Plowing Match grounds. It will be built by donations and I (Roy Raymond) will pay the balance.

And so it began. Less than one week after Kenny's death we had started planning for getting lights on the ball field. Valley Electric Supply in Aurora was contacted first and that got the ball rolling by getting a drawing of a lighted field. Within two weeks Muscatine Lighting & Manufacturing Co. was in contact and wanted dimensions of the field. By July 6th they were working with us on what was to become Kenny Field.

In the meantime, the Big Rock community was gathering donations and people were making time to work on the project. Cement blocks were donated for the dugouts and concession stand and was quickly followed by the labor to build. After ComEd put the electrical system in place, more donors stepped up to complete all the ground level electrical work.

The 60' poles were ordered from Joslyn Manufacture Supply Company in Chicago and a Rock Falls trucking firm delivered the poles. Now, how to get them set and power to them? As luck would have it there were about six



men staying at the Big Rock truck stop (current location of Crossroads). They were installing the power lines north of Big Rock and knew Kenny. I asked what it would cost to set 8 poles at the ball field. They got back to me the next day and said if we would do it on a Saturday and Sunday they would set them and aim the lights. Two weeks later the poles were set, the lights aimed and the poles were wired from the ground up.

And the donations still kept coming. Electrical supplies and concession stand necessities were purchased: popcorn stand, flattop grill, refrigerator and other items. Water was run from the main well for drinking fountains at the ball

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16-Kids' Night

Bicycle Parade (begins at fire barn)	5:15 pm
Carnival "Wristband Night"	5:00 -9:00 pm
DRS Skinner's Amusements Inc.	
Premier Entertainment by DJ Darrin Lee	5:00 - 9:00 pm
Olde Time Baseball	7:00 pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

OPEN SATURDAY UNTIL 5:00 PM

Tractor Trot 5K	8:00 am
Western & English Horse Show	8:30 am
Horseshoe Tournament	9:00 am
Drawing for Lands	9:00 am
Farmers Market Silent Auction (begin)	9:00 am
Plowing	9:30 am
Children's Races (in the cattle ring)	12:00 pm
5B's BBQ Pork Chop & Chicken Dinner	11:30 am - 2:00 pm
Junior Fair Baked Goods Auction	1:00 pm
Ladies Fair Baked Goods & Quilt 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 17

Church Service	10:00 am
Drawing for Lands	10:30 am
5B's Old Fashion Roast Beef Dinner	11:00 am - 1:30 pm
Watermelon Eating Contest	11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Plowing	Noon
Farmers Market Silent Auction (end)	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* (WEATHER PERMITTING)

Friday	5:00 - 9:00 pm
Saturday	Noon - 5:00 pm
Sunday	Noon-close

*wristbands available Friday and Saturday

CONCESSIONS

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

CRAFT, ART & ANTIQUE SHOW

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



2017 PRINCE AND PRINCESS CONTEST

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 at the stage. Entrants check in at the stage by 1 pm.

Entry forms are available on the Park District website at www.bigrockparks.com and the Plowing Match website, www.bigrockplowingmatch.com. Deadline for entry forms is September 14. Contact Cindy Nehring at 630-556-3238.

2016 Winners

- ◆ Prince Judson Reeter and Princess Ellie O'Donnell
- ◆ Second place: Braeden Ward and Emma Thomas
- ◆ Third place: Hayden Heiss and Ellie Hummel

2015 Prince Andrew Herrmann and Princess Katarina Gengler helped crown the 2016 Court.



field. Metal fencing for around the park was donated and the installation was paid for by the group. Volunteers put up the wooden outfield fence. A sound system was donated, as well as a scoreboard to be erected in centerfield. Restrooms were built.

By early August it was time for the finishing touches: complete and paint the restrooms, roof the concession stand and press box, assemble the bleachers, and run electricity to the poles, scoreboard and sound system then get it all connected and running. Next the field itself was laid out and base plugs were put in the ground. That's it—the building of Kenny Field was done. The field was dedicated at the Plowing Match that year. Local softball players choose up teams on Saturday night, turned on the lights at 8 pm, played a Donkey Ball game and dedicated the field as Kenny Field. A week later it was seeded.

