

BIG-ROCK PLOWING MATCH TIMES & FESTIVAL

TREE REVITALIZATION AT PLOWMAN'S PARK

Think Plowman's Park and a vision of big, old trees comes to mind. And it should, as the park is classified as a Pre-Settlement Oak Ecosystem. Over 100 of these majestic trees range in age from 85-200 plus years and are showing their age. The Association recognized that to be a good steward we needed an arborist. About the same time, Kane County announced available grants. We applied and received a \$19K grant in 2024 from the Kane County Board, through its Office of Community Reinvestment, with funds from the Grand Victoria Riverboat Casino.

This grant enabled the Association to begin a multi-year project to revitalize the old growth trees with the goal of improving the health of and saving as many trees as possible. With guidance and expertise from Charles Shonts, ISA Certified Arborist, Davey Tree Expert Company, the property trees were identified and assessed to develop a plan within funding. Over 300 trees were located and GIS mapped. An inventory and assessment of 200 trees was provided with genus, species, condition, recommendations and relevant information.

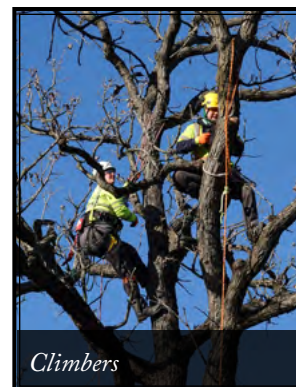
In the first year, we prioritized the following actions: pruning, growth regulator, organic injection and application of biochar/compost soil amendment. The focus was on trees near buildings and locations where people are present. Within these priorities the tree species included: Bur Oak, Northern Red Oak, Swamp White Oak, White Oak and Shagbark Hickory, each assessed to be in fair to good structure/condition.

Davey Tree Expert Company began the multi-phase project in November with 15 trees receiving an application of a liquid soil growth regulator to help improve overall health and reduce stress by improving root system regeneration. Tree Pruning to remove dead, broken and minor cross over branches was conducted in December and January. Twenty-seven trees were trimmed and crown cleaned near the Concessions/Office, Junior Fair, Ladies Fair, train barn and adjacent to Kenny Field.

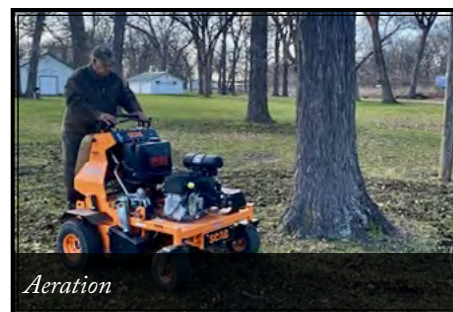
Surface application of biochar mixed with premium compost was spread under trees in two areas in January. This natural amendment improves soil structure providing a habitat for soil micro-organisms to help the trees pull/absorb more nutrients. This was followed by an organic injection applied to 30 trees in March. This liquid ground injection of natural compounds encourages soil micro-biology, with Phosphonates added to help improve plant defenses.



Tree growth regulator



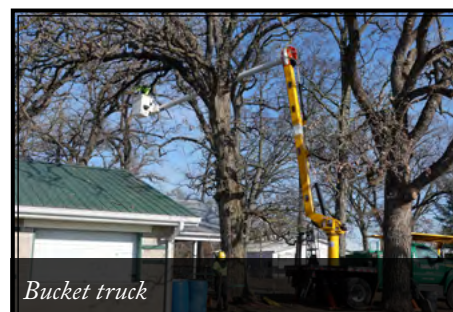
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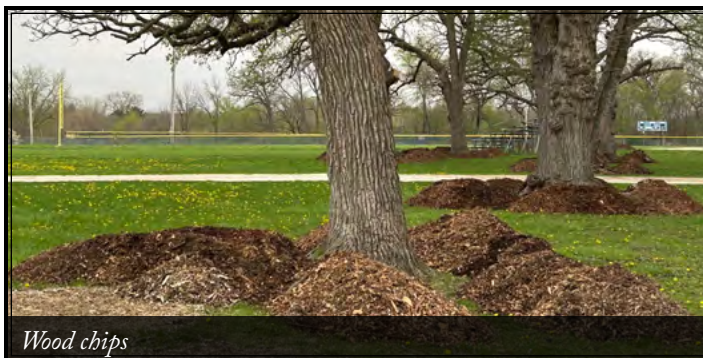
H-BR Day of Service



Bucket truck



Biochar/compost amendment



Wood chips

The Association did the rest. In April Gene Nehring aerated the soil in areas that received biochar/compost. Our gratitude to DeKane Equipment Corporation for use of equipment. Mulching next: aged wood chips from a July tree removal were transported and placed around trees by Ron Burgess and Terry Sorensen. Hinckley-Big Rock HS students, guided by teachers spread the wood chips around 15 trees to conserve/extend available water and moderate temperature extremes.

The grant provided \$19K, the Association \$15K and donations added \$10K to bring the project to a \$44K investment in the trees. We also benefitted from generous in-kind contributions. The Association is striving to ensure the trees thrive in the long term, to provide shade, cool and clean the air and keep the park vibrant under a majestic canopy.

