



EXHIBITORS FAIR

131st Big Rock Plowing Match September 19, 20, & 21, 2025 Exhibitors Fair Premium List - Open To All Amateurs

ENTRIES

- Entries will be accepted only between the hours of 3 and 6:30 PM on Friday, September 19th.
- All items entered must be the work of the exhibitor. Entries are limited to one per person in each class.
- In section 5, any entry that has won a ribbon at the Exhibitor's Fair (Formally known as the Ladies Fair) may not be entered again. Non-winning items entered prior to 2021 are eligible.
- Judges may not enter any class they judge.
- Entry form is available to print from the website (bigrockplowingmatch.org). Each exhibitor is asked to fill out this form. Place an X in the box for each item you are entering.
- Each item should have a label with complete information for each Section, Category and Class name per example below. Do not put your name on entries. Labels are available to print from the website. Entrants have the choice of printing on paper to cut and pin or tape to item, or to print on adhesive labels (Avery #5160). Please bring return address/computer labels - one per item - to be used on entry tags.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS & JUDGING CRITERIA

- Quality of workmanship, as well as beauty of the entry will be considered. Baked items will be judged on appearance, texture, taste, moisture and presentation. All ingredients must be edible on the baked items.
- Please bring 13 (Bakers dozen) of all cookies, cupcakes, muffins, brownies, bars and candies.
- All food entries must be on a sturdy plate or container. Entries must be packaged in a large zip top bag or container with a domed top. Sorry, no twist ties or plastic wrap. Entries deemed unsafe (mold, bugs, etc.) will be disposed of. Please no cream cheese or whipped cream toppings.
- Not all entries will be awarded a ribbon. Judges' decisions are final.
- Prize money will be awarded after Saturday's auction in the Office (S.E. corner of lunch stand) at approximately 3:30 PM.
- Prize money not picked up by 4 PM on Sunday will be considered a donation and will not be forwarded by mail.
- Unless otherwise listed, **1st prize winning entries will receive \$10 and 2nd prize winning entries will receive \$5.**

**All entries in baking and candy will be sold. Winning items will be sold at the auction on Saturday.
All non-winning baked entries and vegetables will be sold as bake sale items
in the Exhibitors Fair building following the auction.**

Special Awards

In the event of a tie, judges will determine the recipient of the Special Award.

Harley Davis Memorial

A Polish Pottery piece to the person winning the most ribbons in all classes. All ribbons count equally. This award may be presented a maximum of one time in any five consecutive years to the same individual.

Big Rock Lions Club

\$25 to the man winning the most blue ribbons (minimum 5) across all classes.

Needham Shop - Kaneville

\$25 to the person winning the most blue ribbons in Section 1, Categories A & B: Cakes-all types

The Lakone Co.

\$25 to the person winning the most blue ribbons in Section 1, Categories C, D, E & F: Breads, Bars, Pies & Muffins

Healy Chapel

\$25 to the person winning the most blue ribbons in Section 2, Cookies & Candy

Gladys Butcher Memorial

\$25 to the person winning the most blue ribbons in Section 3, Canned Goods

Harry Schoger & Sons, Inc. - Big Rock

\$25 to the person winning the most blue ribbons in Section 4, Flowers

Dairy Joy - Hinckley

\$25 to the person winning the most blue ribbons in Section 5, Category A, Handicrafts

Executive Affiliates, Inc. - Big Rock

\$25 to the person winning the most blue ribbons in Section 5, Category B & F: Embroidery and Sewing

\$25 to the person winning the most blue ribbons in Section 5, Category C & D: Crocheting and Hand Knitting

Big Rock Plowing Match Association

\$25 to the person winning the most blue ribbons in Section 5, Category E: Quilts

Big Rock Park District

\$25 to the person winning the most blue ribbons in Section 6, Photography

Section 1 – Baked Goods

Category A – Premium Baked Goods

- Made from scratch only – no box mixes.
- Minimum 8” pan. May be layer.

