



KENNY FIELD LIGHT PROJECT

The ball field in Big Rock has a long history dating back to the 1920's with games played by little leagues, pony leagues, ASA leagues, American Legion leagues, church leagues and the Hinckley Big Rock High School teams, all calling the field home. It was in the mid-60's that Kenny Raymond, Bill Thurow, Jr. and Roger Hatfield asked the Plowing Match Board about putting lights at the ball field. It had not happened when a car accident took the life of Kenny Raymond in June 1967.

Roy Raymond was an impetus behind the origin of Kenny Field, dedicated to the memory of Kenny Raymond, his nephew. Roy pledged that the family was going to build a lighted baseball field at Plowman's Park. The committee, headed by Mr. & Mrs. Herman Lange, included Harley Davis, Bill Thurow, Jr. and Roger Hatfield, with the assistance of Roy Raymond. The estimated cost for the professional size baseball diamond was \$12,000. The project included an electronic scoreboard, sound system, concession stand, press box, bleachers and lighted field—"the newest type on eight light standards with 91 1,500 watt quartz-iodide lamps." It was built by donations with the final cost underwritten by Roy.

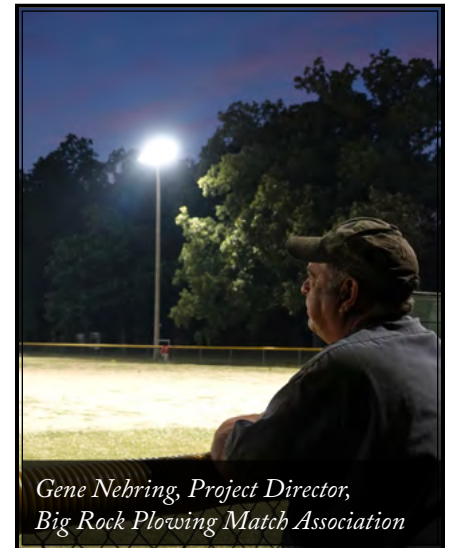
Kenny Field was built in just five weeks with 325 cash contributions that flowed in from Big Rock, Hinckley, Kaneville, Elburn, Sugar Grove, Aurora, North Aurora, Yorkville and DeKalb. Big Rock's young and old worked together seven days a week for an estimated 8,500 hours to string electrical wire, lay block, shovel dirt, set light poles and assist in any necessary work, determined that the field would be ready for use at the Plowing Match. The community was aided by the involvement of Valley Electric Supply in Aurora, Muscatine Lighting & Manufacturing Company, ComEd, Joslyn Manufacture Supply Company in Chicago, a Rock Falls trucking firm and several generous in-kind donations.

The field was dedicated at the 73rd Plowing Match on Sunday, September 17, 1967, with a game between the First Congregational and Baptist Churches followed by a Donkey Ball game under the lights. It hosted games played by Eddie Fainer or "King" and his Court (4-man softball team), as well as the Aurora Sealmaster Team, who were then world champions. Exhibition games, tournaments, championships and All-Star games were

also played on the field. "This wonderful field is a source of great pride to our community. It is in use almost every night during the summer and attracts ball teams from a distance of 50 miles." *Plowing Match Times* 1968

Fast forward to 2023 when the lights at Kenny Field will once again illuminate the night sky. New LED lights were made possible by the Kane County Board, through its Office of Community Reinvestment, with funds from the Grand Victorian Riverboat Casino. Final approval of our application was received in October 2022 and due to supply issues the project was delayed until 2023. Spring weather delayed work until June when the ground was firm enough for equipment. In less than 60-days TCL Electrical and Lighting set in place 72 Sparta Sports lights with 112,000 lumens replacing the original 91 lights with 30,000 lumens installed in 1967. Additionally, the electric service panels were upgraded. The completed project was approximately \$174,000 funded primarily through ComEd grants at \$135,000 with the balance covered by the Grand Victorian Riverboat Grant and the Association.

Further Kenny Field enhancements are taking place. In July, members of the Kane County Phantoms team cut/dug, rolled and removed 15 feet of grass to extend the entire infield. Next came the removal of the dugout roofs followed by the demolition and removal of concrete. Steve Ruh, assisted by Rick Paver and Preston Sanford completed this work in August. Ruh Farms will be funding the state-of-the-art chain link fence dugout replacement.



*Gene Nehring, Project Director,
Big Rock Plowing Match Association*

The Association extends a huge thank you to everyone involved in this project and the enhancing of Kenny Field to bring it back to its shining days of glory.

Kane County Board, Office of Community Reinvestment, Grand Victorian Riverboat Casino
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The Raymond Family



Rick Paver, Preston Sanford and Steve Ruh demolish dugouts



Bob Raymond and Gene Nehring test the new lights

THE REDEDICATION OF THE LIGHTS AT KENNY FIELD WILL TAKE PLACE AT 6:45 PM ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, PRIOR TO THE OLDE TIME GAME. EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION OF NIGHT BASEBALL RETURNING TO KENNY FIELD.



OLDE TIME BASEBALL

FRIDAY

Big Rock Wildcats vs DuPage County Plowboys. First pitch at 7 pm.

Will the third time be the charm? Could the new lights at Kenny Field help clinch it for the Wildcats? In 2021, the Scorekeeper concluded the Plowboys were the winners. In 2022, the scorekeeper declared a tie. Will the Wildcats settle the score and win in 2023?