Project Coordinator: A. Denise Farrugia

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The Association is thrilled to have received a 2025 grant for \$51,244 from the Kane County Board, through its Office of Community Reinvestment, with funds from the Grand Victoria Riverboat Casino. Our stewardship continues, and if you would like to be a 2025/2026 Tree Hugger, contribute online via our website, mail a check, or drop by the Information Booth or Office during the Plowing Match & Festival. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Registration and Entry Drop-off for	
Junior Fair & Exhibitors Fair	3 pm
Bicycle Parade (begins at fire barn)	4:30 pm
Carnival Rides	5-9:30 pm
Prairie State Railroad Club Train Rides	6-9 pm
Olde Time Baseball Game	7 pm
Music-Premier Entertainment DJ Darrin Lee	6-9:30 pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Western & English Horse Show	8:30 am
Dedication of Davis Field Sign	8:30 am
Drawing for Lands	9 am
Plowing	9:30 am
Prairie State Railroad Club Train Rides	10 am-5 pm
Petting Zoo	10 am-5 pm
Children's Races (in cattle ring)	10:30 am
Carnival Rides	11:30 am-5 pm
5 B's BBQ Pork Chop & Chicken Dinner	11:30 am-1:30 pm
Baked Goods Auction	1 pm
Pedal Tractor Pull (in cattle ring)	2 pm
Plowing Trophy Presentation	3:30 pm
Kane County Phantoms Baseball Game	4 pm
Round Bale Roll-Off (in cattle ring)	4:30 pm
Live Music: Sloth followed by Sociables	5-10 pm



ESPECIALLY FOR KIDS

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Tractor Trot 5K	8 am Start
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 BBQ Turkey with Ham Dinner	11:30 am-1:30 pm
Fox Valley Orchestra Low Brass Section	12-1 pm
Mud Volleyball	11:30 am
Carnival Rides	Noon-3 pm
Bags Tournament	1 pm Start
Prince & Princess Contest	1:30 pm
BINGO-Big Rock Park District (pavilion)	2:30 pm
Plowing Trophy Presentation	3:30 pm

FREE PARKING • FREE ADMISSION

CRAFT, ART & VENDOR SHOW

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

CONCESSIONS

Friday	5-10 pm
Saturday	7:30 am-9 pm
Sunday	8 am-5 pm

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Plowman's Park is greener thanks to a grant from the Kane County Board/Grand Victoria Riverboat Casino to revitalize trees. This multi-year initiative to save and extend the life of the old growth trees is yielding results in the first year. Read more in the cover article. The perennial flower beds are doing well and the kitchen has added a deep fryer. Your support with donations and in-kind contributions is really appreciated and enabled the Association to continue to improve Plowman's Park and the Plowing Match & Festival.

Hope to see you at the Historical Society grounds for the dedication of the Davis Field sign before the plowing competition on Saturday at 8:30 am. Baseball includes Friday night with Olde Time Baseball and the DuPage County Plowboys and Saturday afternoon the Kane County Phantoms take the field; Saturday night includes two bands, a special menu and an All-class Reunion for H-BR alumni; and the Fox Valley Orchestra will be playing during Sunday dinner. Schedule times have changed for Children's Races, Kane County Phantoms, Mud Volleyball, Sunday dinner and Plowing Trophy Presentation.

Remember to get you Plowing Match merchandise at Chickabitty Designs.

Alpine Amusement Company continues to bring smiles with carnival rides and more. We are very grateful to individual donors for funding and recognize our Step-Up Sponsors: *Legacy Level*-The Village of Big Rock; *Harvest Level*-Big Rock Township and Kids Golf Foundation & Rich Harvest Farms Golf Club; and Dean Hummell at *Plow Level*.

Mark your calendar for the Pumpkin Train on Saturday, October 4, presented by the Prairie State Railroad Club with the Association. More on page 19.

Looking forward to a fun, family-friendly weekend, September 19, 20, and 21, when we celebrate the 131st Big Rock Plowing Match & Festival with the community.



WINNERS OF THE 130TH PLOWING MATCH COMPETITION, 2024

SATURDAY, 9/21/2024

15 & Under Class

Lincoln Wyant of Cooksville, 61 points

19 & Under Class

Levi Marquardt of Hinckley, 74 points

Farmers Open Class

1st - Corban Nier of Kiel, WI, 89 points

2nd - Asher Thomas of Elbert, CO, 85½ points

3rd TIE - Heather Dollinger of Elburn, 83 points

Dana Nehring of Big Rock, 83 points

4th - Scott Temple of Erie, 82½ points

Prizewinner Class

1st - Trent Pierson of Elburn, 85 points

2nd - Kurt Wurster of Aurora, 68½ points

Expert Plowman Class

1st - Mark Nier of Kiel, WI, 85 points

2nd - Tom Evans of Big Rock, 79 points

3rd - Rick Wolf of Erie, 70 points

4th - Mike Winckler of Erie, 62 points

Novelty Class

1st - Kris Johnson of Cortland

SUNDAY, 9/12/2024

Antique Rubber Class

1st - Mark Nier of Kiel, WI, 86 points

2nd - Dana Nehring of Big Rock, 78 points

3rd - Jake Fraley of Cooksville, 74½ points

4th - Brett Hake of Sandwich, 69 points

Antique Steel Class

1st - Trent Pierson of Elburn, 85 points

2nd - Paul Evans of Big Rock, 80½ points

3rd - Corban Nier of Kiel, WI, 78 points

4th - Heather Dollinger of Elburn, 69 points

Novelty Class

1st - Kris Johnson of Cortland

Sweepstakes Winner

Corban Nier of Kiel, WI, 89 points

The Plowing Match Association Board expresses their sincere gratitude to

- ♦ 2024 Plowing Judges for their time and expertise in assessing furrows and awarding points: Jim Cronin, Gerry Glover, Les Granart, Eric Hatfield, Steve Hauser, Wes Morris, Ron Ness, Jim O'Connell, Rollin Shaw and Roger Winckler.
- ♦ Greg Klotz for harvesting and preparing Davis Field for the plowing competition.

SCORECARD OF THE BIG ROCK PLOWING MATCH

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

9:00 am Sharp

Drawing for Land

9:30 am

Plowing Starts

3:30 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.
- ♦ 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.

