



## MEMORIAL GIFTS TO PLOWING MATCH ASSOCIATION

### CRONIN & FRALEY FAMILIES

Plowing at the Big Rock Plowing Match is a right of passage and a tradition for many families. This is the story of two such families that have been plowing in Big Rock for several generations. The language of plowing is all about the furrow: distinct, uniform depth and width, line of and general neatness of the whole. There is an art to earning points in the competition that involves the covering of trash and appearance of ends. And then there is the plow. Specifically a John Deere Model 44 plow that has been in two families and now a third.

Kevin Davis competed in 1977 and 1978 using a John Deere Model 44 plow (below) that he later sold to the Cronin family. J.M. "Mick" Cronin understood what it took to plow. He was a judge for over 20 years and was President of the Big Rock Plowing Match Association in 1974-1975. Mick encouraged his son Jim and daughter Shawn to compete in the plowing match, borrowing a tractor from Jack Hake the first year Jim plowed. In 1980, at age 13, Jim competed in the 15 & under Class. Using his own plow, Jim scored the highest to become the youngest Sweepstakes Winner. The John Deere Model 44 plow that Mick bought was often used in competition by both Jim and Shawn over the years. No longer competing, Jim serves as a judge.



Enter the Fraley family, also a plowing family with a history of seven generations competing in Big Rock. Jim Fraley, a kilt-wearing Scotsman, has played the bagpipes at the Plowing Match in addition to plowing or assisting family members in the field. He has placed in the Farmers Open Class and the Antique Rubber Class. The Fraleys and Cronins are family friends, plowing competitors and very much connected.

*Mick Cronin plowing with the John Deere Model 44 plow*



Recently, Jim Fraley asked the Cronin siblings if they would part with one of the plows they used in competition. Both Jim and Shawn Hoeft felt that "it is just a good little plow and we are glad it will be back in action." So the deal was made for the John Deere Model 44 to go to the Fraley family with the stipulation that the money be given to the Plowing Match Association in memory of "Mick". And so, the John Deere Model 44 plow will be in competition once again in David Field.

The Association Board is extremely grateful to the Cronin and Fraley families for being plowing families for generations in the past, present and future. Your memorial gift to the Plowing Competition is sincerely appreciated.



WURSTER FAMILY



1994. Front row: Grandchildren Candace Wurster, Asa Robert, Elizabeth Shubert. Middle row: Wini Wurster and sister Ann Fowler. Top row: Grandchildren Dennis Wurster, Don Wurster and Jason Robert

Winifred Ellen Wurster, “Wini”, was known for her devotion to her family and community. Her attention to detail carried over in everything she did: encouraging her children to strive for blue-ribbon-level achievements in 4-H club activities, mentoring local teens in sewing, being a Cub Scout leader, Home Extension leader and Kane County Fair Board member.

Each year plowing match weekend was eagerly awaited and attended with glee. Family would gather in support as the kids participated in activities. Kathy, Cindy and Kelly submitted entries in the Junior and Ladies Fairs and Kelly showed horses over the years. Ken competed in the plowing competition from 1967-1981. Kurt began in 1982 and continues the Wurster family tradition earning first, second and third place awards in the Prizewinner Class of plowing.

As with many families, the Big Rock Plowing Match is a homecoming. Wini passed on August 4, 2021 and her Celebration of Life was held on September 18, plowing match weekend.

The Association Board is extremely grateful to the Wurster Family for their participation in and support of the plowing match over all these years. Your memorial gift to the Association is sincerely appreciated.

MARSHALL FAMILY



Sandra K. Marshall, “Sandy”, loved to write poems and send cards. Every year for the past 56 years, on Plowing Match Friday in the late morning, Sandy would arrive at the Ladies Fair building, to deliver a huge stack of 3x5 index cards to the committee. Almost 350 hand-written cards were in the stack, two for each class on the premium list, plus special awards, all colored coded with blue cards representing 1st place and 2nd place on pink. These cards listed all the information needed for the Association Treasurer to make prize money payouts to the winners. Sandy also prepared the winner cards for the Junior Fair and Vegetable & Grain Show each year since 1965. She didn’t miss a year, not even the August her son was born, she just started earlier.



Funds from the Marshall Family have been dedicated to the sponsorship of the Pie Category in the Ladies Fair in memory of Sandy. Her peach pie was a blue ribbon winner for many years and

this year is the featured Special Recipe. Sandy served on the Ladies Fair Committee from 1979-1981.

The Association Board is extremely grateful to the Earl Marshall Family for their continued support of the plowing match. Your memorial gift to the Ladies Fair is sincerely appreciated.

The Big Rock Plowing Match Association is a 501(c)(4) not-for-profit organization that owns and maintains Plowman's Park, and holds the Bull Riding, Bronc Match and the Plowing Match & Festival without any tax or public funds.

Donations may be sent to: Big Rock Plowing Match Association, P.O. Box 261, Big Rock, IL 60511.

All donations are greatly appreciated and will lead to the continued success and work of the Association.