Vintage base ball returns with the arbiter behind home plate setting the rules for the game, insisting that players adhere to gentlemanly behavior at all times. The rules and style of play date back to the pre-Civil War days of 1858. Nineteenth century base ball vocabulary includes such terms as:

- ◆ Apple, onion, orb, hoghide = baseball
- ◆ Ace, tally = run or score
- ◆ Charming deadheads = female fans
- ◆ Cranks = fans

- ◆ Garden = outfield
- ◆ Knock = hit
- ◆ Long fielder or Scout = outfielder
- ◆ Muff or duff = error
- ◆ Rover = shortstop
- ◆ Striker = batter

The DuPage County Plowboys play games all across the states, as well as locally in the Cantigny Red Oak Vintage Baseball Festival. 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.

Different, but similar, this game is sure to be exciting and great fun to watch. Let's fill the stands and enjoy an olde time baseball game under the new lights at Kenny Field.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Registration & Entry Drop-Off for	New Time-3pm
Junior Fair, Ladies Fair, Vegetable & Grain	
Bicycle Parade (begins at fire barn)	4:30 pm
Carnival Rides	5-9:30 pm
Rededication of Lights at Kenny Field	6:45 pm
Olde Time Baseball Game	7 pm
Music – Premier Entertainment DJ Darrin Lee	6-9:30 pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Western & English Horse Show	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
5 B's BBQ Pork Chop & Chicken Dinner	11:30 am-1:30 pm
Carnival Rides	Noon-5 pm
Children's Races (in the cattle ring)	12 pm
Trivia Tractor	12:30-1 & 2-2:30 pm
Junior Fair Baked Goods Auction	1 pm
Ladies Fair Baked Goods & Quilt Auction	1:30-3 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	6-9 pm

ESPECIALLY FOR KIDS

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

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 am-1pm
Mud Volleyball	Noon Start
Carnival Rides	Noon-3 pm
Wheels of Agriculture Game Show	12-12:30 & 2-2:30 pm
Bags Tournament	1 pm Start
Prince & Princess Contest	1:30 pm
BINGO-Big Rock Park District (pavilion)	2:30 pm
Plowing Trophy Presentation	4 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-5 pm
Sunday	8 am-5 pm

BEER GARDEN

Friday	5-10 pm
Saturday & Sunday	Noon-Close

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Kenny Field is back with new upgraded LED lights made possible with a grant from the Kane County Board, through its Office of Community Reinvestment, with funds from the Grand Victoria Riverboat Casino. Additionally, the infield has been extended and work progresses on new dugouts. Other park improvements include new steps with handrails added to the bandstand and restroom enhancements were completed by the Lions Club.

Davis Field will be filled with tractors plowing and there will be lots happening in Plowman's Park with more festival events. New this year are Mud Volleyball, Tractor Trivia, and the Wheels of Agriculture Game Show. Returning are the Vegetable & Grain Show and the Tractor Trot 5k. We are also thrilled to offer carnival rides all 3-days, as well as expand to 12½ hours with Alpine Amusement Company.

A very special thank you to the Village of Big Rock for becoming a Legacy Sponsor of the amusement rides. Here's to a great fun, family-friendly weekend.

A new event to look forward to is the Pumpkin Train on Saturday, October 7 presented by the Prairie State Railroad Club with the Association. More on page 19.

Bring all your family and friends to gather under the oaks at the 129th Big Rock Plowing Match & Festival. See you all three days, September 15, 16 & 17.

Terry Sorensen, President



WINNERS OF THE 128TH PLOWING MATCH COMPETITION, 2022

SATURDAY, 9/17/2022

15 & Under Class

Corbin Nier of Kiel, WI., 80½ points

19 & Under Class

2nd – Levi Marquardt of Hinckley, 65 points

Farmers Open Class

1st – Heather Dollinger of Mazon, 88½ points

2nd – Dana Nehring of Big Rock, 86½ points

3rd – Brett Hake of Sandwich, 84 points

4th – Scott Temple of Erie, 83½ points

Prizewinner Class

1st – Mark Nier of Kiel, WI., 90 points

2nd – Trent Pierson of Elburn, 89 points

3rd – Kurt Wurster of Aurora, 88 points

Expert Plowman Class

1st – Mike Winckler of Erie, 90½ points

2nd – Paul Evans of Big Rock, 76½ points

3rd – Tom Evans of Big Rock, 57 points

Novelty Class

No entries

SUNDAY, 9/18/2022

Antique Rubber Class

1st – Dana Nehring of Big Rock, 90 points

2nd – Mike Winckler of Erie, 89 points

3rd – Mark Nier of Kiel, WI, 86 points

4th – Rick Wolf of Erie, 82½ points

Antique Steel Class

1st – Heather Dollinger of Mazon, 92 points

2nd – Paul Evans of Big Rock, 88 points

3rd – Trent Pierson of Elburn, 86 points

Novelty Class

No entries

Sweepstakes Winner

Heather Dollinger of Mazon

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.
- ◆ Novelty Class: Judged on unit only, plowing does not enter in judging. Plowmen in this class are not required to make 7 complete rounds.

CLASSES ON SUNDAY

- ◆ Antique Rubber Class: Tractors made before 1939
- ◆ Antique Steel Class: Tractors made before 1939
- ◆ Novelty Class: Judged on unit only, plowing does not enter in judging. Plowmen in this class are not required to make 7 rounds.