DAVIS FIELD

SIGN WILL BE DEDICATED AT 8:30 AM ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, ON THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY GROUNDS



Jerry Thompson, Matt Thompson, Rick Paver, Ron Burgess

The Davis Family's interest in the Big Rock community spans decades. They have provided support through both service and philanthropy to community groups, especially the Big Rock Historical Society and the Big Rock Plowing Match Association.

From 1895 through 1960 the plowing competition was held on 28 individual farms throughout Big Rock Township. In 1950, the Association purchased the W. E. Thomas Grove, a 19-acre property, to host the plowman's dinner with the plowing competition still hosted on farms. Dwight and Anna Davis purchased land in 1957 with the idea that it could be used for the plowing competition as this field was across from Plowman's Park. The Davis Field land was first used as home to the plowing match in 1961 and continues today thanks to the Davis Family. Harley and Marvel Davis continued the family tradition of support with a provision in the Trust that the "farmland in Section 21, consisting of 49 acres, more or less, shall be used such that at least 25 acres are made available for the Big Rock Plowing Match each year for so long as the match continues to run."

So, when sorting through past issues of *Plowing Match Times* we came across a headline from 1968 that stated "Plowing will be held at the Davis Field across from Plowman's Park" the idea for a sign began. With both organizations in favor of acknowledging the Davis family's gift, the sign was designed, built and installed.

The sign was funded by the McMicken Family in Memory of Wyllie McMicken. In 1966, plowing with his trusty team of mules, Gertrude and Genevieve, Wyllie won first-place in the Horse & Mule Class. More about Wyllie in the 2024 issue of *Plowing Match Times* on the website.

We are grateful for these very generous in-kind contributions for making this project possible.

- ◆ Ron Burgess for designing and building the sign: figuring out all the details-material, size, layout, programming to cut letters and logos and constructing/welding all the elements to create the sign.
- ◆ Rick Paver for assisting whenever and for whatever was needed: welding; loading and unloading; installing; and always answering the "what do you think" question.
- ◆ Jerry Thompson, BRHS Liaison, for coordinating the pouring of the concrete bases and obtaining a truck with crane for installation.
- ◆ Gene Nehring, BRPMA, for facilitating loan of a flatbed truck and transporting sign multiple times.
- ◆ DeKane Equipment Corporation for loan of a flatbed truck and staff to transport sign as needed.
- ◆ Fox Valley Sandblasting & Powder Coating for providing services at cost of materials and gifting the color powder coating on sign logos. Jim, Mike & Steven Schwebke.
- ◆ Strypes & More for providing and installing the lettering on logos.
- ◆ Lindsey Zambrano, BRHS, for detail painting of Historical Society logo.
- ◆ AHW John Deere, Somonauk, for providing the service truck with crane and service technician Matt Thompson for installation of sign.
- ◆ Big Rock Historical Society for funding the concrete bases poured by Sopris Concrete, providing the site for the sign and use of Davis Field since 1961 for the plowing competition.
- ◆ A. Denise Farrugia, Project Coordinator



ESPECIALLY

JUNIOR FAIR/SCHOOL EXHIBITS

Young people, ages 3 to 14, are invited to enter baked goods, handmade items and photos. Over 80 classes, divided by age brackets, are included on the Premium List. Browse the list for classes that interest you to have your handmade items on display for the weekend.

This year's Special Entry classes are:

- ♦ MINECRAFT Biome Diorama
- ♦ Baking: Honey Cake using the Special Entry Recipe

Details for the *Special Entry* classes, as well as all classes, are on the Junior Fair Premium List.

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! The cash awards for each class and the special awards for the person with the most entries and most blue ribbons across all classes are funded by our generous sponsors. We thank our sponsors for their ongoing support.

The School Exhibit features classroom artwork projects by Hinckley-Big Rock School students. Browse the exhibit on Saturday and/or Sunday.



Contact a Junior Fair Coordinator with questions, suggestions for a new class and to share your ideas:

- ♦ Donita Bartoszek 630.556.9000
- ♦ Amber Hayes 630.624.2296
- ♦ Sarah Magro 630.335.6205
- ♦ Mary Rogerson 630.330.0114
- ♦ Danyell Schollmeyer 630.918.8115

PEDAL TRACTOR PULL

SATURDAY

This competition challenges kids to ride a pedal tractor and pull a weighted sled as far as they can. Lance Viland pulled the sled a measured distance of 50.4 feet in 2024. Very impressive, as the pedal tractor sled is designed to create friction as it is dragged and the weight moves forward making the sled difficult to pull.

There are six weight classes: under 30 pounds; 31-40 lbs.; 41-50 lbs.; 51-60 lbs.; 61-70 lbs.; and 71-80 lbs. Tips from previous winners: always look ahead: the faster you get going, the farther you'll go; and when it starts getting hard, pedal harder.

Registration will begin at 1:30 pm at the Cattle Ring. Pay the \$1 entry fee and weigh-in to qualify. The competition begins at 2 pm.

The Big Rock Plowing Match Association, sponsors the first place awards in each class. Second and Third place awards are sponsored by the Big Rock Park District. All children receive a Participation Ribbon.

BICYCLE PARADE

FRIDAY

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Kick-off Kids' night with the bicycle parade. Gather at the Big Rock Fire Protection District building/fire barn located at 47w863 Second Street. Arrive early to line-up at 4:15 pm so you are ready at 4:30 pm. when the BRFPD Emergency Vehicle hits its siren and leads the way to Plowman's Park.

Tell all your friends about the parade and challenge them to decorate their bicycles. Route is 8/10th of a mile. The parade will arrive at Plowman's Park just in time for the 5 pm opening of the amusement rides, the Prairie State Railroad Club train rides at 6 pm followed by more evening activities.