WINNERS OF THE 127<sup>TH</sup> PLOWING MATCH COMPETITION, 2021

SATURDAY, 9/18/2021

- 15 & Under Class  
No entires
- 19 & Under Class  
2nd – Levi Marquardt of Hinckley, 33 points
- Farmers Open Class  
1st – Catherine Harris of Rockvale, TN, 87½ points  
2nd – Scott Temple of Erie, 86 points  
3rd – Erich Turk of Elburn, 85½ points  
4th – Brett Hake of Sandwich, 84 points
- Prizewinner Class  
1st – Trent Pierson of Elburn, 91½ points  
2nd – Mark Nier of Kiel, WI, 84 points  
3rd – Kurt Wurster of Aurora, 79½ points
- Expert Plowman Class  
1st – Mike Winckler of Erie, 92 points  
2nd – Paul Evans of Big Rock, 89 points  
3rd – Rick Wolf of Erie, 82½ points  
4th – Jerry Thomas of Batavia, 82 points
- Novelty Class  
1st – Corbin Nier of Kiel, WI  
2nd – Kris Johnson of Cortland  
3rd – Blake Goodbred

SUNDAY, 9/19/2021

- Antique Rubber Class  
1st – Mike Winckler of Erie, 93 points  
2nd – Brett Hake of Sandwich, 88 points  
3rd – Jim Fraley of Cooksville, 87 points  
4th TIE at 85½ points Mark Nier of Kiel, WI and Scott Temple of Erie
- Antique Steel Class  
1st – Trent Pierson of Elburn, 94½ points  
2nd – Paul Evans of Big Rock, 93 points  
3rd – Tom Evans of Big Rock, 84½ points
- Novelty Class  
1st – Kris Johnson of Cortland  
2nd – Corbin Nier of Kiel, WI
- Sweepstakes Winner  
Trent Pierson of Elburn

SCORECARD OF THE BIG ROCK PLOWING MATCH

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

9:00 am Sharp	Drawing for Land
9:30 am	Plowing Starts
4:00 pm	Trophy Presentation

- 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.



# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Bicycle Parade (begins at fire barn)	4:30 pm
Carnival Rides	5-9 pm
Olde Time Baseball Game	7 pm
Music – Premier Entertainment DJ Darrin Lee	6-9:30 pm

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Western & English Horse Show	8:30 am
Drawing for Lands	9 am
Plowing	9:30 am
Ribbon Cutting for Train Station Pavilion	10 am
Prairie State Railroad Club Train Rides	10 am-5 pm
Petting Zoo	10 am-5 pm
5 B's BBQ Pork Chop & Chicken Dinner	11:30 am-1:30 pm
Carnival Rides	Noon-4 pm
Children's Races (in the cattle ring)	12 pm
Junior Fair Baked Goods Auction	1 pm
Ladies Fair Baked Goods & Quilt Auction	1:30 pm
Pedal Tractor Pull (in cattle ring)	2:30 pm
Round Bale Roll-Off (in cattle ring)	4 pm
Plowing Trophy Presentation	4 pm
Live Music: Kylie & Wild Bill, Acoustic Band	5-8 pm

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Drawing for Lands	9 am
Plowing	9:30 am
Church Service	10 am
Prairie State Railroad Club Train Rides	11 am-3 pm
Petting Zoo	11 am-4 pm
Watermelon Eating Contest	11 am-1 pm
5 B's Roast Beef with Ham Dinner	11 am-1 pm
Bags Tournament	1-4 pm
Prince & Princess Contest	1:30 pm
BINGO-Big Rock Park District (pavilion)	2:30 pm
Plowing Trophy Presentation	4 pm

## ESPECIALLY FOR KIDS

Carnival Rides	Prairie State Railroad Rides
Children's Races	Prince & Princess Contest
Pedal Tractor Pull	Watermelon Eating Contest
Petting Zoo	

## CRAFT, ART & VENDOR SHOW

Saturday	10 am-5 pm
Sunday	11 am-4 pm

## CONCESSIONS

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

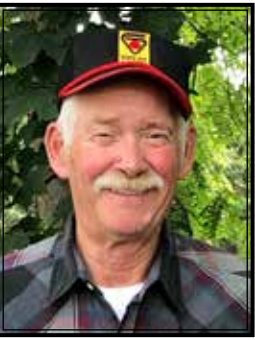
## BEER GARDEN

Friday	5-10 pm
Saturday & Sunday	Noon-Close

FREE PARKING • FREE ADMISSION

# FROM THE PRESIDENT

It was very good to be back last year with tractors plowing in Davis Field and festival events in Plowman's Park. The Association welcomed new Board members Karen Yoder, Abby Needham and Sandy Madden as we bid farewell with best wishes to Anita Novicki, Dawn Stegall and Bonnie Warchol.



Terry Sorensen, President

Park improvements included the office/concession building being tuckpointed and sealed; debris was cleared behind the outfield fence of Kenny Field; and a train station pavilion was built as an Eagle Scout project by George Werderich. An exciting project will be under way, the original lights at Kenny Field will be upgraded to state-of-the art LED lights. Support for this project has been provided by the Kane County Board, through its Office of Community Reinvestment, with funds from the Grand Victoria Riverboat Casino.

Friday kicks off with kids and adults dropping off their entries for the Junior & Ladies Fairs. Then the bicycle parade enters the park and the night sees the return of carnival rides and midway games, music with DJ Darrin Lee and the Big Rock Wildcats Olde Time baseball game against the DuPage County Plowboys. It is the start of a fun, family-friendly weekend.

Looking forward to seeing you the third weekend in September. Bring all your family and friends to gather under the oaks at the 128th Big Rock Plowing Match & Festival.



# PLOWING MATCH MERCHANDISE

Plowing Match caps, shirts, sweatshirts and more will be for sale at Plowman's Park. Royal blue short-sleeve t-shirts with a white logo are available in both v-neck and crew-neck. There are also short-sleeve and long-sleeve t-shirts and caps. Drop-by the Office to make your purchase.



# PLOWMAN'S PARK AVAILABLE FOR RENT

Plowman's Park is host to many events and activities throughout the year. This beautiful park is available, May-October, to rent for family, school, church or community events during the week, as well as on weekend dates. Perhaps you have enjoyed an event at the park.