SWEEPSTAKES

Given to the plowman with the highest score during the Plowing Match, except those entered in the Expert class.

CRAFT, ART & VENDOR SHOW

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Under the oaks in Plowman's Park, new artisans, crafters and vendors, as well as returning favorites, will present their hand-crafted wares. Wander through beautiful displays of home & table décor, jewelry & accessories, doll clothes, fabric crafts including blankets & quilts, fall & holiday items, tumblers, pens, kitchenware and wood creations. You can even get shimmering strands of tinsel added to your hair, exclusively on Saturday.

Over two-dozen vendors will be found throughout the park under tent canopies located between the Junior and Ladies Fair buildings and beside the gravel roadways. Non-profit groups and local businesses DeKane Equipment, Vacationland, Tupperware and Tastefully Simple will welcome your support, as will new businesses—Prime Baths & Home Solutions and TW Enterprise Designs. Craving sweets? Here's some tempting choices: caramel apples, cotton candy, ice cream, caramel corn, popcorn, pretzels and more. Quench your thirst with lemonade, Italian ice, slushies, coffee and more.

Show times are Saturday 10 am-5 pm and Sunday 11 am-4 pm. Enjoy finding gifts for everyone on your list, including yourself. We welcome new art, craft, vendor or businesses. Find more information and an application at www.bigrockplowingmatch.org



RETURNING EVENT—TRACTOR TROT 5K

SUNDAY 8 AM START

Experience the quaintness of Big Rock and feel its crisp country air as you run, walk or trot through the scenic backroads. Runners of all ages and abilities are invited to participate. Prizes will be awarded.

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 Lions Club; Herrmann & Sons; Hintzsche Family-Big Rock; JB Industries; LabelTek, Inc.; The Lakone Company; Steve & Sherry Michael; and Suburban Lawn

Event Coordinators: Jacqueline Madden Michael and Tim Smith

NEW EVENT—MUD VOLLEYBALL

SUNDAY

Get ready for some really good, clean dirty fun in the mud. Thanks right...the horse arena will be transformed into an ooey, gooey, slushy mud pit perfect for the dirty sport of mud volleyball. Co-ed teams of six players will compete in a double-elimination tournament with a noon start. It will truly be a messy event to watch as players slip, slide and splash in the mud.

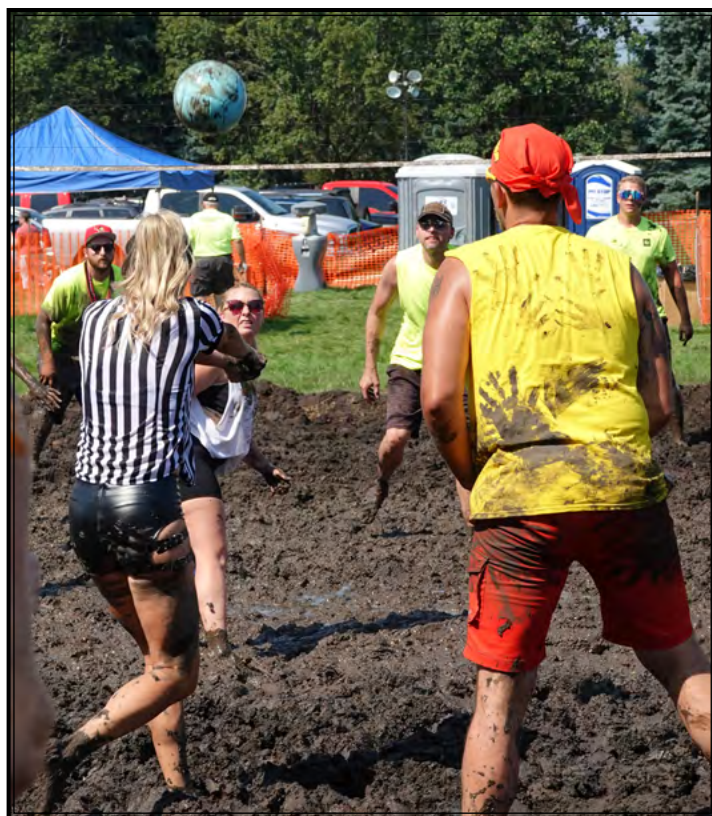
Two divisions

- ◆ Ages 13-17
- ◆ Ages 18 and older

Payout to 1st and 2nd place teams per division.

Registration details and forms on the Mud Volleyball page bigrockplowingmatch.org. Same-day registration for teams, if spots are available, must be completed before mandatory meeting at 11:45 am.

So, which team will slosh/squelch off the court to claim bragging rights as the champions of the first Big Rock Mud Volleyball Tournament?



ESPECIALLY

AMUSEMENT RIDES EXPANDED

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Let's have some fun! A huge thank you to the Village of Big Rock, a Legacy Sponsor of Amusement Rides. Hours on Sunday were made possible with this sponsorship, as well as funding from individual donors. The Alpine Amusement Company will return with carnival rides and midway games primarily for ages 5-14. New this year will be a 3-day weekend wristband.



Unlimited carnival ride wristbands may be purchased ONLINE at bigrockplowingmatch.org beginning at 6 pm on Friday, September 1 and ending at 9 pm on Wednesday, September 13. 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 DAILY unlimited ride wristbands ON SITE at ticket booth for \$30 per day Friday or Saturday and \$20 on Sunday. Cash or check accepted, payable to Big Rock Plowing Match Association. Weekend wristbands are unavailable for purchase onsite. Individual ride tickets will be available onsite for \$4 each, cash only, at the ticket booth. ATM at Concessions building.