Y FOR KIDS

AMUSEMENT RIDES

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Alpine Amusement Company returns with carnival rides and midway games primarily for ages 5-14 on Friday: 5-9:30 pm; Saturday: 11:30-5 pm; and Sunday: Noon-3 pm. We are very grateful to individual donors for funding, as well as the Step-up Sponsors: *Legacy Level*-The Village of Big Rock; *Harvest Level*-Big Rock Township and Kids Golf Foundation & Rich Harvest Farms Golf Club; and Dean Hummell at *Plow Level*.

Purchase your unlimited carnival ride wristbands ONLINE at bigrockplowingmatch.org beginning at 6 pm on Friday, September 12 and ending at 9 pm on Tuesday, September 16. Purchase daily unlimited ride wristbands online at \$25 for Friday OR Saturday; \$15 daily unlimited rides on Sunday; or \$45 for a 3-day weekend wristband. These prices are only for online wristband purchases.

Purchase your DAILY unlimited ride wristbands ON-SITE at ticket booth for \$30 per day Friday or Saturday and \$20 on Sunday. Weekend wristbands will be available for purchase on-site only on Friday for an additional fee. Cash or check accepted, payable to Big Rock Plowing Match Association.

Individual ride tickets will be available onsite for \$4 each, cash only, at the ticket booth. ATM at Concessions building. Here's to a family-friendly weekend full of fun for everyone.

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CHILDREN'S RACES

SATURDAY



These old-fashioned races feature the fun children enjoyed in days gone by. Children, preschool through eighth grade, can test their skill and strengths as they laugh away the morning.

NEW time in the morning: 10:30 am in the Cattle Ring.

- ◆ Preschool: Run to Mom/Dad, Bunny Hop and Penny Race
- ◆ Kindergarten & 1st grade: Crab Walk, Balloon Walk and Penny Race
- ◆ 2nd & 3rd grade: Crab Walk, Balloon Race and Three-Legged Race with ties provided
- ◆ 4th, 5th & 6th grade: Egg on a Spoon, Balloon Walk and Three-legged Races with ties provided
- ◆ 7th & 8th grade: Egg on a Spoon and Three-Legged Races with ties provided
- ◆ All-Ages Egg Toss returns – plan to join in the hilarity

Prizes include ice cream tickets and cash.

Coordinators: Lynne Paver, Sandy Madden, Emily Herrman

The Big Rock Park District salutes 131 years of the Big Rock Plowing Match



Big Rock Park District Board

Ryan Hummell, Jordan Mrowczynski, Tara Mathewson, Amanda Hummell, Leslie Barker



SATURDAY | 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

2 pork chops or half chicken or combo Plate
(1 chop & ¼ chicken) served with baked beans,
coleslaw, and applesauce—\$17

1 pork chop or ¼ chicken served with baked beans,
coleslaw, and applesauce—\$15

SUNDAY | 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Ham with turkey served with au gratin potatoes,
southern-style green beans with bacon bits,
applesauce, roll and butter—\$17

*The Association thanks Sheri Sorensen and Bob
Raymond, Dinner Coordinators, and all the
volunteers assisting with the dinner service.*



OFFICIAL PLOWING MATCH MERCHANDISE

Chickabitty Designs, our authorized vendor of Big Rock Plowing Match & Festival merchandise, has created a line of t-shirts, sweatshirts, caps and more with our name and logo. Browse their booth at the Plowing Match or place your order: <https://www.storessimple.com/cbd/plowingmatch>

Looking for vintage Plowing Match merchandise? Caps, sweatshirts, wine glasses and more will be for sale at blow-out prices at the Information Booth.



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SUDS AND SOUNDS ON SATURDAY NIGHT

Saturday night features two bands, Sloth and the Sociables, with hours of music beginning at 5 pm. Colden, Matt, and Noah are Sloth, a hard-rock, punk band performing their original music with passion and energy. Together since 2022, these Hinckley-Big Rock high school guys write songs that are relatable on multiple levels. They are thrilled to be sharing their experimental music this evening.

the Sociables take the stage at 7 pm performing fresh set-lists from artists Jackson Browne, Phil Collins, Elvis Costello, INXS and more. This 6-piece acoustic/electric rock band fuses tight vocal harmonies, stellar guitar tones and a rock-solid rhythm and keys section to perform songs you love to sing and dance to.

Catch up with friends and fellow HBR alumni for an All-years Reunion and enjoy an evening of night music, brews and food from a menu created especially for the evening.



the Sociables

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Big Rock Historical Society

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The Fox Valley Orchestra Low Brass Section will be playing a medley of tunes for your dining pleasure on Sunday from Noon-1 pm at the pavilion. These four musicians have been performing together for several years. They are members of the Fox Valley Orchestra which is one of nine groups in the Fox Valley Music Consortium. This dinner performance is the gift of Patricia Austin, Austin's Violin Shop, Sugar Grove.

OLD FASHIONED VINTAGE BASEBALL

BIG ROCK WILDCATS VS DUPAGE COUNTY PLOWBOYS

Friday: First pitch at 7 pm

The 1850's rules and regulations prohibit baseball gloves, overhand pitching, called balls and strikes, stealing bases, sliding or leading off. That is a lot of NO and certainly there's no crying in baseball. Sure to be different, similar, exciting and fun with lots of intrigue and laughter. The DuPage County Plowboys play games across the state, as well as locally at Cantigny Park. See you at Kenny Field to root, root, root for the Wildcats, our home team.

Members of the community are invited to join the Big Rock Wildcats team. Contact Gene Nehring at 630.918.7831 if interested in being a player.