- ◆ Big Rock Plowing Match & Festival
- ◆ Tuff Hedeman Break-Out Series Bull Riding
- ◆ Big Rock Bronc & Saddle Bronc Match
- ◆ Big Rock Car Show
- ◆ Prairie State Railroad Club
- ◆ Community Easter Egg Hunt
- ◆ Mascoutin Society O-Sa-Wan Pow Wow
- ◆ Hinckley Area Food Pantry Food Drive
- ◆ Baseball games

To hold an event under the oaks please send your inquiry to [bigrockplowingmatch@gmail.com](mailto:bigrockplowingmatch@gmail.com). Remember to provide contact information including full mailing address, phone, preferred date, time, function and number of attendees. Expect a response within two business days.

This private park is owned and maintained, without any tax or public funds, by the Big Rock Plowing Match Association.



# TRADITIONAL OLD-FASHIONED DINNERS

The tradition of serving delicious old-fashioned dinners continues with 5 B's Catering of Waterman serving up everyone's favorite chicken, pork chops, roast beef and ham at the Plowing Match. Meals will be served for two hours each day, please take note of the shorter hours.

Saturday's menu offers plates at \$15 with a choice of two pork chops, half chicken or a combo plate (1 chop & ¼ chicken) served with baked beans, coleslaw and applesauce. Plates with one pork chop or ¼ chicken are \$13. Dinner will be served from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

A roast beef with ham dinner will be served from 11 am to 1 pm on Sunday. Dinners are \$15 per plate and include ham, roast beef, au-gratin potatoes, buttered green beans and coleslaw. The Association thanks Sheri Sorensen, Dinner Coordinator, and all the volunteers assisting with the dinner service.



# EVENT PHOTOGRAPHERS

The Association is most grateful to Barb Sanders and Garrett Austin who are serving as our photographers for the Plowing Match & Festival events, Friday – Sunday. Their gift of time and expertise is truly appreciated and we invite you to welcome Barb and Garrett as they drop by to document each event through photos.

Both Barb and Garrett took classes in digital photography at Waubensee Community College and were in one class together. Garrett resides in Sugar Grove and is just beginning to establish his business, Wades World of Photography. Barb is a professional photographer specializing in senior portraits. Find Barb Sanders Photography, in Hinckley. View their work and learn more at their booths under the oaks. You will know who they are, the cameras give them away, as well as the Event Photographer name badge.

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# from the ASSOCIATION ARCHIVES

The twenty-seventh annual Plowing Match was held on the farm of H. S. Long three miles west of Big Rock on September 23, 1922. The picnic and fair was held in the grove of the same farm, a most delightful and convenient place for so large a crowd as usually attend this event. Conservative estimates placed the total attendance this year at about 1,000 people.

The speaker of the day was Mr. Rummel of the Illinois Agricultural Association, who gave a resume of the accomplishments of the American Farm Bureau Federation and its allied organizations both state and local.

## *Boys under 17 years*

1st—Eugene Kimmey, 76%, \$20  
Judges: W. H. Chapman, C. C. Harbour,  
Tim Jones

## *Boys under 19 years*

1st—Roy Lewis, 92%, \$20  
—(\$10 additional as special prize by Healy  
Undertaking Co. of Aurora, ILL)  
2nd—Burton Miller, 91%, \$15  
Judges: C. M. Hummiston, G. W. Thomas,  
Wm. Edwards

## *Sulkey Plow*

1st—W. P. Forster, Geneva, 85%, \$20  
Judges: W. H. Chapman, C. C. Harbour,  
Tim Jones

## *Gang Plows*

1st—Edwin Ruse, 90%, \$20  
2nd—Charles Weidert, 85%, \$15  
Judges: W. H. Chapman, C. C. Harbour,  
Tim Jones

A new feature of the Match this year was the Horse Shoe Pitching Contest which was in charge of John F. Evans. Two prizes were given to teams from adjoining townships. First Frank Bastrill, Hinckley. Second Skelly Florence, Kaneville.

Hinckley band furnished music thruout the day. In the forenoon Kaneville and Bristol stood in a ball game. The afternoon game between Hinckley and Elburn.

The results of the Plowing Match were as follows:

## *Prize Winning Class*

1st—Geo Michael, 92%, \$20,  
Silver Cup to keep  
Judges: C. M. Hummiston, G. W. Thomas,  
Wm. Edwards

## *Expert Plowmen*

1st—W. J. Thomas, 97%, Gold Medal  
2nd—Chas Hagerman, Wheatland, 95½%, \$15  
3rd—Tom Quantork, Wheatland, 95%, \$12  
Judges: C. M. Hummiston, G. W. Thomas,  
Wm. Edwards

## *Farmer Tractor Class*

1st—Harry Schmidt, Sugar Grove, 88%, \$20  
2nd—Harley Thomas, Wheatland, 87%, \$15  
3rd—Pete Mirola, B.R., 82%, \$12  
4th—Art Close, B.R., 81%, \$10  
Judges: A. H. Witry, C. J. Zeller, C. L. Haubermay

## *Manufacturers & Dealers Class – Silver Cup*

1st—Carl Schoeger, International 3 bottom, 93½%  
2nd—A. A. Vetter, International 2 bottom, 89%  
3rd—Snibbe, Fordson 2 bottom, 86%  
4th—J. Gordon, Samson 2 bottom, 85½%  
5th—Smithe, Samson 2 bottom, 73½%

## **Grain Show Awards**

### *Yellow Corn*

1st—Lester St. Claire, Plainfield  
2nd—Bert Oaks, Naperville

### *White Corn*

1st—M. Seavey, Sugar Grove  
2nd—Lewis Towers, Plainfield

### *Wheat*

1st—H. S. Long, Big Rock  
2nd—W. H. Thomas, Big Rock

### *Barley*

1st—H. S. Long, Big Rock  
2nd—Bert Oaks

### *Early Potatoes*

1st—Fred Lewis, Aurora  
2nd—W. H. Thomas, Big Rock

### *Late Potatoes*

1st—Jerry Carlson, Big Rock  
2nd—Lester Kimmey, Big Rock

### *Rye*

1st—Thomas Jorgensen, Big Rock  
2nd—R. H. Palmer, Big Rock

### *Oats*

1st—Lewis Tower, Plainfield  
2nd—R. H. Palmer, Big Rock  
Judges: Kupers Bros.