Enjoy the carnival rides for 12.5 hours during the weekend. Spread the word about the carnival, plowing match and festival and encourage others to attend our unique and family-friendly weekend that is full of fun for everyone.



BICYCLE PARADE

FRIDAY

SPONSORED BY THE BIG ROCK FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT

The best way to kick off Kids' Night is riding in 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. Every kid who rides in the parade will receive a BRFPD wristband. The parade will arrive at Plowman's Park just in time for the opening of the carnival rides and all the evening activities.



PEDAL TRACTOR PULL

SATURDAY

Here's a fun and exciting tractor competition for children. Take the challenge to see who can pedal pull the weighted sled the longest measured distance. As the pedal tractor pulls forward the sled is dragged, creating friction, the weight moves forward and the sled becomes harder to pull. There are five weight classes from 40 to 90 pounds: 40-50 lbs.; 51-60 lbs.; 61-70 lbs.; 71-80 lbs.; and 81-90 lbs.

Tips from previous winners:

- ◆ Always look ahead.
- ◆ The faster you get going, the farther you'll go.
- ◆ Go as fast as you can.
- ◆ When it starts getting hard, pedal harder.

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

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

Y FOR KIDS

CHILDREN'S RACES

SATURDAY

Children's races have been around for a very long time for a very good reason – the fun factor – everyone likes to have fun. One such old-fashioned fun competition is the three-legged race, first recorded as an event in 1584 at the Willunga Almond festival. The winners received a prize goat. Winners at the Plowing Match & Festival will receive ice cream and cash, so no worries about what to do with a goat for a prize.

Preschool children and students from kindergarten through eighth grade are invited to be at the Cattle ring at noon 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 on a Spoon, Balloon and Three-legged Races with ties provided.
- ♦ 7th and 8th grade student races include Egg on a Spoon, 3-Legged Races with ties provided, Balloon Relay and the all-time favorite Egg Toss.

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



JUNIOR FAIR/ SCHOOL EXHIBITS

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. Additionally, each year there are three “special entry” classes in art, craft, and baking. For 2023, entrants can create a crop/seed picture, decorate a small pumpkin as a famous character and/or make a spice cake decorated with a smiley pumpkin face.

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 School students. Stop in and take a look when the building is open on Saturday and/or Sunday.



FREE WAGON RIDES



Big Rock Historical Society

48W445 Hinckley Road, P.O. Box 206
Big Rock, IL 60511
Open Sundays, 2-4 p.m.

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

Let's Talk Schoolhouse

The Big Rock Park District Board:

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ROUND BALE ROLL-OFF

SATURDAY

What's round, 5' tall, weighs 600 pounds and gets pushed around by two? A round bale of straw at the Plowing Match & Festival. This old-fashioned competition tests the strength and skill of three team members competing against time to roll the bale of straw across the ring. Of course, there is a hitch! Two people roll the bale and the third dares to stay on top 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.

Get ready to be entertained, this fun competition is full of laughs as the teams roll the bale. Who can stay on top without falling off? Who can push the fastest? In 2022, the top winning time was 18 seconds. Team members split the prize money, have a great time and take home bragging rights for being the fastest.

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 4:00 pm. Registration fee is \$15 per team.

Winning teams in each division take home \$150 for first place and \$75 for second place. Lots of great prizes from local businesses will also be awarded: 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.

2022 WINNERS

Ages 13-18

- ◆ 1st-George Baumann, Jesus Campuzano, Levi Marquardt-43.9
- ◆ 2nd-Anthanesiuss Karas, Cash York, Daniel Rivera-55.2
- ◆ 3rd-Austin Roop, Judah Miceli, Jacob Orin-1:01.6
- ◆ 4th-Logan Frantzen, Keagan Hake, Natalie Hobbs-1:11.0

Ages 19 + Older

- ◆ 1st-John Davis, Joe Turk, Matt Thompson-18.1
- ◆ 2nd-Dave Madden, Jared Madden, Cody O'Donnell-32.7
- ◆ 3rd-Wade Benson, Matt Wassmann, Jason Ness-35.1
- ◆ 4th-Chet Kukuk, Tim Milling, Ryan Zimmerman-40.3

Coordinators: Lynne Paver, Sandy Madden and Emily Herrmann

BAGS TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY

What do you call it? Cornhole, bean bag toss, bag toss or bags. We call it Bags and are looking for players who can score points by either landing a bag on the board or putting the bag through the hole. So, gather up your friends and join us on Sunday from 1:00-4:00 pm for a bags tournament. 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. Maximum number of players is 40. Here's the game plan.

- ◆ Blind draw for partners at 1 pm.
- ◆ Double elimination tourney.
- ◆ Entry fee is \$25 per person.
- ◆ Register ASAP for available spots.
- ◆ Application form at www.bigrockplowingmatch.org
- ◆ 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 with questions.