MUD VOLLEYBALL

SUNDAY

MUD. MUD. MUD. Just how muddy is it? Inches deep, over your ankles deep, all over your body and clothes deep! This is the finest Kane County mud around, perfect for mud-slinging volleyball. Games start earlier this year at 11:30 am.

Registration details and forms on the Mud Volleyball page bigrockplowingmatch.org. Volleyball courts are adjacent to Kenny Field. This is a rain or shine event-rain is always a welcomed bonus!



First Place–Kiss My Ace

(in no particular order) Peter Clancy, Dan Franck, Allee Hernandez, Miranda Morales, Mark Noll, Jack Ridgway, Donovan Smith



Second Place–720 Block

(in no particular order) Reiter Bird, Brad Eade, Jackie Eade, Adam Pearson, Nicole Pearson, Justin Puriski, Jamel Sabree, Justin Wayne

TRACTOR TROT 5K

SUNDAY 8 AM START

Run or walk through rural Big Rock on winding paved roads with your family and friends. The Tractor Trot 5K offers scenic views of farmland, creek and countryside. It all begins at the entrance to Plowman's Park. Arrive by 7:45 am. Same day sign-ups are welcome! Just arrive earlier, as the run begins at 8 am. Registration fee is \$30. Online registration at www.bigrockplowingmatch.org

Event Sponsors: Big Rock Park District, Herrmann & Sons Farms; JB Industries; The Lakone Company, Steve & Sherry Michael; and Suburban Lawn. Thank you to Big Rock Fire Protection District for support services.

Event Coordinators: Jacqueline Madden Michael and Tim Smith

2024 winners

- ◆ Overall 5K: Russell Abner at 20:59 minutes
- ◆ Under 18: Andrew Liakas at 28:03 minutes
- ◆ Ages 18-28: Russell Abner at 20:59 minutes
- ◆ Ages 30-39: Ryan Michael at 25:03 minutes
- ◆ Ages 40-49: Chad Bailey at 25:02 minutes
- ◆ Ages 50-59: Tim Smith at 29:01 minutes
- ◆ Over 60: Beau Carlson at 28:47 minutes



BAGS TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY

What do you call it: cornhole, sack toss, hot potato, bean bag game, bag toss or ? For the record, we call it BAGS. Calling all players to compete in our tournament - score points by either landing a bag on the board or putting the bag through the hole. Register now.

- ◆ Open to adults, 21 and older
- ◆ Blind draw for partners at 1 pm
- ◆ Double elimination tourney
- ◆ Entry fee is \$25 per person
- ◆ Register ASAP for available spots
- ◆ Maximum number of players is 40
- ◆ Application form at www.bigrockplowingmatch.org
- ◆ Registration for spots, if available, will open before tournament.

Prize winnings

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

Tournament co-sponsors: Dairy Joy and Pessina Tree Service.

Contact Steve Ruh at 630-461-9879 or steve@ruhfarms.com with questions.

ROUND BALE ROLL-OFF

SATURDAY

This old-fashioned competition of strength and skill has entertained the community since 1994. You can feel the anticipation build as one team member climbs on top of the round bale and the other two get into position to push the bale as fast as they can across the ring. To stay on top is the challenge, as falling off requires the bale to stop and the person to get back on top before they can start rolling the bale again. The team is up against the clock, the fastest time wins.

Which team will take home the bragging rights in 2025? Competition could be high with experienced players returning to roll that bale. Judd Bark, Travis Herrmann and Gavin Pickert have won Second-Place in both 2023 and 2024. This could be the year for a three-peat or even taking First Place in the Ages 13-18 Division. Joe Turk has been a member of the First-Place team in the Ages 19+ Division since 2022. Will he return in 2025 to extend his streak to four consecutive years on the First-Place team? Who will be his teammates?

Show up at the Cattle Ring at 4 pm to register for \$15 per team. Contest starts at 4:30 PM. There are two divisions: ages 13-18 and ages 19 plus. No cleats or spikes allowed.

Cash prizes are awarded to winning teams in each division: \$150 for first place and \$75 for second place. Also awarded are great prizes from local businesses: Indian Oaks Golf Course, Classic Cinema of Sandwich, Funway of Batavia, 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

2024 WINNERS

Ages 13-18 Division–One Direction

- ◆ 1st Lily Bostic, Savannah Bostic, Travis Duggan;
30.0 seconds
- ◆ 2nd Judd Bark, Travis Herrmann, Gavin Pickert;
44.5 seconds
- ◆ 3rd Ceci Bostic, John Niels, Luke Bostic;
1 minute, 8 seconds
- ◆ 4th Caughton, Hadessah, Snetella;
1 minute, 18 seconds

Ages 19 + Older Division–One Direction

- ◆ 1st Brandon Bickers, Nathan Galway, Joe Turk;
17 seconds
- ◆ 2nd Ryan Byrnes, Andy Kalin, Jared Kalin
17 seconds
- ◆ 3rd Luke, Mike, Nick
23 seconds
- ◆ 4th Lee Klein, Jake Paver, Lauren Paver
23 seconds

CRAFT, ART & VENDOR SHOW

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Kick-off the weekend Friday night when you can enjoy ice cream and sweets at Hill's Country Store and get your Plowing Match official gear and merchandise at Chickabitty Designs, our authorized vendor. On Saturday and Sunday stroll through the park to discover over three-dozen new and returning vendors.

Artisans, crafters and vendors will present their hand-crafted wares. Show times are Saturday 10 am-5 pm and Sunday 11 am-4 pm. We welcome new art, craft, vendor or businesses. Find more information and an application at www.bigrockplowingmatch.org





40TH ANNUAL HORSE SHOW—SATURDAY

STARTS PROMPTLY AT 8:30 AM

Everyone is invited to celebrate 40 years of performance, pleasure and fun, as well as English and Western classes at this year's horse show. Riders of all ages are invited to compete for ribbons, cash awards and bragging rights. First place winners in each of the classes receives a \$10 cash award. High Point Awards are given in two age groups: age 15 and under and age 16 and over.