Class

- 1 Angel Food- Unfrosted
- 2 Pineapple Upside Down
- 3 Favorite Recipe - Include on A 3”x 5” Card
- 4 Chocolate Zucchini
- 5 Chocolate Fudge Cake, Chocolate Frosting
- 6 White Cake, Vanilla Frosting
- 7 German Chocolate Cake, Coconut Pecan Frosting
- 8 Red Velvet Cake, Favorite Frosting
- 9 **Special Recipe - Must Use This Recipe**

1st \$30 2nd \$20 3rd \$10

Nan Long’s Apple Slices

Dough

- 4 Cups Flour
- 1 ½ Cup Shortening
- 1 ½ Tsp. Salt
- 2 Egg Yolks
- 12 Tablespoons Water
- 2 Tablespoons Lemon Juice

Filling

- 16 Apples
- 2 Tablespoons Flour
- 2 Cups Sugar
- 1 ½ Tsp. Cinnamon

Glaze

- 2 Cups Powdered Sugar
- Milk

Mix flour, shortening, and salt. Beat egg yolks with lemon juice and water, then add the flour mixture. Divide the dough, roll out ½ and put in a jelly roll pan.

Make filling from peeled and sliced apples, flour, sugar, and cinnamon. Spread the filling over the dough. Roll out the remaining dough and top the filling. Make slits to vent the dough.

Bake in a preheated oven at 375 degrees for 1 hour. When it is cool frost, using powdered sugar and add milk gradually to make a thick glaze. Pour and spread over the top. Cut into 2-inch squares.

Category B – Specialty Cakes & Cupcakes

Class

- 1 Dump Cake, Unfrosted - Minimum 9”x 13”
- 2 Apple Cake - Minimum 9”x 13”
- 3 Cupcake With Filling
- 4 Decorated Cupcake

Category C – Breads

- Made from scratch only. No mini loaves.

Class

- 1 Banana Nut Bread
- 2 Cranberry Bread
- 3 Pumpkin Bread
- 4 Zucchini Bread
- 5 Streusel Coffee Cake – 8 “x 8”
- 6 Corn Bread - 8”x 8”
- 7 Yeast Bread

Category D – Bars

- Made from scratch only. Approximately 2” square.

Class

- 1 Brownies, Frosted, No Nuts
- 2 Butterscotch Bars
- 3 Lemon Bars
- 4 Toffee Bars
- 5 Pecan Bars
- 6 7 Layer Bars

Category E – Pies

- Minimum 9” Round

Class

- 1 Dutch Apple Pie - Crumble Top
- 2 Apple Pie - Two Crust Pie
- 3 Pecan Pie
- 4 Cherry Pie
- 5 Key Lime Pie
- 6 Pumpkin Pie

Category F – Muffins

- Full Size Muffins

Class

- 1 Apple Cinnamon Muffin
- 2 Poppy Seed Muffin
- 3 Blueberry Muffin
- 4 Cranberry Nut Muffin
- 5 Double Chocolate Muffin

Section 2 - Cookies & Candy

Category A - Cookies

Class

- 1 Oatmeal
- 2 Chocolate Chip
- 3 Snickerdoodle
- 4 Peanut Butter
- 5 Shortbread Cookie
- 6 Favorite Christmas Cookie-Include Recipe On A 3”x 5” Card
- 7 Sugar Cookie

Category B – Candy

Class

- 1 Chocolate Fudge - No Nuts- 1" Square
- 2 Peanut Butter Fudge- 1" Square
- 3 Caramels- 1" Square
- 4 Peanut Brittle-2" Square
- 5 Caramel Corn- Quart Size Zip Top Bag (Full)

Section 3 – Canned Goods

Category A – Fruit, Jams & Jellies

- Half-pint up to quart only, sealed with ring
- Honey can be unsealed

Class

- 1 Peaches
- 2 Applesauce
- 3 Strawberry Jam
- 4 Peach Jam
- 5 Raspberry Jam
- 6 Apple Butter
- 7 Honey
- 8 Grape Jelly
- 9 Pepper Jelly

Category B – Vegetables

- Half-pint up to quart only, sealed with ring

Class

- 1 Dill Pickles
- 2 Bread & Butter Pickles
- 3 Pickle Relish
- 4 Tomatoes
- 5 Salsa
- 6 Tomato Sauce