Congratulations to our 2022 Winning Teams

- ◆ 1st-Brandon Ludwig and Blake Huseman
- ◆ 2nd-Nick Mish and Fred Needham
- ◆ 3rd-Brian Starks and Vince Vertido



LADIES FAIR - 2023

Enter your baked goods, handmade and handcrafted items in six sections across 21 categories with 138 classes. All amateurs-men, women and children, are eligible to submit entries for display and judging, and remember - no entry fees. Our premiums range from \$5 to \$30 with ribbons awarded and over \$2,500 in prize money provided by our generous sponsors and the Big Rock Plowing Match Association. So, read over the Premium List, decide what you will enter, pull your favorite recipes, gather your handicrafts and plan your strategy. Prize money and the coveted Harvey Davis Memorial Award await. By winning the most ribbons in all classes you may be the 45th recipient and be awarded a piece of Polish Pottery.

This year's Special Recipe, Patti McKenzie's Oatmeal Cake with toasted coconut frosting, dates back to the 1940's and 50's and is a family recipe passed from mother to daughter. Patti served on the Ladies Fair Committee from 1999-2007, was involved with the Cattle Show and supports the Plowing Match organization in multiple ways. Staying true to the handwritten recipe, Patti says the ingredients yield flavors that make this "comfort food cake" especially perfect on a fall or winter day, as well as the go-to cake for any occasion. So, follow the recipe for your chance at first place (\$30), second place (\$20) or third place (\$10).

Take a look at what is new and different this year.

- ◆ Specialty Decorated Cake, sponsored by the Big Rock Park District, will feature the movie in the park. Winners earn \$20 for first place and \$10 for second.
- ◆ Special Handicrafts has an additional class: a decorated 15" round wood sign. The model kit class features the 1963 Corvette.
- ◆ In Photography, specifications have been set: all photos are to be in a 5"x7" frame with an easel back.
- ◆ Several NEW classes are being introduced in various categories.
 - Cookies: Italian Wedding
 - Fruit, Jams & Jellies: Pepper Jelly
 - Flowers: Succulent and Paper Flowers
 - Handicrafts: Painting on Glass and Decorated Birdhouse

Treasures from the Ladies Fair, a spiral-bound compilation of all the special recipes from both the Ladies and Junior Fair through 2019, will be available at \$15 in the Ladies Fair building on Saturday and Sunday.

We always welcome new talent, new sponsors or new buyers for our auction. If you are interested in being a volunteer or have questions, contact any Committee member: Karen 630.556.3620; Megan 630.940.4553; Kate 630.927.2244; or Sarah 630.400.6596. Follow the Ladies Fair on Facebook: like both the Ladies Fair and the Plowing Match sites. Stay in touch with us via email at bigrockladiesfair@gmail.com



Donita Bartoszek-2022 award recipient



VEGETABLE & GRAIN SHOW

It's back! The Vegetable & Grain Show returns featuring 19 classes that are open to all ages. There's even more prize money, over \$300. Homegrown vegetables and grain entries that are judged the best will receive \$5 for second place and \$10 for first. Additionally, there are three opportunities to take a ribbon and share in the \$50 prize money for the largest pumpkin awarded by the Ivan & Betty Davis Memorial.

Entries will be displayed inside the Ladies Fair building with pumpkins outside. Browse the exhibits and displays on Saturday from 9 am-12:30 pm and 3:30-5 pm (building is closed during Baked Goods Auction from 12:30-3:30 pm) and on Sunday after Church Service to 2:30 pm. All entries must be picked up on Sunday between 4-5 pm. The show is coordinated by the Ladies Fair Committee.

JUNIOR & LADIES FAIR BAKED GOODS & QUILT AUCTION

SATURDAY

Indulge in the sweet taste of homemade, prize-winning baked goods from both the Junior and Ladies Fairs. Bidding begins at 1 pm with Junior Fair items followed by the Ladies Fair items at 1:30 pm and the quilts at 2 pm. James Dresen returns as our Auctioneer.

- ◆ Over 50 different categories of baked goods will be auctioned to the highest bidder.
 - Indulge in the delicious taste of homemade cakes, cupcakes, quick breads, bars, pies, muffins, cookies and candies.
 - This year's Special Recipe features Patti McKenzie's Oatmeal Cake with toasted coconut frosting.
- ◆ The special quilt will feature quilters' interpretation of the Cattle Show in a mini 24" square quilt.
- ◆ NEW this year will be a Preview List of the baked goods included in the auction.
 - Individual items will be auctioned in random order and may be bundled together, but you will know what will be available and the name of the baker before the bidding starts.
 - Preview Lists will be available 12:30-1 pm when you register to bid.

Be sure you are registered and have your Bidder number before the auction begins. Request one now by contacting Denise via email at bigrockplowingmatch@gmail.com or arrive early at the bandstand (12:30-1 pm) to register. Bring your checkbook. Funds from the auction support Plowing Match events, as well as grounds and building maintenance. Let the bidding begin!







NEW EVENTS

TRIVIA TRACTOR — SATURDAY WHEELS OF AGRICULTURE GAME SHOW - SUNDAY

The Trivia Tractor is coming! It's a mobile trivia game show where the roll of giant dice determines the questions. Kids, teens, adults, EVERYONE can play this fast paced, interactive game complete with contestant "lockout buttons", sound, props and prizes. Be a contestant at Plowman's Park on Saturday at 12:30 pm and 2 pm.

The Wheels of Agriculture takes the stage on Sunday at Noon and 2 pm. This game show will test your knowledge about agriculture in fun and often hilarious ways. Spin the "Tractor Drive Wheel" to determine the question you get to answer from a variety of categories: barn, farm, plants, animals and more. A spin of the "Front Steering Wheel" will determine the number of points earned when the question is correctly answered. There are bells, buttons, buzzers, lights, Ag-Bucks and prizes. It only takes 30-minutes to declare a winner. It could be you!



