



The BIG ROCK COMMUNITY CRIER • SEPTEMBER 2025

COMMUNITY CRIER CALENDAR

Park District

First Wednesday 6:00 pm @ Park Office

Drainage Comm and Drainage Dist #1

First Tuesday 5:30 & 6:30 pm @ Town Hall

Fire District

2nd Monday 10:00 am @ Firehouse

Village Board

2nd & 4th Tuesdays 7:00 pm @ Park Office

November to January no fourth Tuesday meetings

Township Board

2nd Thursday 7:00 pm @ Town Hall

All meetings subject to changes by each agency

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS!

The Big Rock Historical Society is celebrating its 30-year anniversary! The years have flown by since the founding in 1995, with many individuals working together as volunteers to build a museum, a library and now- to preserve the last schoolhouse of Big Rock!

The Big Rock Historical Society would like to invite the community to visit the Red Schoolhouse Museum to see its progress. We are also celebrating the new Davis Field Gateway that has been installed. It commemorates the Davis Family who designated use of their field for the Plowing Match competition every year since the 1960's.

Join us Saturday morning on Plowing Match weekend as we gather near the Corn Crib Museum before the lands are drawn to celebrate the new gateway to Davis Field. Plan a visit to the museum during the Plowing Match to get the full history of the event. Also, the Corn Crib Museum has open hours on Sunday afternoons, so stop in!

Please pardon our dust at our Hinckley Road campus as we finish the Schoolhouse re-build. Also, note that we are in the process of getting a new web page and more so please stay tuned! We will be sending out a newsletter to our members with updates. If you would like to be included in our mailing, or would like to volunteer with us for the Plowing Match please contact us: Big Rock Historical Society, PO Box 206, Big Rock, IL 60511 or bigrockhistory@gmail.com.

48W445 Hinckley Road
P.O. Box 206
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The Big Rock Historical Society



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

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

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

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

NEW and DIFFERENT: Dedication of Davis Field sign; Saturday night live music with two bands [Sloth and Sociables]; Fox Valley Orchestra Low Brass Section; Changed times: Children's Races, more carnival hours, Sunday dinner time, Mud Volleyball and Plowing Trophy Presentation. Chickabitty Designs, our authorized vendor, has new official BRPMA merchandise. Browse their booth at the Plowing Match or place your order now: <https://www.storessimple.com/cbd/plowingmatch>.

The 2025 edition of *Plowing Match Times* is scheduled to be in your mailbox by September 13, will be on our website and at Plowman's Park. Premium lists, registration forms and more on website.

2025 - Save the Date - 2025

Saturday, October 4 - Pumpkin Train: A family-friendly fall event by the Prairie State Railroad Club.

Set-up a display. Details at prairiestaterr.com.

Get latest at: bigrockplowingmatch.org

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Contact us at: bigrockplowingmatch@gmail.com



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From the Supervisor's Desk

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ROAD COMMISSIONER

Summer went by way too fast again. We are done with our third cutting this year and busy repairing roads. Give us and the kids back in school a break and slow down when you see us. Happy Labor Day and enjoy the Plow Match.

Wade
Big Rock Township Road District

P) 630-556-4331
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Looking forward to seeing you at the Plowing Match!

Dean Hummell

The Town Hall is located at

408 Rhodes Street, Big Rock, IL

Mailing address is

P.O. Box 252 Big Rock, IL 60511

Business Hours:

Please call for an appointment

Township Board Meeting Dates:

Monthly: on the second

Thursday at 7:00

Phone Numbers

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Dawn Lynch



Our Board of Directors approved funding allocations for FY26, addressing the needs of residents within the 7 townships that INC serves in accordance with our Strategic Plan. There are 2 new agencies and 4 new programs. Of the two new agencies, one will provide needed services to youth and infants in the IDD community, and the other will provide Mental Health First Aid community training and education. Three of the 4 new programs focus on addressing workforce shortages via paid internships and employee development & retention. The 4th new program focuses on improving access to care in underserved populations in our community. In total for FY26, INC will be funding over 2 million dollars in grants to 16 agencies and 37 programs. INC also keeps a small contingency fund for one-time funding requests that align with our funding policy.