The Just for Fun classes are just that. Class #24 is aptly named: Musical Cones 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, it is sure to be full of fun.

Head to the southwest corner of Plowman's Park, the horse arena is adjacent to Kenny Field. Relax under the canopy of majestic oaks for a few hours or the full day to watch the showmanship and horsemanship of riders.



Congratulations to our 2024 High Point Award Winners

- ◆ Age 16 and over: Katie Miller
- ◆ Age 16 and over Reserve: Kassie Knur
- ◆ Age 15 and under: Claire Tronnes
- ◆ Age 15 and under Reserve: Allyson Henbry

Check out the 2025 show bill below.

Classes

1. Open Pony Halter (14.2" & under) English & Western
2. Open Horse Halter (Horse 19 yrs. & under)
3. Open Senior Horse Halter (Horse 20 yrs. & older)
4. Open Showmanship – English & Western

Tack Change

5. Open Western Walk, Trot, Warmup, Pleasure
6. Western Pleasure (15 and under)
7. Western Pleasure (16 and over)
8. Open Western Pleasure
9. Western Horsemanship (15 and under)
10. Western Horsemanship (16 and over)
11. Open Western Horsemanship
12. Beginners Only Walk, Trot
13. Lead Line

– LUNCH –

14. Open English Walk, Trot, Warmup Pleasure
15. English Pleasure (15 and under)
16. English Pleasure (16 and over)
17. Open English Pleasure
18. English Equitation (15 and under)
19. English Equitation (16 and over)
20. Open English Equitation
21. Shelley Mroz Open Calcutta (\$\$\$) Pleasure Class

Audience bids to own the horse & rider. All monies bid is pooled and distributed to winning "owners" based on placement of top three horses. First Place 50%, Second Place 35%, Third Place 15%. Riders receive ribbons.

22. Non-Blue Ribbon Winner Pleasure

Just for Fun

23. Open Command Class (100% Payback for 1st, 2nd, 3rd plus \$50)
24. Musical Cones
25. Egg & Spoon Race
26. Ride-A-Buck (bareback)
27. Bribe Your Horse

Classes

Classes: \$8 per event payable in cash or check at show

General Guidelines

- ◆ All contestants must wear proper attire except in classes: 12-13-23-24-25-26-27. 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.
- ◆ The Show Committee has the right to refuse check or issue tabs. A \$50 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 all first place and 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

4-6-8-9-11-15-17-18-20-21-22

High Point Awards: age 16 and Over

4-7-8-10-11-16-17-19-20-21-22

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

For more information, contact Donna at 630.802.4629 or at donnabieser@yahoo.com.

EXHIBITORS FAIR

The Association is pleased to announce the merging of the Ladies Fair and the Vegetable & Grain Show to create the Exhibitors Fair. The Ladies Fair has had a long-standing tradition of inviting all amateurs—men, women, and children to enter the competition. However, every year, visitors express surprise that it includes men and children as the name “Ladies Fair” tends to be interpreted as exclusive to women. With the goal of having a name that would reflect being open to everyone, as well as easily recognizable, the name Exhibitors Fair evolved.

The 2025 Exhibitors Fair Premium List expanded with a section for Vegetable and Grain and includes new classes for Garlic and Jerky. Entry is free and everyone is encouraged to enter.

New and different in 2025

- ♦ Special Handicrafts includes a Dreamcatcher and a Pinewood Derby car.
- ♦ NEW classes being introduced in various categories are:
 - Breads: Yeast Bread
 - Bars: 7 Layer
 - Pies: Key Lime and Pumpkin
 - Muffins: Double Chocolate
 - Cookies: Shortbread
 - Candy: Caramel Corn

This year's Special Recipe for Apple Slices is from Nan Long. She first encountered this excellent dessert at holiday parties when she was dating her husband John. Eating

apple slices made by her dear friend's mother Virginia was a delightful summer highlight. It took Nan quite a while to find a recipe that tasted close to Virginia's, and she is thrilled to share it with us, hoping it will be your new favorite. Follow the recipe for your chance at first place (\$30), second place (\$20) or third place (\$10).

Special Awards sponsored by local businesses, memorials and the Association provides an opportunity for more than \$2,000 in prize money.

Baked goods, candy entries and vegetables earning a ribbon will be sold at auction. All none-winning baked goods, candy entries and vegetables will be sold after auction. Details in Exhibitors Fair building.

We always welcome new entrants and new sponsors, as well as buyers at our auction. If you are interested in being a volunteer or have questions, contact any Committee member: Karen 630.220.4753; Megan 630.940.4553; or Kate 630.927.2244.



Lynne Paver, 46th recipient of the 2024 Harley Davis Memorial Award

JUNIOR & EXHIBITORS FAIR

BAKED GOODS & VEGETABLES AUCTION

1 PM at the Bandstand

Award-winning homemade baked goods: cakes, pies, bars, cookies, candies, and more

Preview List and bidder numbers available 12:30-1 PM

Bidder numbers also available via email at bigrockplowingmatch@gmail.com

Visit bigrockplowingmatch.org to learn more

BIG ROCK BULL BASH AND BRONC & BULL BASH

Professional bull riding in Big Rock has become a tremendous success selling out once again. The Sunday afternoon bronc match included a short round featuring bull riding. It was a grand weekend that everyone enjoyed. We are most grateful for all the new and returning sponsors for underwriting both the bull and bronc events, to Matt Noble and Next Level Productions for producing the events, to the Big Rock Lions Club for their partnership, to all the volunteers assisting in a multitude of duties and to everyone for attending these fundraising events in support of the Big Rock Plowing Match Association.