TRADITIONAL OLD-FASHIONED DINNERS

5 B's Catering of Waterman will be serving up everyone's favorite chicken, pork chops, ham and turkey at the Plowing Match & Festival. Meals will be served for two hours each day at the pavilion.

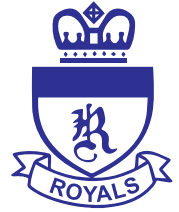
- ◆ Saturday's menu offers plates at \$15 with a choice of two pork chops, half chicken or a combo plate (one chop and ¼ chicken) served with baked beans, coleslaw and applesauce. Plates with one pork chop or ¼ chicken are \$13. Dinner will be served from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.
- ◆ A ham with turkey dinner will be served from 11 am to 1 pm on Sunday. Dinners are \$15 per plate and include ham, turkey, au gratin potatoes, southern-style green beans with bacon bits, applesauce, roll and butter.

The Association thanks Sheri Sorensen, Dinner Coordinator, and all the volunteers assisting with the dinner service.

LIVE MUSIC & PIZZA

SATURDAY NIGHT

Gather your friends and family at Plowman's Park from 6-9 pm for a fundraiser event for the Hinckley-Big Rock High School Renaissance Club, Big Rock Lion's Club, the Big Rock Fire Protection District and the Association in partnership with Paisano's Pizza of Sugar Grove.



The Renaissance Club is a national incentive program that seeks to encourage and reward academic improvement, character development, positive attitude and student involvement. Members of the Hinckley-Big Rock High School club will be serving a variety of Paisano's Pizza by the slice, \$3 or two slices for \$5, at the food stand.



Enjoy live music. Watch for band to be announced on Facebook. Cold drinks available. Photo ID required for alcoholic beverages. No outside food or drink may be brought into Plowman's Park. ATM available at food stand.

The Association appreciates this partnership with Paisano's Pizza, the Renaissance Club, Big Rock Lion's Club and the Big Rock Fire Protection District in bringing the community together for music, food and friendship.

PLOWMAN'S PARK AVAILABLE FOR RENT

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. Plowman's Park is host to many events and activities throughout the year. Perhaps you have enjoyed an event at the park.

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

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.

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2022 PRINCE AND PRINCESS CONTEST

Crowns and tiaras. Pageantry takes center stage on Sunday at 1:30 pm. 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.

Entry forms are available on the Park District website www.bigrockparks.com and the Plowing Match website, www.bigrockplowingmatch.org. Contact Cindy Nehring at 630.742.4275.

The 2022 Court: Prince Hank Hartwig and Princess Amira Schroeder, Jared Reeter and Olivia Gray in second place and Saylor Telfer in third. Returning 2021 Prince Evan Hummell and Princess Livia Milling assisted with crowning the 2022 Court.

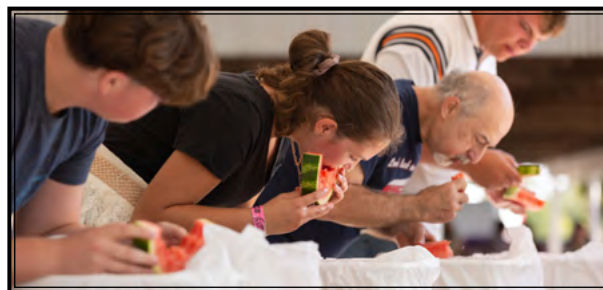


WATERMELON EATING CONTEST

There are a lot of watermelon related contests: most watermelons crushed with one's head; most watermelons split with a karate chop in one minute; or fastest time to dice a watermelon. Interesting.

This is how it is done in Big Rock. The fastest time wins. There are three groups: age 11 and under will eat one slice, award \$10; ages 12-15 will eat two slices, award \$20; and \$30 for ages 16 and older who will eat two slices. Sunday is the day. No entry fee. Register at the stage prior to the contest that begins at 11 am.

The 2022 winners were Dominic Sucilla, with a time of 1 minute:6 seconds; Aidan White, ate two pieces in 3 minutes:3 seconds; and 2 slices were consumed by Danny, in 4 minutes:7 seconds. So, who will have the fastest time in 2023, earn cash and set the Big Rock record for eating watermelon?



PETTING ZOO

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

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. Farm animals will be available for visitors to interact, hands-on with goats, calves, chickens, rabbits, donkeys and more. This fun and educational exhibit will be presented by the Hinckley-Big Rock FFA Team with their sponsor Tracy Sandersen and the George Bauman Family.



BINGO

Five columns of five. Numbers 1-75. Five letters. A caller. Chips. Daubers. Good luck charms. And . . . put it all together and you have BINGO. Everyone is invited to play at the Pavilion on Sunday at 2:30 pm. It is free to play, four individual games with \$25 prize money awarded and a grand prize of \$50 for filling an entire card.



BIG ROCK BULL BASH AND BRONC MATCH

It starts with the horse arena panels coming down, followed by bleachers being delivered, then stakes are placed to mark out parking, the arena is installed...and so the list continues. All this prep and more leads up to the second weekend in August when the bulls and broncs arrive at Plowman's Park.