The handwritten minutes were transcribed "as is" from the Association Minutes Book to the best of our ability. We apologize for punctuation, spelling errors and information not included in the minutes.

The following summary was published in previous issues of *Plowing Match Times*.

Sept. 23, 1922, H. S. Long

A horseshoe pitching contest was held as a feature of the Plowing Match with prizes of \$8 and \$4. This was a regular part of the Plowing Match Program until 1936. The treasurer showed a balance on hand of \$1,899.33. The money to support the men's part of the plowing match has always been made from their stands selling ice cream, pop and candy. Chairman of the stand committees have been listed since 1897 in the record books.

## **1922 Association Officers**

H. J. Davis, President  
Abner R. Thomas, Secretary  
Herman Jones, Vice-President  
Ira Whildin, Treasurer



## BIG ROCK BULL RIDING AND BRONC MATCH

It means only one thing: time to head to Plowman's Park for non-stop, fast-paced, extreme bull and bronc bucking. Terry Sorensen, Association President, thanked Bob Raymond for bringing professional bull riding to Big Rock. This Saturday night event has sold out all three years, with over 4,500 people in attendance since 2019. The addition of the bronc match on Sunday afternoon has brought another 600 people to Plowman's Park. These events are a tremendous success and the Association presented Bob with a gift of appreciation: a custom-made belt buckle. Wear it proudly Bob, you certainly earned it – Event Director.



The Association extends a huge thank you to all the sponsors, both returning and new, for underwriting the events, to Matt Noble and Next Level Productions for producing the events, to all the organizations for their partnership, to all the volunteers assisting in a multitude of duties and to everyone for attending these events in support of the Big Rock Plowing Match Association.

### Bull Riding Sponsors

- ◆ Main Event: High Choice Feeders
- ◆ Bullfighters: The Lakone Company
- ◆ Clown: O'Donnell Excavating and Trucking
- ◆ Chute-Gate: Catom Trucking, Dairy Joy Drive-In, Edward Jones Brian Michel, LabelTek Inc., Lewis Veterinary Services, Midwest Facilities & Construction
- ◆ Cowboy-Gate: J & D Door Sales, Schollmeyer Landscaping, Inc.
- ◆ Arena Banner: Bickford Electric, Big Rock Park District, DeKane Equipment Corporation, Fireside Grill, Hoyt Services, Jack and Jina's BP, JD's Auto & Trailer Repair, J & L Stables, Kids Golf Foundation-LIV, LDL Transfer, Inc., Naperville Construction Fence Rental, Process Dynamics, Quad County Crane, Queens Trucking & Construction, Inc., RayVac Plastic Decorators, Resource Bank, Ruh Farms, STA Enterprises, Inc., Train Transport, 3-D Auto Repair, Vacationland, Village of Big Rock, Willrett Farms Trucking
- ◆ Arena Bleachers: Bob & Sharon Schoger
- ◆ Donation Supporter: Executive Affiliates

### Bronc & Saddle Bronc Sponsors

- ◆ Chute-Gate: Edward Jones Brian Michel, LabelTek Inc.
- ◆ Arena Banner: Catom Trucking, J & D Door Sales, Jack & Jina's BP, Kids Golf Foundation-LIV,
- ◆ The Lakone Company, Ness Hay & Straw Sales, Process Dynamics, Queen's Trucking & Construction, Inc., RayVac Plastic Decorators, Ruh Farms, Schollmeyer Landscaping, Inc., Silent Partners, Vacationland, Village of Big Rock.

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**Congratulations to the  
Big Rock Plowing Match  
on making another year of history.**

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**Stop by to see past  
Plowing Match items  
in the Museum.**

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The Big Rock Park District Board:

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## 128<sup>TH</sup> BIG ROCK PLOWING MATCH LADIES FAIR - 2022



*Brenda Yaeger—2021 award recipient*

Showcase your talent in six different sections across 19 categories with 144 classes. Consider entering several baked goods, your favorite candy, a few pints of canned vegetable or fruit and some handicrafts. Our premiums range from \$5 to \$30 with ribbons and over \$2,500 in prize money provided by our generous sponsors and the Big Rock Plowing Match Association. We encourage you to participate in this community tradition and fill the Ladies Fair building with mouth-watering treats and beautiful handicrafts. Take a look at the Premium List – by winning the most ribbons in all classes you may be the 44th recipient of the Harley Davis Memorial Award.

There is a NEW Special Handicrafts class for model kit hobbyists. This first year features the 1934 Ford Pick Up Truck kit from AMT, scale 1:25. First place is \$30 and second place is \$20. This special class is sponsored by Ron Burgess. A different model will be featured each year.

This year's Special Recipe is Sandy Marshall's Peach Pie. Her pie was a prize winner and a family favorite. Sandy served on the Ladies Fair Committee from 1979-1981 and for 56 years she hand-wrote all the winners cards, used by the Treasurer for prize money payouts, for every class on the Premium Lists for the Ladies & Junior Fairs, as well as the

Vegetable & Grain Show. So make your best crust, follow the recipe and enter – first place receives \$30, second place \$20 and third place \$10. This recipe will satisfy everyone's craving for pie.

Only 40 copies left of Treasures from the Ladies Fair. This spiral-bound compilation features all the special recipes from both the Ladies and Junior Fair through 2019. Sunshine Cake was the first in 1984 and over the years family favorites were featured: Helen Scott's Banana Cake; Alvena Ruh's Pound Cake; Gail Geltz's Pineapple Upside Down Cake; to just name a few. Copies available at \$15 in the Ladies Fair building on Saturday and Sunday.