Event Director: Bob Raymond with Abby Needham, Assistant.

BULL RIDING SPONSORS

Main Event: High Choice Feeders

Clown: The Lakone Company

90 Gates: Vacationland

Chute-Gate: Brian Michel Edward Jones; Fireside Grille; JD's Auto & Trailer Repair; LabelTek, Inc.; Lewis Veterinary Services; Nedrow Painting

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2025 PRINCE AND PRINCESS CONTEST



Royal Proclamation: All boys and girls three, four and five years old, living in Big Rock and the surrounding communities, are hereby summoned to take center stage on Sunday at 1:30 pm. Be ready to be judged on poise, appearance and smiles, dressed in your finest. Entrants should check in at the stage by 1 pm.

Entry forms are available on the Park District website www.bigrockparks.com and the Plowing Match website, www.bigrockplowingmatch.org. Contact Amanda Hummell at 630.656.8961.

The 2024 Court: Prince John Ritchie and Princess Briar Brucks, Stella Brucks, Grant Schoger, Kylah Barker and Kolton Klein. Returning 2023 Princess Saylor Telfer and Prince Sawyer Milling assisted with crowning the 2024 Court.

PETTING ZOO

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

Hee-haw, baaaaa, mooooo, maaaaa represents just a few of the farm animals you will find under the red and white striped tent located near the Junior Fair/School Exhibit building. Enjoy hands-on interaction with rabbits, donkeys, chickens, calves, goats and more on Saturday from 10 am-5 pm and Sunday from 11 am-4 pm. This fun, educational exhibit will be presented by the Hinckley-Big Rock FFA Team with their sponsor Tracy Sandersen and the George Bauman Family.



WATERMELON EATING CONTEST



WHO will set the record for the fastest time in 2025? There are four age groups, each with a designated amount of watermelon to be eaten. First one done wins cash.

- ◆ Age 11 and under will eat a half slice, \$10 award.
- ◆ Ages 12-15 will eat one slice, \$20 award.
- ◆ Ages 16-20 will eat two slices, \$30 award.
- ◆ Age 21 and older will eat three slices, \$40 award.
- ◆ Sunday is the day. No entry fee. Minimum of two contestants per age group.
- ◆ Register at the stage beginning at 10:45 am. Contest begins at 11 am.

Winners in 2024 were: David Schroeder, age 10 ate a half slice in 35.68 seconds; Hadessah Schroeder, age 15 finished one slice in 45.82 seconds; it took Katie Schlenbecker, age 18 three minutes:52 seconds to eat 2 slices; and 6 minutes:23.41 seconds for Joe Farrugia to consume three slices. Both Hadessah and Joe had wins in 2023 and 2024. Will they be able to claim a three-peat?

BINGO

Everyone is invited to play BINGO in the pavilion at 2:30 pm. There's a grand prize of \$50 for filling an entire card as well as, individual game winners receiving \$25 in prize money. Be ready and waiting for that last number you need to be called so you may shout out "BINGO" before anyone else.



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All Aboard! Everyone is invited to ride the trains on Friday from 6 to 9 pm, Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday from 11 am to 3pm. Board the trains, pulled by large-scale model steam, diesel and electric locomotives, at Plowman's Station for a ride along-side the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railroad line, through the woods and back to the station.



Will you be the one to take home a Bachmann Chessie Special train set with a USRA 0-6-0 steam locomotive? Get your raffle tickets at Plowman's Station during the Plowing Match & Festival for a chance to win the all-inclusive set. Drawing will be held on October 4 at the Pumpkin Train event.

Train rides are also provided by the Club at the Big Rock Car Show and several private events at Plowman's Park, as well as at the Sycamore Steam Show. Club members maintain one mile of track and approximately 5-acres in the northwest area of the park, as well as Plowman's Station in the northeast corner of the park.

As a 501c3 not-for-profit corporation, our mission is to educate the public about safe conduct around railroad facilities and crossings, including distribution of Operation Lifesaver materials at Club sponsored events. For information about the club visit the website at www.prairiestaterr.com



PUMPKIN TRAIN 2025



Fantastic family-friendly fall fun is happening on Saturday, October 4 from Noon-7 pm. The Prairie State Railroad Club, in partnership with the Big Rock Plowing Match Association, will offer activities for everyone to enjoy. Take a train ride through the park to enjoy all

the seasonal displays along the route between the hours of noon-3 and 4-7 pm. Satisfy your hunger with delicious treats at the Got Calzones and/or Tamales Los Girasoles food trucks, munch on fresh popcorn and enjoy a hot chocolate provided by the Exhibitors Fair Committee. Children under age 10 will receive a free pumpkin and trick or treat bag, as long as supplies last. Pumpkin decorating, photo op areas and more await your visit. This free event is open to all.

Families, individuals and businesses may sign up NOW for the Pumpkin Train Crew where you can decorate an area adjacent to the track for riders to enjoy. Details at prairiestaterr.com. Remember to register by September 22. Questions? Contact Jerame at 815.715.3476 or Nancy at 815-546-6437 or send an email to prairiestaterrclub1@gmail.com.



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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.

SPECIAL THANKS

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 Big Rock Plowing Match & Festival, Bull Bash, Bronc & Bull Bash and Plowman's Park.