A Kenny Field Board was formed and rules & regulations, or as they were called at the time Procedures and Operational Guidelines, were put in place. Lined up to

play were little league and pony league teams, ASA 8-team leagues, a 6-team church league and hopefully the Hinckley Big Rock High School team. After two or three years the Kenny Field Board joined the Plowing Match Board and it has been that way for 50 years.

Many, many games have been played on that field including two games played by Eddie Fainer or "King" and his Court, as well as the Aurora Sealmaster Team, who were then world champions. Kenny Field was the second best lighted field in Illinois when it was finished.

I hope Kenny Field will continue to serve our community for another 50 years and be an inspiration to all in the future to show how a community, in 90 days, can accomplish so much. I look back and think of all who contributed so much to build and make Kenny Field such a success. Many have passed and others are still with us: I thank you all for Kenny Field.

Roger Hatfield
President, Big Rock Plowing Match Association



PLOWMAN'S PARK AVAILABLE

Plowman's Park is host to many community activities throughout the year. This beautiful 19-acre park is available to rent for family, school, church or community events. To book your event under the oaks contact Bonnie Warchol at (630) 556-3501.

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

Perhaps you have enjoyed an event at the park. This private park is owned and maintained, without any tax or public funds, by the Big Rock Plowing Match Association.



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HORSE SHOW— FUN & ENJOYMENT WITHOUT ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Step back in time, put down the cell phones and devices and look up: the 33rd Horse Show steps off on Saturday, September 16 at 8:30 a.m.

This Horse Show is special in so many ways.

- ◆ It is a family affair with several second-generation riders—parents who rode now watch their children participate. One family has both the mother and daughter competing in some of the same classes. And college students return home to participate.
- ◆ Home-spun fun keeps the show both educational and entertaining for the contestants as well as the spectators.
- ◆ The various classes are a blend of traditional, favorites and the best of the tried and true. Five fun classes, right in the middle of the show, provide a break from the competition.
- ◆ Ms. Julie Angus, a certified Illinois Horse Show judge from Ottawa, Illinois enjoys coaching riders to share tips and techniques for an improved and better ride.
- ◆ Dedicated horse lovers Bonnie, Anita, Alicia, Abbey and a host of others coordinate the day-long event to ensure a fabulous experience for all.

We really appreciate all of our sponsors, from our long-standing partners to our newest. Their support provides the funds for the ribbons, trophies and special prizes. It is truly gratifying to have partners step up to support this event.

Find your way to the southwest corner of Plowman's Park by Kenny Baseball Field for an hour or two to marvel at the horsemanship and cheer on the riders.

Please refer to the Plowing Match Horse Show Bill for details. For more information contact Bonnie at 630-556-3501 or via e-mail at BRW1964@gmail.com.

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

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. \$40 charge for 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
1-2-3-4-6-7-9-16-18-19-21-22-24-26

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

**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).*

4-H CATTLE SHOW & AUCTION

Members of the Big Rock Cowhands 4-H will be joined by 4-H members from Kane County and surrounding counties for the Cattle Show on Sunday at 1:00 pm. They bring their prized steer to compete and be sold at auction. Raising, caring for, feeding and training their animals is a daily year-round project leading to the show.

Judging is based on form, market readiness and cover with awards presented for breeds. In 2016 there were twelve entries for the show and six steers available for sale at the auction. If you are seeking top quality freezer beef or just want to help a local 4-H member continue to be able to show cattle, please consider bidding at the auction on Sunday at 3:00 pm. See you Sunday afternoon.