This year we welcome Sarah Paver and Kate Buckson to the Committee. Sarah grew up in Big Rock entering first in the Junior Fair and then the Ladies Fair and is looking forward to her new role as a Committee member. She enjoys gardening, canning, baking and crafting. Kate is an avid baker who entered the Ladies Fair for the first time in 2021. She lives in Big Rock with her husband and three children where she is currently serving as a township trustee.

In January, Karen Yoder stepped into the Ladies Fair Committee Chair and Board Director position as A. Denise Farrugia moved into the Communications and Marketing Board Director position. We extend our best wishes and sincere gratitude to Denise for serving the Committee since 1998 as a volunteer, committee member and Chair of the Ladies Fair.

Get the latest news about the Ladies Fair via Facebook: like both the Plowing Match AND the Ladies Fair sites. Stay in touch with us via email at [bigrockladiesfair@gmail.com](mailto:bigrockladiesfair@gmail.com)

The 2021 Ladies Fair showcased the work of 53 who entered 247 items. Twenty-five entrants were from Big Rock with the remaining 28 from 13 Illinois communities plus Michigan and Tennessee. Five men competed. Will your entries take a ribbon and earn you prize money and bragging rights? That can only happen if you enter the Ladies Fair at the 128th Big Rock Plowing Match & Festival.



## JUNIOR & LADIES FAIR BAKED GOODS & QUILT AUCTION—SATURDAY

Put this auction at the top of your “Must-do” list. Prize-winning baked goods and quilts will be auctioned to the highest bidder on Saturday afternoon starting at 1 pm with Junior Fair items followed by the Ladies Fair items at 1:30 pm and the quilts at 2 pm. The blue & red ribbon winners are the best from both the Junior and Ladies Fairs. James Dresen returns as our Auctioneer.

- ◆ Over 75 different categories of baked goods and quilts will be auctioned to the highest bidder.
  - These mouthwatering delicious treats include everything from chocolate chip cookies to this year's Special Recipe featuring Sandy Marshall's Peach Pie.
  - Homemade breads, muffins, pies, cobbler, cakes, cookies, cupcakes and candies await a place on your table.
- ◆ The special quilt will feature quilters' interpretation of the Junior Fair in a mini 24" square quilt.

The 2021 first-place quilt was sold at last-year's auction and we are extremely grateful to our winning bidders and participants. Passionate bidding finally came to an end with O'Donnell Excavating & Trucking being applauded as the winner. But the excitement didn't end here as our high bidder generously donated the quilt back to the auction to be sold again. Heartfelt and determined bidding this time landed the quilt into the caring arms of Earl “Kris Kringle” Maier. The crowd offered both supporters and first-place quilter Wilma Shimkus a cheerful applause, appreciatively recognizing their unwavering generosity.

All proceeds support 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 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 request one by contacting Denise, September 8-15, at 630.556.4771 or via email at [bigrockplowingmatch@gmail.com](mailto:bigrockplowingmatch@gmail.com)









# ESPECIALLY FOR KIDS

## CARNIVAL RIDES RETURN

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Alpine Amusement Company will light up the sky on Friday night from 5-9 pm and Saturday from noon to 4 pm. That's 8 hours of carnival rides and midway games primarily for ages 5-14. Have fun on the rides: Bumper cars, Cliffhanger, Flying Dragons, Swings and Fun Slide. Then challenge your skills on the midway and pay to play individual games.



Unlimited carnival ride wristbands may be purchased ONLINE at [bigrockplowingmatch.com](http://bigrockplowingmatch.com) beginning at 6 pm on Tuesday, August 30 and ending at 9 pm on Wednesday, September 14. Purchase single day wristbands online for \$20 a day or a weekend (Friday & Saturday) wristband for \$35. These prices are only for online wristband purchases.

Purchase an unlimited ride wristband ONSITE at Plowman's Park for \$25, good only that day. Cash or check accepted, payable to Big Rock Plowing Match Association for wristbands. Weekend wristbands are unavailable for purchase onsite. Individual ride tickets will be available onsite for \$3 each, cash only, at the ticket booth.

The Association has contracted 8 hours of rides in the belief that kids and parents will support the festival by attending both days. Do tell everyone about the carnival, plowing match and festival. Encourage others to spread the word about our unique and family-friendly weekend that is full of fun for everyone.



## JUNIOR FAIR/ SCHOOL EXHIBIT

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY



The Junior Fair/School Exhibit building showcases handmade items and photos from young people ages 3 to 14 from across our communities. Junior Fair entrants are divided by age brackets for handcrafts, photography and baking. There are 76 classes offered. Additionally, each year there are three "special entry" classes in art, craft and baking. For 2022, entrants can paint their favorite animal (art), create a toy for their pet or favorite animal (craft) and/or make a decorated cake in the shape of their pet or favorite animal (baking).

Please review this year's premium list and see if you find one or two classes that interest you. If you have suggestions for a new class, please talk to a Junior Fair Coordinator. We would like to hear your ideas!

Cash placement awards are given for each class. Additionally, there are special awards for the person(s) with the most entries and blue ribbons across all classes. These awards are made possible by the generosity of our sponsors. We thank them for their on-going support.

Baking entries placing first and second are sold at auction at 1 pm on Saturday afternoon. Consider bidding on some delicious treats to take home to enjoy!

Contact a Junior Fair Coordinator with questions:

- ◆ Donita Bartoszek 630.556.9000
- ◆ Sarah Magro 630.335.6205
- ◆ Mary Rogerson 630.330.0114

The School Exhibit features classroom artwork projects by Hinckley-Big Rock Elementary School students. Their work is always amazing and worthy of admiration.

## BICYCLE PARADE

FRIDAY

Friday is Kids' Night and the evening activities are kicking off with a bicycle parade at 4:30 pm. Gather at the Big Rock Fire Protection District building/fire barn located at 47w863 Second Street. Arrive early so you are ready when the BRFPD Emergency Vehicle hits its siren and leads the way to Plowman's Park.