The Big Rock Township 708 board meeting will be held on Thursday, October 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the Township office. Details for this public meeting can be found on our website at www.incmha.org.

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*Village Meetings are held
the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of
the month at 7:00 pm*

SEPTEMBER HARVEST SEASON

The Village would like to take this opportunity to wish our residents a happy harvest season! Please be respectful of the farmers out on the roads as they work to produce this year's crop. This is a busy time for our Village with school back in session, fall soccer season, homecomings and our own local Harvest festival, the 131st annual Plowing Match. Please watch out for each other and our small ones as we all navigate our busy weeks ahead. The Village sends a warm thank you to those people and organizations who have stepped forward to volunteer their time and resources to create the magic happening at our local events. We hope everyone has a safe and fun Plowing Match this year!

BURNING

With fall fast approaching and property cleanup underway, please keep in mind the Village's burning ordinance: Section 307.1.1. "Open burning of yard waste generated on the property shall be permitted. Yard waste shall include leaves, fallen trees, branches, grass, weeds and vines. No yard waste not generated from the property may not be openly burned. No other materials may be openly burned on the property. Open burning is only permitted on one's property. Open burning is permitted only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Open burning is not permitted when the wind exceeds 10 m.p.h. All persons engaged in open burning on their property shall have immediate access to a water source or other source to extinguish the open fire". In addition - burning leaves directly on the roadway edge is strictly prohibited!!! Thank You in advance for doing your part in keeping community looking its BEST possible.

ANIMAL LEASH LAW

It has come to the Village's attention that recently we have had dogs off leashes and/or off their properties. Please remember that the Village does have an ordinance around this to ensure residents are keeping their animals on a leash. This provides safety for everyone! In addition, the Village has an IGA with Kane County to contract animal control to come out (for a charge) if the need arises. This charge will be billed to the homeowner if it's deemed the animal(s) were in fact off leash and/or their own property. Please be respectful to those around you and make sure your animal(s) are under leash at all times.

YOUR OPINION MATTERS

The Village holds their bi-weekly Board Meeting at 7pm every second and fourth Tuesdays of each month (until winter hours begin in November) at the Park District Building at 7s405 Madison Ave. If you're curious as to what's going to be covered, or has been previously discussed, you can view the agendas or the minutes any time on the Village's website at www.villageofbigrock.us. Remember at every meeting we have a "public" session where anyone can address any topic. All constructive feedback will be taken into Board consideration. Stop into the Village Office at the Park District Building for open office hours Tues 10am-3pm, Thurs 12-3pm or make an appointment for other days.



HINCKLEY AREA FOOD PANTRY

"NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS"

The HAFP would like to send out a huge thanks to the community and to the English Congregational Church for the recent food drive. In receiving 1600 pounds of food and \$350 in cash donations it was the largest drive they have ever had. A testament to what a caring community Big Rock continues to be.

The HAFP serves the communities of Big Rock, Hinckley, Maple Park, Shabbona, and Waterman. If you want more information about the pantry, please find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/HinckleyAreaFoodPantry/> or at our website, <http://www.hinckleyareafoodpantry.org/>.

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bigrockparks.com Park District Voicemail:
(630) 556-9599 (Recorded program listings and calendar)

The Big Rock Park District meets at 6:00 pm on the first Wednesday of every month at the Park District Building at 7S405 Madison Street in Big Rock. We would enjoy having you at our meetings and hear your suggestions.

SUGGESTIONS

Do you have an idea for a program you would like to see offered by the Big Rock Park District? Do you have a special interest or talent you'd like to share with others? Please contact me at amanda.hummell@bigrockparks.com.

TRAVELING WORLD OF REPTILES

On August 9, Dave Dinaso's Traveling World of Reptiles Show was held at 12 o'clock under the pavilion, with over 80+ people in attendance! Many reptiles were shown with audience participation, and everyone enjoyed the educational fun!