Professional bull riding in Big Rock has become a tremendous success with the Saturday night event once again being sold out, this time in less than 24 hours. The Sunday afternoon bronc match welcomed spectators, many buying their tickets at the gate. 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 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. Event Director: Bob Raymond



Bull Riding Sponsors

- ◆ **Main Event:** High Choice Feeders
- ◆ **Bullfighters:** The Lakone Company
- ◆ **Clown:** O'Donnell Excavating and Trucking
- ◆ **Chute-Gate:** Catom Trucking, Edward Jones Brian Michel, Fireside Grille, LabelTek Inc., Lewis Veterinary Services, Midwest Sportsplex
- ◆ **Cowboy-Gate:** J & D Door Sales, Schollmeyer Landscaping, Inc.
- ◆ **90 Gates:** Vacationland
- ◆ **Arena Banner:** Bickford Electric, Big Rock Park District, Big Rock Township, Dairy Joy, DeKane Equipment Corporation, Family Farm Meats, LLC, Hoyt Services, Jack and Jina's BP, JD's Auto & Trailer Repair, Koalafied Heating & Air, LLC, LDL Transfer, Inc., Naperville Construction Fence Rental, Nedrow Painting-Nick Bostic, Needham Shop, Process Dynamics, Quad County Crane, Queens Trucking & Construction, Inc., RayVac Plastic Decorators, Resource Bank, Ruh Farms, STA Enterprises, Inc., Triam Transport, 3-D Auto Repair, Village of Big Rock, Werhli Custom Fabrication, Willrett Farms Trucking
- ◆ **Special Thanks:** Executive Affiliates, Bob & Sharon Schoger



Bronc & Saddle Bronc Sponsors

- ◆ **Chute-Gate:** Catom Trucking, Dairy Joy, Edward Jones Brian Michel,
- ◆ **Cowboy Gate:** The LaKone Company, Schollmeyer Landscaping, Inc.
- ◆ **90 Gates:** Vacationland
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37TH ANNUAL HORSE SHOW—SATURDAY

STARTS PROMPTLY AT 8:30 AM

A few changes are happening this year in the horse arena with 27 performance, pleasure or fun classes, as well as English and Western classes. Riders of all ages are invited to compete for ribbons, cash awards and bragging rights. The Open Senior Horse Halter Class for horses ages 20 years and older will be introduced this year. There are separate open classes for pony and horses ages 19 years and younger. Also new this year Open Western Walk, Trot and Open English Walk, Trot Classes. There are also changes to the awards with a cash award of \$10 to the first place winner in each of the 27 classes. High Point Awards are given in two age groups: age 15 and under and age 16 and over.

So, just how good are you and your horse at taking and following commands? Can you canter, counter canter, walk, trot, halt, reverse direction, turn, etc. on command and perform each perfectly? If the answer is yes, then be certain to enter the Open Command Class. Perform well and through the process of elimination you just may be the winner. The last one standing in this pay back class, will take

home 50% for first place, 35% for second place and third place gets 15% of the total entry fees for this class.

Tucked into the southwest corner of Plowman's Park is the horse arena, adjacent to Kenny Field. The majestic oaks provide a canopy of shade to relax under as you watch the showmanship and horsemanship of riders. It all starts promptly at 8:30 am on Saturday, September 16 and offers a few hours or a full day of enjoyment.

Congratulations to our 2022 High Point Winners

- ◆ Age 16 and over: Katie Miller
- ◆ Age 16 and over Reserve: Megan Saar
- ◆ Age 15 and under: Sam Halterman
- ◆ Age 15 and under Reserve: Savannah McMurtrie

Check out the 2023 show bill below.

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

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. 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: 10-23-24-25-26-27. 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

1-2-3-4-6-8-9-11-15-17-18-20-21-22

High Point Awards: age 16 and Over

1-2-3-4-7-8-10-11-16-17-19-20-21-22

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

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PRAIRIE STATE RAILROAD CLUB



Everyone is invited to enjoy a train ride to the northwest area of the park. Boarding takes place at Plowman's Station next to the Junior Fair building. The mile-long ride takes passenger alongside the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railroad line, through the woods, over a trestle and loops back to the station. The large-scale model locomotives are steam, diesel and electric running on rails that are 7½" gauge. Trains will run on Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday from 11 am to 3pm.

The Club has provided train rides at the Big Rock Car Show and several private events at Plowman's Park, as well as at the Sycamore Steam Show. Club members tend to track cleanup and maintenance of approximately five acres in the northwest area of the park. The Pumpkin Train, a new fall event, will be on the tracks Saturday, October 7. More below.

Our mission as a 501(c)(3) 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. For information about the club visit the website at www.prairiestaterr.com



Ribbon cutting at dedication of the Train Station Pavilion, an Eagle Scout Service Project. (left-right) George Werderich Jr, Terry Sorensen BRPMA President, Bill Kobernus, PSRRC President



PUMPKIN TRAIN

NEW EVENT IN OCTOBER



A fantastic family friendly fall festival under the majestic oaks of Plowman's Park will be held on Saturday, October 7 from noon-7 pm. The Prairie State Railroad Club, in partnership with the Big Rock Plowing Match Association, will offer train rides from noon-3 pm and again from 4-7 pm. There will be plenty of giggles, ohhs and ahhs as the trains run through the woods and around the loop past seasonal displays. Children under age 10 will receive a free pumpkin as long as supplies last. This free event is open to all.

There's still time to sign up for the Skeleton Crew where you can decorate an area adjacent to the track for riders to enjoy. Details at prairiestaterr.com. Register by September 15. To sign up for the Skeleton Crew, contact Adam at 331.575.2878 or Katrina at 331.442.3143 or send an email to psrrpumpkintrain@gmail.com.