Every kid who rides in the parade will receive a BRFPD fireman's hat *and* be entered into a drawing. First two names drawn will win a Saturday ride wrist band and the next ten names will each receive a \$5 gift card to Dairy Joy. But wait—there's more—if you decorate your bicycle you will get a second chance in the drawing for your efforts. Remember – you have to be there on your bicycle to be in the drawing.

So tell all your friends about the parade and challenge them to decorate their bicycles. Will your name be drawn for one of the prizes? All you need to do is give your name to one of the people with a clipboard. Winners will be drawn and names announced before the parade leaves. Prizes may be picked up at the Plowing Match Office on Saturday. The parade will arrive at Plowman's Park just in time for the opening of the carnival rides and midway games.

## CHILDREN'S RACES

SATURDAY

Having a good time is great and these old-fashioned races showcase the fun children enjoyed in days gone by. Did you know the egg-and-spoon race dates back to 1894, the year before the plowing match began? The fun begins at noon in the Cattle Ring. Preschool children and students from kindergarten through eighth grade are invited to have fun and laugh away the afternoon.

- ◆ Races for preschool children include Run to Mom/Dad, Bunny Hop and Penny Race.
- ◆ Students Kindergarten and 1st grade will compete in a Crab Walk, Balloon and Penny Race.
- ◆ 2nd and 3rd grade student races include Crab Walk, Balloon Race and 3-Legged Race with ties provided.
- ◆ 4th, 5th and 6th grade students compete in Egg, Balloon and Three-legged Races with ties provided.
- ◆ 7th and 8th grade student races include Egg, 3-Legged Races with ties provide and Balloon Relay.

Prizes include ice cream tickets and cash. Support for this event is provided by the Big Rock Lions Club. Coordinators: Lynne Paver, Sandy Madden.

## PEDAL TRACTOR PULL

SATURDAY

AND THE WINNER IS...the one who pulls the weighted sled the longest measured distance. That's how to win. Children astride a pedal tractor go as fast as they can, pedaling as hard as they can, to pull the sled as far as they can. Like the little engine that could, the faster you get going, the farther you'll go. Good to know tips: Always look ahead. Go as fast as you can. When it starts getting hard, pedal harder.

Take the challenge. Register at the Cattle Ring beginning at 2 pm. Pay the \$1 entry fee and weigh-in to qualify. The five weight classes have been adjusted to begin at 40 pounds and end at 90 pounds: 40-50 lbs.; 51-60 lbs.; 61-70 lbs.; 71-80 lbs.; and 81-90 lbs. The competition begins at 2:30 pm.

Sponsored by the Big Rock Plowing Match Association, first place winners in each class receive a trophy. New this year is the Big Rock Park District, partnering with the Association, to sponsor a second place trophy to be awarded to winners in each class. All children receive a Participation Ribbon.





## SPONSORED BY THE BIG ROCK PARK DISTRICT

### WATERMELON EATING CONTEST

Andre Ortolof of Augsburg, Germany holds the world record for eating the most watermelon in 30 seconds set in 2018. He ate 675 grams or 1.48812 pounds of watermelon according to Guinness World Records. Here in Big Rock timing is equally important, the amount to be eaten is much less.

There are three groups: ages 7-11 eating one slice, awarded \$10; ages 12-15 eating two slices, awarded \$20; and \$30 for ages 16 and older eating two slices. Sunday is the day. No entry fee. Register at the stage prior to the contest that begins at 11 am.

The 2021 winners were Lincoln Sucilla, age 8, with a time of 2 minutes:3 seconds; Rachel Lapeyre, age 15, ate two pieces in 1 minute:46 seconds; and 3 slices were consumed by Emma Lapeyre, age 16, in 1 minute:57 seconds. So, who will have the fastest time in 2022, earn cash and set the Big Rock record for eating watermelon?



### BINGO

The National Bingo Game Association states that BINGO is bigger than football, BINGO used to be called 'beano', Margaret is the most common winning name, and BINGO players are a lot younger than you might think. So, EVERYONE regardless of age or name are invited to the Pavilion on Sunday at 2:30 pm to play BINGO. It is free to play, prizes are awarded and four individual games will be played.

### 2022 PRINCE AND PRINCESS CONTEST

Boys and girls three, four and five years old, living in Big Rock and the surrounding communities, are invited to enter. Children will be judged on poise, appearance and smiles. Entrants should check in at the stage by 1 pm. The pageantry begins on Sunday at 1:30 pm at the stage.

Entry forms are available on the Park District website [www.bigrockparks.com](http://www.bigrockparks.com) and the Plowing Match website, [www.bigrockplowingmatch.com](http://www.bigrockplowingmatch.com). Deadline for entry forms is September 9. Contact Cindy Nehring at 630.556.3238.

The 2021 Court: Prince Evan Hummell and Princess Livia Milling, Rocco Brandonsio and Leah Rose Brassfield in second place and Jared Reeter and Elaina Gutierrez in third. Returning 2018 Princess Hanna Sharp assisted with crowning the 2021 Court.



### PETTING ZOO

#### Sponsored by the Big Rock Park District and Big Rock Plowing Match Association

Farm animals, provided by local farmers, will be available for visitors to interact, hands-on with goats, calves, chickens, rabbits, donkeys and more. Experience the community petting zoo on Saturday from 10 am-5 pm and Sunday from 11 am-4 pm under the red and white striped tent located near the Junior Fair /School Exhibit building. This fun and educational exhibit will be manned by Hinckley-Big Rock FFA members.