PETTING ZOO

Sponsored by the Big Rock Park District and the Big Rock Plowing Match Association, come see the farm animals under the tent at the plowing match. The petting zoo will be open on Saturday, September 20, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and Sunday, September 21, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Experience the community petting zoo, located near the junior fair/school exhibit building. This educational and fun exhibit will be presented by the Hinckley-Big Rock FFA team with their sponsor Tracy Sanderson and the George Bauman family.

SPONSORSHIPS

The Big Rock Park District has sponsored the HBR chess club and provided 35 kids with a year long sponsorship at ChessKids to help build their skills and further their love and knowledge of chess that also lets them participate in tournaments!

HBR YOUTH SOCCER AND FALL SOFTBALL

Soccer and fall softball season are here! Please be mindful coaches and teams will be practicing at the park fields at various times. Games are held on Saturdays in September in the Soccer fields, and please allow time for parking as the area can become congested.

BINGO

Bingo will be held under the pavilion at the plowing match grounds on Sunday, September 21, at 2:30 PM. Everyone is invited! It is free and lots of fun, with four individual games awarding \$25 in prize money and a grand prize of \$50 for filling the entire card. Come and enjoy the fun and see if you win some cash!

NEW GARBAGE CANS

The Big Rock Park District has purchased and installed new permanent garbage cans around the park!

2025 PRINCE AND PRINCESS CONTEST

The Prince and Princess contest will be on Sunday, September 21st, at 1:30 PM on the stage at the Big Rock Plowing Match. Boys and girls ages 3-5 years old living in Big Rock and the surrounding communities may enter. Contestants will be judged on poise, appearance, and smiles. Entrants should check in at the stage at 1:00 PM. Entry forms are available on the Park District website www.bigrockparks.com and the Plowing Match website www.bigrockplowingmatch.org. If you have any questions, please contact me at amanda.hummell@bigrockparks.com.

The 2024 Court included Prince John Ritchie and Princesses Briar Brucks, Stella Brucks, Grant Schoger, Kyla Barker, and Kolton Klein. The Prince and Princess are asked to return the following year to help crown the new court.

WATERMELON EATING CONTEST

The watermelon eating contest will be held on Sunday, September 21, at the stage at 11:00 AM at the Big Rock Plowing Match. The contestant with the fastest time eating watermelon for their age group will receive a cash prize. There is no entry fee, and a minimum of two contestants are required per age group. Register at the stage beginning at 10:45 AM; the contest starts at 11:00 AM.

Age 11 and under will eat half a slice and the prize is \$10, ages 12 - 15, will eat one slice and the prize is \$20. Ages 16 - 20 will eat 2 slices and the prize is \$30. Ages 21 and older eating three slices the prize is \$40.

In 2024, the winners were:

- * David Schroeder, age 10, ate half a slice in 35.68 seconds.
- * Hadessah Schroeder, age 15, finished one slice in 45.82 seconds.
- * Katie Schlenbecker, age 18, ate 2 slices in 3 minutes and 52 seconds.
- * Joe Farrugia consumed three slices in 6 minutes and 23.41 seconds.

Who will set the record for the fastest time and earn cash this year?

VETERANS WILL BE HONORED

Veterans will be honored on Friday, November 7 at the Big Rock Park District building at 7S 405 Madison St in Big Rock. Veterans may bring their mementos and may share their stories. Light refreshments will be served. Time will be posted on our Facebook page closer to the event.

We are always looking for veteran pictures to add to our veteran Christmas tree, please feel free to submit those to any member of the BRPD board. Any questions please contact [amanda.hummell @ amanda.hummell@bigrockparks.com](mailto:amanda.hummell@bigrockparks.com)

OUTDOOR CHESS SET - BACK IN ACTION!

As you may remember a year or so ago a young man from the community, Nathan Schlacter, built an outdoor chess set at the park for his Eagle Scout project which has quickly become one of the most popular park features.

Unfortunately on July 30th around 7:30pm two young men stole 6 of the chess pieces by loading them into their car. We posted about this on our Facebook page, stating that no questions would be asked if the pieces were returned by August 11th. The cameras at the park caught all of this on video, with clear images of their faces and car, which has been turned over to the Kane County Sheriff's department on August 13th when we filed a police report after not having the pieces returned. We informed the Sheriff's department that we would like to pursue charges if the thieves are caught.