Section 4 – Flowers

- Fresh or dried flowers must be used. Exception paper flowers

Class

- 1 Trimmed In Burlap
- 2 Tiny Flower Nation (Under 5")
- 3 Succulent
- 4 One Cup At A Time
- 5 Mason Jar Delight
- 6 Perfect for Fall
- 7 Fairy Garden
- 8 Terrarium
- 9 Paper Flowers

Section 5 – Handiwork

Category A – Handicrafts

Class

- 1 Drawing – Mounted Or Framed To Hang
- 2 Painting On Canvas
- 3 Painting On Wood Or Metal
- 4 Painting On Glass
- 5 Decorated Birdhouse - Min. 4"x4"x5" to Max. 6"x10"x10"
- 6 Christmas Ornament
- 7 Decorated Round Sign- 15"
- 8 Felted Wool Item
- 9 **Special Handicraft - Dreamcatcher**
1st \$15 2nd \$10

- Dimensions: 5 Inch round minimum

- 10 **Special Handicraft - PineWood Derby Car**
1st \$30 2nd \$20

- One Model Per Entrant
- Must Be The Work Of The Exhibitor
- Entries Will Be Displayed In A Glass Display Case



Category B – Embroidery

Class

- 1 Cross Stitch - Wall Hanging
- 2 Cross Stitch – Embroidery Hoop
- 3 Counted Cross Stitch
- 4 Embroidered Item

Category C – Crocheting

Class

- 1 Baby Article
- 2 All Crochet Doily
- 3 Holiday Item
- 4 Afghan

Category D - Hand Knitting

- No Machine Knitting

Class

- 1 Men's Or Ladies Sweater
- 2 Child's Sweater
- 3 Holiday Item

Category E - Quilts

- Quilt tops must be completely pieced by the exhibitor.

Class

- 1 Quilted Wall Hanging, Maximum 24"x 36"
- 2 Child's Themed Quilt
- 3 Holiday Themed Quilt
- 4 Quilt (Open Class)

Category F – Sewing

Class

- 1 Table Runner
- 2 Decorative Pillow
- 3 Child's Garment, No Costumes
- 4 Stuffed Toy
- 5 Purse
- 6 Holiday Item

Section 6 – Photography

- All photos must be in a frame with easel back. The frame is to be 5"x 7"
- All photos are specific to the theme, if listed

Class

- 1 Plowing Match
- 2 Infant/Toddler
- 3 Landscape - Forest Preserve
- 4 Weather- Northern Lights
- 5 Floral - Black Eyed Susan
- 6 Water - Waves
- 7 Animal - Chicken
- 8 Black & White - Bridge
- 9 Patriotic
- 10 Farm
- 11 Pet

Section 7 – Vegetable, Grain & More

- All entries should be clean and blemish free. Loose items must be contained in an appropriately sized box, basket, etc. Entries will be judged partially on presentation.

Class

- 1 Yellow Dent Corn - 6 ears
- 2 Potatoes - 6
- 3 Carrots - 6
- 4 Tomatoes (Heirloom) - 6
- 5 Cherry Tomatoes - 12
- 6 Onions - 6
- 7 Garlic - 3
- 8 Peppers - 6
- 9 Apples - 6
- 10 Zucchini - 1
- 11 Watermelon - 1
- 12 Miniature Pumpkins - 3
- 13 Indian Corn - 3 ears
- 14 Unusual fruit or vegetable - 1
- 15 Largest Pumpkin
- 16 Lavender, bundled, 1" diameter
- 17 Sage, bundled, 1" diameter
- 18 Gathered Eggs, 12, unwashed
- 19 Beef Jerky-6 pieces
- 20 Venison Jerky- 6 pieces

Thank you for entering the Exhibitors Fair!
We hope to see you in 2026.

Exhibitors Fair: Building Hours

Browse the displays and exhibits

Saturday: 9 AM – 5 PM

Sunday: after Church Service – 5 PM

All entries must be picked up on

Sunday between 3 – 5 PM

Please note:

The Plowing Match Management will not be responsible for loss or damage to any entry, but every precaution will be taken for the safekeeping of all entries.

Interested in volunteering?

Opportunities include helping with receiving entries, judging, auction and greeting visitors.

Contact: Karen (630) 556-3620,

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