2016 SHOW WINNERS

- ◆ Grand Champion and Sale Grand Champion—Riley Johnson
- ◆ Reserve Grand Champion—Jaide Panek

THANK YOU TO OUR EXHIBITORS AND OUR 2016 BUYERS

- ◆ Ed Auer, Bristol
- ◆ O'Donnell Excavating & Trucking
- ◆ Old Second Bank
- ◆ DeKane Equipment

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With our very best wishes for a successful weekend.

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VEGETABLE AND GRAIN SHOW



Show off your prized vegetables, grains and fruits at 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 15. Judging takes place that evening with winners receiving ribbons and cash prizes.

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 12:00 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 16.
- ◆ Bidding will end at 1 pm on Sunday, September 17.
- ◆ 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.

2016 WINNERS—MOST BLUE RIBBONS

- ◆ Section I, Open Class: Jerry Hubbard
- ◆ Section II, 18 and under: No Entries
- ◆ Section III, 12 and under: (Tie) Max Dzikowicz, Travis Herrmann and Judah Culver

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.

WINNERS OF THE 122ND PLOWING MATCH COMPETITION, 2016

SATURDAY, 9/17/2016

15 & Under Class

- 1st—Joe Turk of Elburn, 69 points
2nd—Levi Marquardt of Hinckley, 59½ points
3rd—Brennan Keifer of Maple Park, 57 points

19 & Under Class

- 1st—Jackson Kettlekamp of Elburn, 79 points
2nd—Alex Turk of Elburn, 74½ points

Farmers Open Class

- 1st—Sandra Bullington of Murfreesboro, Tennessee
87 points
2nd—Trent Pierson of Elburn, 86½ points
3rd—Mark Nier of Chilton, Wisconsin, 85½ points
4th—Dana Nehring of Big Rock and
Jake Fraley of Cooksville, tie at 80 points

Prizewinner Class

- 1st—Rick Wolf of Erie, 84 points
2nd—Kurt Wurster of Aurora, 76 points

Expert Plowman Class

- 1st—Mike Winckler of Erie, 91½ points
2nd—Paul Evans of Big Rock, 89 points
3rd—Tom Evans of Big Rock, 85 points

Novelty Class

- 1st—Kris Johnson of Cortland

SUNDAY, 9/18/2016

Antique Rubber Class

- 1st—Rick Wolf of Erie, 93 points
2nd—Mike Winckler of Erie, 90 points
3rd—Scott Temple of Erie, 88½ points
4th—Mark Nier of Chilton, Wisconsin, 84½ points

Antique Steel Class

- 1st—Paul Evans of Big Rock, 93 points
2nd—Trent Pierson of Elburn, 92 points
3rd—Tom Evans of Big Rock, 89½ points
4th—Heather Pierson of Elburn, 83½ points

Novelty Class

- 1st—Kris Johnson of Cortland

Sweepstakes Winner

- TIE—Paul Evans of Big Rock and Rick Wolf of Erie

SCORECARD OF THE BIG ROCK PLOWING MATCH

LAND DRAWING

Saturday	Sunday
9:00 am Sharp	10:30 am Sharp
9:30 am Start	12:00 pm Start
12:30 pm Finish	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.

CRAFT, ART & ANTIQUE SHOW

SATURDAY 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
SUNDAY 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Look for your favorite new and returning artisans and crafters under the oaks, in the big tent and under small canopies located between the Junior and Ladies Fair buildings. A very nice selection of hand-made items will be offered: one of a kind unique jewelry, quilting, soaps, candles, crocheted items, doll clothes, children's coats, refinished furniture, bean bag games, and unique wooden and upscale repurposed items. Home business vendors Tupperware, Real Time Pain Relief, Perfectly Posh, LulaRoe, Scentsy, Lilla Rose, Pampered Chef and Pink Zebra will also be available with your favorite items.