We have worked with the company who supplied them and have secured replacements for all 6 pieces that were stolen, which are once again available at the park. If you (or your children) have been disappointed they couldn't play come on back and get a game in! Being such a popular feature it was important to the board to get these replaced as soon as possible, and we would like to remind the community that we have cameras watching most of the park recording 24/7 and will pursue charges against any individuals stealing or vandalizing our equipment or buildings.

PARK AMENITIES UPDATE

This summer, we encourage you to enjoy our wonderful park amenities, including the playground equipment, basketball and tennis courts, sand volleyball, pickleball, softball and soccer fields, our half-mile walking path, the dog park, and the Hake pavilion with picnic tables and grills. We kindly remind everyone that climbing the trees in the park or removing their branches is not permitted.



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THANK YOU TO THE COMMUNITY OF BIG ROCK!

Your donations to our recent food drive for the Hinckley Area Food Pantry were amazing!

These pictures show only a portion of the food that was collected. The food pantry is very grateful for your generosity!

**Join Us For Our Outdoor Worship At The Big Rock Plowing Match
Sunday, September 21st at 10am**



Join us each Sunday at 10:15am for our weekly Worship Service.

Everyone is always welcome at ECUC and we look forward to seeing you soon!

For further information, please call the church office at:
630.556.3986

Pastor John Omerod



Conley Outreach Community Services is sad to announce that the Clothing Exchange Clothes Closet officially closed its doors on July 31, 2025, due to decreased usage. The community has leveraged social media to explore alternative and more convenient methods for sharing clothing items. This development presents an opportunity for us to reassess emerging community needs. Originally established as the Good Samaritan Clothing Closet over a decade ago as an Eagle Scout Project, the closet has served the community well. We extend our gratitude to the Sugar Grove Township Community House for their generous donation of space over the years. In accordance with the original donors' intentions, all items have been redistributed to local organizations, including Mutual Ground, Beautiful U Ministries, Maddie's Mitten March, Wayside Cross, and the Spartan Closet of Aurora University. For clothing resources, please contact us for a referral to a partnering agency. We appreciate your understanding.

Our free and confidential resource and referral service can link you to over 80 agencies in Kane, Kendall and DeKalb counties that provide affordable health and human services. This past year we have helped almost 500 area friends and neighbors find the help they needed. Don't wait for a small problem to become large...

Call us today!

www.conleyoutreach.org

 **Conley Outreach**
West Towns
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Network

Conley Outreach is still here to help you navigate challenges and help meet the needs of the community. If you are looking for a connection to social service/ mental health or grief resources please reach out to us at 630-365-2880.



HBR CUSD #429 • UPDATES AND HIGHLIGHTS

Cultivating Our Future: Kicking off the 2025–2026 School Year

The first days of school always bring with them a special kind of energy—excitement, optimism, and new beginnings. At Hinckley-Big Rock CUSD 429, we are thrilled to welcome back our students, staff, and families as we embark on the 2025–2026 school year. We also extend a heartfelt welcome to new students joining the Royal family, including our youngest Early Childhood learners, brand-new Kindergarteners, and 25 students who have recently moved into our district. We are proud that you have chosen HBR, and we look forward to watching you thrive.

Building & Grounds Updates

Over the summer, our Buildings and Grounds team has been hard at work ensuring our facilities are safe, efficient, and ready for learning. Highlights of this work include:

- Completion of the High School LED lighting upgrade and calibration of the new soccer field lighting which will save energy and provide excellent visibility for students and athletes.
- Network and phone system upgrades to improve communication and efficiency across all schools.
- HVAC improvements at the Middle School, including mechanical upgrades and a glycol flush to prepare the system for the heating season.
- New playground fencing for our Early Childhood program to ensure the safety of our youngest Royals.
- Continued attention to maintenance needs, from repainting to addressing condensation issues, to keep learning spaces comfortable and welcoming.