## 37<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HORSE SHOW—SATURDAY

STARTS PROMPTLY AT 8:30 AM

Western or English? Answer is BOTH. This horse show offers 24 classes to riders of all ages to compete for ribbons, cash awards and bragging rights. Known for being competitive, educational and fun, there are five Just for Fun classes to enter: one class has the rider carrying an egg in a spoon while astride; and the musical cones class has the rider jumping off the horse when the music stops and running to the cones in the middle of the arena, played like musical chairs. These two classes are aptly named and are sure to be full of fun.

You are invited to stroll west to find the horse arena adjacent to Kenny Field. Relax under the oaks as you enjoy watching the horsemanship and showmanship of our riders. Be a part of the fun by placing a bid to "own" one of the

horses and rider in the Open Calcutta Pleasure Class. You can cheer on your horse and rider and if they place in the top 3, your "ownership" will be financially rewarding. This day-long event has lots to offer, so drop by for an hour or more and enjoy.

#### Congratulation to our High Point Winners in 2021

- ◆ High Point Award for Age 16 and over: Katie Miller
- ◆ Reserve: Mariegh Rodriguez
- ◆ High Point Award for Age 15 and under: Ava Paris
- ◆ Reserve: Ava Wagner

Check out the 2022 show bill below. For more information about the show or a class, please contact Donna at 630.802.4629 or at [donnaahieser@yahoo.com](mailto:donnaahieser@yahoo.com).

#### 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\*\*
11. Walk Trot\*\*
12. English Pleasure (15 and Under)
13. English Pleasure (16 and Over)
14. Open English Pleasure
15. English Equitation (15 and Under)
16. English Equitation (16 and Over)
17. Open English Equitation
18. Open Calcutta (\$\$\$) Pleasure Class

*Audience bids to own the horse and rider. All monies bid are pooled and distributed to winning "owners" based on placement of top three horses. First place, 50%, second place, 35%, third place, 15%. Riders receive trophies and ribbons.*

19. Non-Blue Ribbon Winner Performance Class

#### Just for Fun

20. Musical Cones
21. Open Command Class
22. Egg and Spoon Race
23. Bribe Your Horse
24. Ride-A-Buck (bareback)

#### Classes

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 (11).*

#### General Guidelines

- ◆ All contestants must wear proper attire except in classes: 10-20-21-22-23-24. 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**  
1-2-3-4-6-7-9-12-14-15-17-18-19

**High Point Awards: age 16 and Over**  
1-2-3-5-6-8-9-13-14-16-17-18-19

**Judge:** Karen Sander, Union

Directions: Eleven miles west of Aurora, via Route 30. Turn south onto Rhodes Road at the Gazebo. Cross the railroad tracks, immediately turn right onto Hinckley Road. Proceed west to Plowman's Park. Enter main gate and head west to trailer area between park fence and baseball field.

Ample trailer parking available.  
Lunch break at approximately 12:30 pm



## ROUND BALE ROLL-OFF

### SATURDAY

This old-fashioned competition tests the strength and skill of three team members competing against time to roll a round bale of straw across the ring. Of course, there is a hitch! Two people roll the bale and the other teammate dares to stay on top of the bale as it rolls. If the person on top falls off, the bale must stop and that person must get back on top before they can start rolling the bale again. The team with the best time wins.

This fun competition is very entertaining and full of laughs as the teams roll across the ring. Can they stay on top without falling off? How fast can they push the bale? In 2021, the fastest time was 59 seconds. Team members split the prize money, had a great time and took home bragging rights for being the fastest.

So, if you are at least 13 years old, show up at the Cattle Ring to roll the straw. There are two divisions: ages 13-18 and ages 19 plus. No cleats or spikes allowed. Registration begins at 3:30 pm with the contest beginning at 4 pm. Registration fee is \$15 per team.

First place winning teams in each division take home \$150 and \$75 for teams taking second place. Lots of great prizes from local businesses will also be awarded: Indian Oaks Golf Course, Pizza Hut of Plano, Classic Cinema of Sandwich, Hill's Country Store, Jewel Foods, Napa Auto Parts, Sugar Grove Family Fun Center and others. Thank you to all our sponsors and to the Byington Family for supplying the round bales.

Coordinators: Lynne Paver, Sandy Madden and Emily Herrmann



## BAGS TOURNAMENT

### SUNDAY

It is said that “threes a charm” and if that is so, then the 2022 bags tournament is certain to be big. So gather up your friends and join us on Sunday from 1:00-4:00 pm. Open to adults, 21 and older, this tournament with great cash prize winnings is sure to bring return and new players, so register early to guarantee your spot. Here's the game plan.

- ◆ Blind draw for partners at 1:00 pm
- ◆ Double elimination tourney
- ◆ Entry fee is \$20 per person
- ◆ Register ASAP for available spots
- ◆ Application form at [www.bigrockplowingmatch.com](http://www.bigrockplowingmatch.com)
- ◆ Find us on the north side of the park
- ◆ Registration for spots, if available, will open before tournament

#### Prize winnings

- ◆ 1st Place Team \$500
- ◆ 2nd Place Team \$250
- ◆ 3rd Place Team \$125

Our sincere gratitude to the tournament co-sponsors: Dairy Joy and Pessina Tree Service. Contact Steve Ruh at 630.461.9879 or [steve@ruhfarms.com](mailto:steve@ruhfarms.com) with questions.

## CRAFT, ART & VENDOR SHOW

### SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Wander through beautiful displays under the oaks in Plowman's Park where over three dozen vendors will present their wares: home & table décor, jewelry & accessories, fabric crafts, fall & holiday items, gift baskets, pet bandanas, sports cards and more. This is a must-see show with new artisans, crafters and vendors, as well as returning favorites. In addition to finding gifts for everyone on your list, including yourself, you can satisfy your sweet craving with Italian ice, funnel cakes, cookies, brownies and more.