2016 First Place Award Winners

- ◆ Dick Burlingame: hand-made artisan/crafter
- ◆ Vicky Bytnar: crochet
- ◆ Amy Evans: refinished furniture/home décor
- ◆ Jeannie Gatske: soy candles
- ◆ Lowell May: hand-carved gourds
- ◆ Diane Noble: quilting/sewing
- ◆ Jynx Schoaf: jewelry
- ◆ Pat Walter: soaps
- ◆ Debbie Nelsen: Trades of Hope/home business vendor

Seven second place and three third place ribbons were also awarded. Jennie Gatske won the drawing to receive a free booth space. Congratulations to all!

For more details, contact Coordinator Dawn Stegall at: DStegall92@gmail.com Applications are available on our website, www.bigrockplowingmatch.com



JUNIOR & LADIES FAIR BAKED GOODS AND QUILT AUCTION

The auction is a destination. The place to meet up with long-time friends, make new acquaintances and bid on prize-winning baked goods and new this year, quilts. 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 some amazing sweet treats and/or quilts.

The Ladies Fair special class is a mini quilt depicting the Big Rock Plowing Match. Quilters were invited to explore the many facets of our unique event and use their imagination to interpret the theme in a mini 24" square quilt. We are very excited to include these quilts in the auction. 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.

- ◆ More than 75 different categories of baked goods and quilts will be auctioned to the highest bidder.
- ◆ These mouth-watering delicious treats include everything from caramel pecan rolls to this year's Special Recipe German chocolate cake in honor and in memory of Robert Hardekopf.
- ◆ 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 auction is the Association's primary fundraiser with all proceeds supporting the Plowing Match events and 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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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 in 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 and tending to the removal of trees felled by storms.
- ◆ 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 Plowmen'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 paper scraps and 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.
- ◆ Mike Enck & Kevin Schmitt for the pavilion concrete work.
- ◆ Hinckley-Big Rock Middle School 8th grade students for clean-up help on the Monday after Plowing Match weekend.
- ◆ KZ Photography for taking photos of the events at the Plowing Match.
- ◆ Label Tek for printing and underwriting the cost of the 2017 *Big Rock Plowing Match Times*.
- ◆ Lyrka Lawler for the graphic design and layout of the *Big Rock Plowing Match Times*.
- ◆ Mike Long for allowing parking on his property.
- ◆ Sandy Marshall for creating the prize money tally cards for the Junior & Ladies Fair, as well as the Vegetable & Grain Show.
- ◆ Sue Moss for maintaining the buildings at Plowman's Park.
- ◆ Kolt O'Donnell of O'Donnell Excavating and Trucking for all his work leveling and rolling on the drive and repair of the grounds after storm damage at Plowman's Park.
- ◆ Prairie State Railroad Club for being our resident eyes and informing us when things are just not right.
- ◆ Zach Ruh for assisting Steve Ruh with details on running the lunch stand.
- ◆ 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.



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BIG ROCK LIONS CLUB

The men and women of the Big Rock Lions Club are proud to be an active part of our community, raising money to serve those in need. The Lions have a long-standing commitment to the community supporting Big Rock Boy Scout Troop 19, serving strawberry shortcake at each of the Big Rock Historical Society/Library car shows and financial support and equipment for the Library.

Annually the Lions 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. The Sight & Sound campaign of the Lions of Illinois Foundation also receives funding from Big Rock to provide assistance and support for those with vision and hearing limitations.

The Student Service Memorial Award in honor of members Kevin Clark and Dave Young was presented to Zach Tholl in recognition of his commitment to community service. The school received \$500 towards projects that will enhance and benefit the students at Hinckley-Big Rock Middle School.

The Lions are dependent on your participation and generous support of the club's fundraising efforts to be able to continue these and future projects. There are two fundraisers at the Plowing Match: a raffle and Cow Chip Bingo. Club members are selling tickets and squares now and during the Plowing Match.

- ◆ Win three cash prizes of \$50, \$100 and \$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. 50% of funds collected for each sheet goes to the person who owns the square where the chips fall.

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 Jack Bartoszek at jbartoszek@ameritech.net. 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.



5 B'S SERVING DINNER SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

5 B's Catering of Waterman will be serving up everyone's favorite chicken, pork chops or roast beef at the Plowing Match.