Financial Health of the District

As a community, you can be reassured that HBR 429 is in a strong financial position. The FY26 tentative budget reflects our district's commitment to fiscal responsibility while investing in projects and programs that directly support student learning. Highlights include:

- A projected year-end fund balance of \$10.1 million, which represents 72% of annual revenue, well above the Board policy requirement of 15%.
- A five-year forecast that remains positive, ensuring we can continue to grow our reserves and protect the district from financial uncertainty.
- Strategic use of reserves and grant funding to balance rising costs while maintaining a high state financial rating.

Focused on Teaching and Learning

This year, our primary focus is on strengthening teaching and learning across all grade levels. Through our multi-year curriculum mapping and alignment process, we are ensuring that instruction is consistent, rigorous, and designed to help all students achieve. Our new district academic goals include increasing student growth on MAP and Progress Learning benchmarks, meeting or exceeding Illinois state averages on key assessments, and closing achievement gaps for special education and low-income students. These goals represent our ongoing commitment to giving every student the opportunity to succeed, supported by high-quality instruction and an aligned curriculum.

Looking Ahead

Homecoming is the week of September 22-27. Visit the district and high school website for more information for the week. Save the date for Friday, 9/26, for the parade, Taste of HBR, and soccer game.

~Jessica Sonntag, Superintendent

HINCKLEY-BIG ROCK CUSD 429 FREE DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING

Hinckley-Big Rock provides screenings for children birth to 5 who may be delayed in developmental milestones (communication, fine/gross motor, problem-solving, and personal-social). If you have concerns about your child's development, please contact Bonnie Osborne at 815-286-7578 or bosborne@hbr429.org to set up a screening appointment. These screenings are conducted by a team of District Educators and Specialists and are available to families living within the HBR School District. The screening will take approximately 30 minutes to complete. Afterwards, parents will have the opportunity to discuss the results of the screening as well as any concerns about their child, with a member of the screening team.

Children 2-5 years old will participate in the screening with our team.

Children birth to 2 years old may be referred by our screening team for an Early Intervention evaluation.

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Train Rides Available From:

12:00-3:00 P.M. & 4:00-7:00 P.M.

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**Big Rock
LIBRARY**

**NEWS OF NOTE FROM
BIG ROCK LIBRARY**

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Scavenger Hunt Time during Plowing Match

Families are invited to a scavenger hunt in and around the library during the Plowing Match Weekend. Bring your cellphone to document your finds and collect a reward.



Book Clubs Spotligted

Donna Carter, a reading enthusiast and an Any Book Club member, invites other people who love books to come to Big Rock Library at 6 pm on the first Monday of the month (Sept. 8 holiday schedule). She reminds people that you're welcome to read any book and share any book. Join fellow readers for a relaxed and friendly book club where any book is welcome. Bring a book you have recently read and give a short synopsis, tell what you like (or don't like), and discover new reads from others.

Whether you read fiction, nonfiction, fantasy, romance, or thrillers—we want to hear about it. There's no pressure, no assigned reading. Come for the camaraderie; stay for the cookies.

Donna also wants to promote the next One Book Club meeting on Monday, Sept. 15, for an afternoon session at 3:30 pm. The group is discussing *Wide Sargasso Sea* by Jean Rhys which delves into the backstory of the woman locked in the attic in *Jane Eyre*. Check out a library copy to read, come share your thoughts with us, and connect with fellow readers. We'd love to have you join us!



Museum Adventure Passes Save Money on Admissions

Big Rock Library offers museum adventure passes to library card holders. Visit the website www.museumadventure.org to locate museums and see their special offers. Do this by clicking on the bar at the top of the website. Guidelines: One pass per family per week. Passes are non-transferable so you can't get one to give to a friend. Pass period is good for a week. Most sought after pass is Brookfield Zoo and Cantigny is second most popular.

Thank you, Summer Reading Sponsors

Many thanks to the supporters who made our summer reading program possible: McDonald's in Sugar Grove, Culver's in Sugar Grove, Paisano's in Sugar Grove; Cougar Ballpark, Funway, Kuiper's, Joella Lentz, Donna Carter, and several anonymous donors. Thank you to all who signed up and participated!



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Halloween is a fun time for kids. Please help make it a safe and enjoyable event by driving carefully.

Please call the fire station if you have any safety concerns. Stay safe

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