Find the tent canopies throughout the park, between the Junior and Ladies Fair buildings and beside the gravel roadways. There are various businesses: DeKane Equipment, Vacationland, Pampered Chef, Tupperware and Tastefully Simple; and non-profit groups exhibiting that would also welcome your support.

Show times Saturday 10 am-5 pm and Sunday 11 am-4 pm.

We welcome new art, craft, vendor or businesses and invite you to find more information and an application on our website [www.bigrockplowingmatch.com](http://www.bigrockplowingmatch.com)

## IT'S A TRADITION...90 YEARS WORTH

You are drawn to it by the scent and the location. The Needham Shop popcorn stand has been found under the majestic oaks at Plowman's Park for ninety-years. It began in 1932 when brothers Gordon and Norris Needham built a popcorn stand complete with a hand-cranked cast iron popcorn pan. Their plan was to sell popcorn to earn money for Norris to go to college. The popcorn stand went everywhere to festivals, any type of gathering, and of course, the Big Rock Plowing Match. Norris was nicknamed “Uncle Ham” and he did indeed get himself through college selling popcorn.

The next generation, George Needham and sisters Martha Baldridge and Jannette N. Wampach continued the tradition and celebrated 50 years in 1982. George brought his son Bart into the fold. And Bart keeps doing it for the tradition, “as it definitely is not a money-maker”. People have been eating Needham popcorn for many reasons:

- ◆ The cast-iron pan makes it taste better
- ◆ They have been getting it their whole life
- ◆ It's a tradition

Four generations later, the popcorn stand will return to Plowman's Park to lure you to the best tasting popcorn



Photo courtesy: Joakim Wablander

around. Bart's daughter Abby and son Jake are part of the family group effort to keep the tradition going. The Association is thrilled to have the distinction and honor of being the only place the popcorn stand makes an appearance. So, be certain to follow the scent straight to the popcorn stand and reminisce about plowing match memories with the Needham family over a \$2 bag of popcorn.

Congratulations to the Needham Family on 90 years of tradition making popcorn at the Big Rock Plowing Match!

## OLDE TIME BASEBALL

### FRIDAY—BIG ROCK WILDCATS VS DUPAGE COUNTY PLOWBOYS. FIRST PITCH, 7 PM.

2021: Scorekeeper concluded the Plowboys were the winners. Will the Wildcats settle the score in 2022?

Step back to a time when baseball was played with a hurler pitching a mush ball underhanded to the batter, where there is no infield and players are bare-handed, no gloves. Vintage baseball rules may also specify no sliding, when runners can advance and no over running of first base. Different but similar, this game is sure to be exciting and great fun to watch.

The DuPage County Plowboys have played games all across the states, at the Field of Dreams in Dyersville, Iowa, as well as locally in the Cantigny Red Oak Vintage Baseball Festival. The Big Rock Wildcats team players are members of the community that assemble each year for this event. Positions on our Wildcats team are limited. Contact Gene Nehring at 630.918.7831 if interested in being a player.

Let's fill the stands, cheer on the teams and enjoy an olde time baseball game under the lights at Kenny Field.







## PRAIRIE STATE RAILROAD CLUB

Prairie State Railroad Club Inc. is having a busy season this year. In addition to our regular track cleanup and maintenance, the Club has provided train rides at the Big Rock Car Show, the Phoenix Club's private event and our open house at Plowman's Park.

The Club hosted an open house fundraiser for one of our own, George Werderich Jr., a Junior PSRR member. George first became aware of Prairie State Railroad Club when he attended Cub Scout Day Camps at Plowman's Park. The Club would provide rides and teach railroad safety so the Scouts could meet the requirements to attain their Railroad badge. George has chosen Prairie State Railroad Club for his Eagle Scout service project. He has raised the funds, organized the work, recruited volunteers and built a station pavilion over the tracks where passengers board the trains. Everyone is invited to the ribbon cutting dedication that will take place on Saturday, September 17 at 10 am.

Our goal, as a not-for-profit corporation, is to educate the general public about safe conduct around railroad facilities and crossings, including distribution of Operation Lifesaver materials at Club sponsored events.



Remember to look and listen every time *before* you cross the tracks at a railroad crossing, when driving a vehicle or walking as a pedestrian!

For more information about the club or to inquire about train rides at your event booked at Plowman's Park, please visit our website at [www.prairiestaterr.com](http://www.prairiestaterr.com).



## TRAIN STATION PAVILION DEDICATION

SATURDAY

Join in the dedication of the newly constructed train station pavilion at 10 am. Located next to the Junior Fair building at the northeast edge of the park, the pavilion is the Eagle Scout service project of George Werderich, age 17, Scout Troop 40, Yorkville. After the ribbon cutting, be among the first to board the train under the station pavilion.

Everyone is invited to celebrate this young man's achievement. As an Eagle Scout candidate, George's drive for this project grew organically from his connection with Plowman's Park. It all began as a Scout attending day camp and learning train safety from members of the Prairie State Railroad Club. George then joined the club and years later when deciding on his project it naturally all came together and has given him the synergy to build the train pavilion as one of the requirements to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. Fundraising began earlier this year and to date approximately \$20,000 has been received to cover the cost of materials, permits and inspections, equipment to construct the pavilion, as well as consultation and labor for the project.



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- ♦ Strypes Plus More for printing and updating Plowing Match signs
- ♦ WSPY for promoting the Plowing Match & Festival on the air and on their website

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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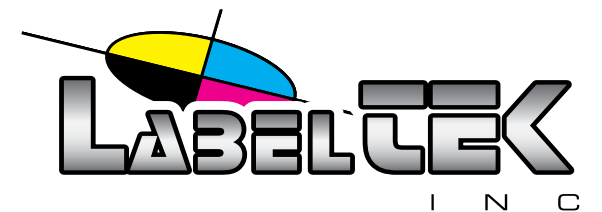
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