- ◆ Saturday's menu offers plates at \$12 with a choice of two pork chops, half chicken or a combo plate (one chop and one-quarter chicken) served with baked beans, coleslaw and applesauce. Dinner will be served from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm.
- ◆ An old-fashioned roast beef dinner will be served from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm on Sunday. Dinners are \$12 per plate and include roast beef, au-gratin potatoes, buttered green beans, coleslaw and roll with butter.



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THE JUNIOR FAIR SHOWCASES YOUNG PEOPLE'S TALENTS AND CREATIVITY

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, 4H, scout meetings, camp, vacation Bible school, or for local fairs, or just for fun during the summer. Entries are accepted from 2 pm until 6:45 pm on Friday, September 15 at the Junior Fair Building.

PREMIUM SHEET NEWS

Each year the Junior Fair has three Special Entries to showcase. For 2017 they are:

- ◆ Craft—"Design Your Community". Take a picture in your community. It could be a public building or vehicle, a park, a forest preserve or your own house. Now reimagine it! Paint or draw a rainbow over the park, cut out fabric and ribbon to transform your family home into a tree house, make over your bedroom in a Star Wars theme or change a school bus into a monster truck. Use your imagination! Maximum size of 8" x 12". Unmounted, no frame.
- ◆ Baking—"One-bowl Chewy Oreo Bars" in an 8" x 8" pan.
- ◆ Art—Grab a container, add plants, houses or whatever you choose to create a magical fairy garden. Maximum size of 18" x 18".

The auction of the first and second place winning baked goods will take place on Saturday, September 17 at 1:00 pm. Here is your opportunity to bid on your favorite baker's cookies, cake and more.

GOODBYE

We bid farewell to Sandy Carr who is retiring. Thank you Sandy for your commitment to the community and in particular the Junior Fair!

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We thank our continuing sponsors and would like to welcome the following new sponsors:

- ◆ Dave and Donna Richardson
- ◆ The Challenger Family
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- ◆ The McMurtrie Family

2016 SPECIAL PREMIUM WINNERS

- ◆ Most blue ribbons, 3-5 year olds: Brooklyn Morel
- ◆ Most blue ribbons, 6-8 year olds: Christina LaPeyre
- ◆ Most blue ribbons, 9-11 year olds: Caleb Dettman and Anya Ritchie (tie)

- ◆ Most blue ribbons, 12-14 year olds: Leah Spangler
- ◆ Most entries in the Junior Fair, 14 year olds and under: Leah Spangler
- ◆ Most points, 14 year olds and under: Leah Spangler

SPECIAL PREMIUM—ART

MAKE A DIORAMA THAT ILLUSTRATES A BOOK

- ◆ 3-5 year olds: Marissa Leifheit
- ◆ 6-8 year olds: Griffin Dzikowicz
- ◆ 9-11 year olds: Lila Dzikowicz
- ◆ 12-14 year olds: None

SPECIAL PREMIUM—CRAFT

MAKE A SOCK PUPPET

- ◆ 3-5 year olds: Ashley Leifheit
- ◆ 6-8 year olds: Travis Herrmann
- ◆ 9-11 year olds: Caleb Dettman
- ◆ 12-14 year olds: None

SPECIAL PREMIUM—BAKING

PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY BARS

- ◆ First Place: Anna Herrmann
- ◆ Second Place: Caleb Dettman

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

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123RD BIG ROCK PLOWING MATCH LADIES FAIR—2017

In September, 1897 the Ladies Department of the Third Annual Plowing Match invited residents of Big Rock township to enter and showcase their talents. The premium list included baked items of light biscuits, an orange layer cake and fruit cake, sugar cookies, pumpkin and mince pies; canned goods; and hand-stitched quilts, embroidered items, lace, pillow slips; and potted plants. Awarded premiums/prizes ranged from 25 to 75 cents, as well as a china salad dish, silver butter or fruit dish, silk umbrella and crocheted bed spread.