- ◆ Aurora Area Convention & Visitors Bureau for promotion of the Plowing Match & Festival.
- ◆ Bickford Electric for their generous in-kind assistance with our electrical needs.
- ◆ Big Rock Historical Society for use of Davis Field for plowing, allowing parking on their property and providing rides between the plowing competition and Plowman's Park.
- ◆ Big Rock Park District for sponsoring Bingo, Watermelon Eating Contest, the Prince & Princess Contest, and co-sponsoring the Tractor Pedal Pull and Petting Zoo.
- ◆ Dairy Joy Drive-In for assistance with concessions supplies.
- ◆ DeKane Equipment Corporation for continued support.
- ◆ From My Garden to Yours for maintaining the garden beds at the entry sign and around the flagpoles.
- ◆ Hinckley-Big Rock Middle School 8th grade students for cleanup help on the Monday after Plowing Match weekend.
- ◆ Kane County Phantoms for maintaining Kenny Field.
- ◆ LabelTek Inc. for printing and underwriting the cost of the 2025 Bull Riding and Bronc Match, Plowing Match posters and *Plowing Match Times*.
- ◆ Mike Long for allowing parking on his property.

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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To have your event under the oaks, submit your request via our website bigrockplowingmatch.org using the provided forms. Expect a response within 3 business days. This private park is owned and maintained, without any tax or public funds, by the Big Rock Plowing Match Association.



from the ~ **ASSOCIATION**

SEPTEMBER 26, 1925

At a meeting of the Executive Committee the three horse drawn plow classes (walking gang and sulky) were combined into one class to be known as the Open Field Class with prizes same as before. Because the old rule of 5" was not adhered to in the past the depth of plowing was changed to six inches as the maximum depth. A class for boys under 20 with tractor was introduced with one half of the Healy Prize (\$5) being placed on this class for Big Rock boy scoring highest. Plowing Match set for September 26, 1925.

SEPTEMBER 26, 1925

Due to heavy rains during the night and early morning the Match was postponed to Monday, September 28. Word of postponement sent to Telephone Centrals and Radio Broadcasting stations. Most of plowmen and many people were congregated for the match. Large numbers of people continued to come all day.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1925

A beautiful day all day for the 30th Annual Plowing Match held on the H.S. Long farm 3 miles west of Big Rock. There were thirty entries in the match on Saturday and all were on hand again Monday to compete. Results are as follows:

Horse-Drawn Classes

Boys under 17 years (\$5 special by Healy)

Russell Boyce, Big Rock, Janesville plow, 88%
Lawrence Miller, Big Rock, Janesville plow, 86%

Open Field

Montague James, Hinckley, Janesville sulky, 91%
Eugene Rimney, Big Rock, Janesville sulky, 90%
A.J. Enger, Big Rock, John Deere sulky, 82%
Judges for all above classes: F.H. Skelley, Jim Jones,
A.H. Witry

Prize Winners-Silver Cup

Homer Lapp, Wheatland, John Deere sulky, 90%
Edwin Reese, Big Rock, Janesville sulky, 89%
Morton Morris, Big Rock, Janesville sulky, 82%

Expert Plowmen-Gold Medal

Geo. Michael, Big Rock, Janesville sulky, 84%
Judges for all above classes: C.M. Humiston,
M.M. Kyser, M. Edwards

\$20 First Prize donated by Hinckley State Bank in Expert Plowmen Class and gold medal donated by the Second National Bank Aurora.

Silver Cup given by the Association and \$5 Special by Healy of Aurora to Big Rock boy scoring high in horse drawn and tractor classes each.

Other prizes are \$20 first, \$15 second, \$12 third, \$10 fourth prize in all classes except the Mfg. & Dealers Tractor class. In this class silver cup given by the Association.

Tractor Classes

Boys Tractor Under 20 Years

1st - Geo. Susemihl, Wheatland, 93½%,
Fordson-John Deere - 12"
2nd - Archie Williams, Big Rock, 91%,
Fordson E.B. - 14"
3rd - Leo Ulrich, Somonauk, 90½%,
Fordson Oliver No. 7 - 14"

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4th - Forest George, Wheatland, 86½%,
Fordson Oliver No. 9 adjustable - 12"

Farmers Tractor

1st - Ray Lewis, Big Rock, 95½%,
Fordson E.B. No. 121 - 14"

2nd - Richard Williams, Big Rock, 92½%,
Fordson Oliver 7a - 12"

3rd - Lester Allan, Big Rock, 91%,
Fordson John Deere - 14"

4th - Harry Schmidt, Sugar Grove, 89%,
Samson E.B. - 14"

5th - Lester Minard, Big Rock, 88%,
Case 15-27 Oliver No. 383a 3 bottom - 12"

Judges for all above Tractor classes: E.L. Flanders,
Clyde Snow, Everett Snow

Manufacturers & Dealers Class

1st - Glynn Wright, Cunningham Motor Co.,
86½%, Fordson Oliver No. 9 adjustable - 12"

2nd - Arthur Stark, Moline Plow Co., 80½%,
Fordson Moline - 12"

3rd - Walter Corniels, Yorkville Motor Co.,
74½%, Fordson E.B. 124 adjustable - 12"

4th - William Bermise, La Cross Plow Co., 74%,
Fordson La Cross Plow Co. adjustable - 14"

5th - Everett Davis, Big Rock, Big Rock Garage,
70%, Fordson Grand Detour - 14"

Judges for above class: F.J. Boyce, F.J. O'Connor,
C.J. Zelles

OCTOBER 17, 1925. ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

After some discussion about paying band something for their courtesy, a motion was carried to allow \$25 to the Big Rock School Band. Motion carried to change Score Card to read: "All Plowmen will be scored back for not finishing their lands, 2 points for each foot in width." Motion made and carried that the rules be changed to read: "All Plowmen should begin at 9 o'clock and must finish at 12 pm sharp unless granted more time by the Field Committee."

Discussion of distribution of expenses between Men's Dept. and Ladies' Dept. Suggestion made that the men will stand all the dinners of the plowmen etc. if the women stand half of the grounds expenses. Our President to confer with Pres. Of women's dept on this matter.

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