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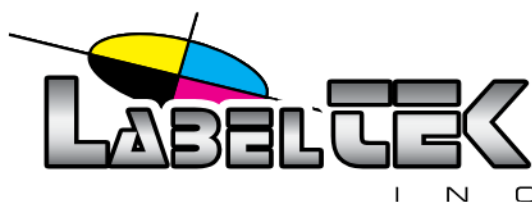
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Donations may be sent to: Big Rock Plowing Match Association, P.O. Box 261, Big Rock, IL 60511

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- ◆ Andrew & Mandy Bark for their continued support.
- ◆ Bickford Electric for tending to all 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 Lions Club for the restroom building renovation.
- ◆ Big Rock Park District for maintaining our baseball field-Kenny Field and sponsoring the Olde Time Baseball game, Bingo, Watermelon Eating Contest, the Prince & Princess Contest and co-sponsoring the Tractor Pedal Pull and Petting Zoo.
- ◆ John Borz for continued support in providing the water truck for cleaning the rental bleachers for the Bull Bash and Bronc Match events.
- ◆ ComEd for providing financial support to upgrade lights at Kenny Field with multiple energy-saving program grants.
- ◆ DeKane Equipment Corporation for equipment assistance in maintaining Plowman's Park.
- ◆ Garrett Austin, Wades World of Photography, for taking photos of the events at the Bull Bash, Bronc Match and Plowing Match & Festival.
- ◆ Hinckley Big Rock Middle School 8th grade students for cleanup help on the Monday after Plowing Match weekend.
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- ◆ Kendall Printing for printing the Premium Lists and sponsor banners.
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- ◆ Prairie State Railroad Club for offering rides to train enthusiasts during the Plowing Match & Festival and other events at Plowman's Park.
- ◆ Strypes Plus More for printing and updating Plowing Match signs.
- ◆ Village of Big Rock for funds towards the 2022 amusement rides and 2023 Legacy Sponsor of amusement rides.

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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The twenty-eighth annual Plowing Match was held on the H. S. Long Farm and grove three miles west of Big Rock on September 23, 1923. It was "the one perfect day of the year." Conservative estimates of the crowd placed it at 8 to 10 thousand, at any rate it was as large as any ever at the match.

This year considerable interest was shown in the horse drawn contests and the tractor exhibits especially by the dealers and manufacturers were small in numbers. Farm machinery exhibits on the grounds were not as plentiful as in years past.

Much interest was shown in the address given by Dr. B. J. Cigrased of Aurora on the "Farmer of Yesterday and Tomorrow."

The Women's Department had an overflow of all kinds of exhibits in the tent.

Horseshoe contest won by Miner Bros. of Kaneville, second prize by Bastian & Farrer of Hinckley. This year the contest was open to everyone.

St. Charles Boys Home band furnished music. They were transported to the grounds by the community school buses. The Ball Game with Plano and the Aurora Lutheran League playing resulted in a victory for Plano. Both teams put up a good game and greatly pleased the spectators.

Sept. 23, 1923, H. S. Long Farm

The Plowing Match Association gave \$1,000 to the new school being built in Big Rock. The money was used to buy the curtains for the stage, purchasing and paying the labor to install the backboard and gaskets, and screens in the gymnasium. They also paid for the small room that was formerly used as a movie projector house.

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Results of the Plowing

Boys under 17 years

Lawrence Miller, Big Rock, score 87, \$20
Given the special prize of \$10 for Big Rock boy
scoring highest)

Boys under 19 years

Gordon Thomas, score 85½, \$20
Eugene Kinney, score 85, \$15
Terrance Overgard, score 80½, \$12

Walking Plows

Earnest T. Vose, Big Rock, no score, given
second prize

Sulky Plow

Ray Lewis, score 95, \$20
W. P. Forster, St. Charles, score 92, \$15

Prize Winning Class

Timothy Jones, score 88, \$20 and the Cup

Gang Plows

Edwin Reese, score 92, \$20
Morton Morris, score 86½, \$15

Judges for all above classes: G. W. Thomas, W.
W. Davis, William Edwards

Farmer Tractor Class

George Susenmichl, Wheatland, score 89½, \$20
Lawrence Thomas, Big Rock, score 85½, \$15
Harry Schmidt, Sugar Grove, score 82, \$12

Judges: Edgar Snow, C. E. Brosteth, W. H.
Murphy

Manufacturers & Dealers Class – Silver Cup

Fordson Emmerson 13, score 98½
International 2 Bottom, score 93
International 2 Bottom, score 82

Judges: Will Lewis, C. R. Hogan, C. A. Bish

Grain and Vegetable Show

Yellow Corn

1st – E. C. Kinney
2nd – Wm. St. Clair

White Corn

1st – Dwight Davis
2nd – E. Claude

Flecked Colored Corn

1st – Edmund James
2nd – Ralph Dugan

Winter Wheat

1st – R. H. Palmer
2nd – E. C. Kinney

Barley

1st – Otis Whildin
2nd – T. H. Flanders

Rye

1st – E. Claude
2nd – Ralph Dugan

White Oats

1st – R. H. Palmer
2nd – Otis Whildin

Early Potatoes

1st – Otis Whildin
2nd – John Stewart

Late Potatoes

John O. Willis
2nd – Thomas Williams



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