Fast forward 120 years to September 2017: all amateurs – men, women and children are invited to take the challenge to enter baked goods, canned fruit or vegetables and your best handicrafts and photos in the Ladies Fair. Look through your completed projects for items to enter – two, ten, twenty or more. Our premium list offers a few of the same, but many more classes than in 1897 and our premiums/prizes range from \$5 to \$30 with ribbons, special awards and a crystal vase. Browse the premium list, enter your best items and spread the word to your family, friends and neighbors and encourage them to enter the Ladies Fair and have their talents acknowledged.

Our Special Recipe is in honor and memory of Robert Hardekopf, a loyal supporter and generous donor to the Plowing Match Association. The German Chocolate cake was at the top of Bob's list of cakes to bid on at the Ladies Fair auction each year. Selecting his favorite cake was most fitting and by following the recipe a first place blue ribbon (\$30) or a second place red ribbon (\$20) could be yours.

A basket of Big Rock goodies from our local businesses awaits new/first-time entrants and the person who has the most referrals for first-time entrants will also be eligible for a second basket. Tell everyone to enter and when you check-in your items on Friday, complete the drawing slip as a first time entrant or as a recruiter.

Special Awards and premiums/prize money are provided by individuals and businesses, as well as the Big Rock Plowing Match Association. All support is most appreciated. This year the Big Rock Park District expanded their sponsorship to include the entire sections of Flowers and Photography, as well as Handicrafts and Decorated Cake. Contact Denise if you are interested in being a 2018 sponsor.

GOOD TO KNOW

- ◆ **Entries:** Friday, September 15 from 2:00 to 7:00 pm. Tips for check-in are on the 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:** Cheryl Lee at (630) 988-2522, Karen Yoder at 630-556-3620 or A. Denise Farrugia at (630) 556-4771.

LADIES FAIR – 2016 SPECIAL AWARDS WINNERS

- ◆ Harley Davis Memorial: Most ribbons in all classes—Donita Bartoszek
- ◆ Big Rock Lions Club: Man with most blue ribbons—(Tie) Wray McKenzie and Matt O'Donnell

- ◆ 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—Harriet Pihera
- ◆ Gladys Butcher Memorial: Most blue ribbons in Canned Goods—Donita Bartoszek
- ◆ Harry Schoger & Sons, Inc.: Most blue ribbons in Flowers—Sarah Culver
- ◆ Dairy Joy: Most blue ribbons in Handicraft—Becky Luby
- ◆ Executive Affiliates, Inc.: Most blue ribbons in Section V—Embroidery & Sewing—Sheila Juvingo
- ◆ Executive Affiliates, Inc.: Most blue ribbons in Section V—Hand Knitting & Crocheting—Mary Gunier
- ◆ Needham Shop: Most blue ribbons in Quilts—Sheila Juvingo
- ◆ Resource Bank: Most blue ribbons in Photography—Karen Levandowski

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One slice or two—watermelon that is. The person with the fastest time after eating slices of watermelon will be awarded 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. So who will have the fastest time in 2017? Find out on Sunday. No entry fee. Registration begins at 11 am at the stage prior to the contest.

2016 Contest Winners:

- ◆ Ellie Marts, age 7, ate one slice in 1 minute 21 seconds.
- ◆ Returning Champion (ages 7-11 in 2015) Molly From, age 12, ate two slices in 1 minute 12 seconds.
- ◆ Returning Champion (ages 12-15 in 2015) Cherin Dettman ate two slices in 1 minute 17 seconds, cutting her 2015 time by 15 seconds.

PETTING ZOO


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Experience the farming scene at the community petting zoo on Saturday from 10 am–5 pm and Sunday from 11 am - 4 pm. Farm animals, provided by local farmers, will be available for visitors to interact, hands-on with the animals. FFA and 4-H members will be manning this fun and educational exhibit near the horseshoe pit area.

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 four or more individual games played, prizes will be awarded and there is no charge to play.



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