



The **BIG ROCK** COMMUNITY CRIER • MAY 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

15th Annual Big Rock



Classic Car, Truck, Tractor & Motorcycle Show

June 1, 2025

Sunday, June 1st is the 15th annual Big Rock Classic Car, Truck, Tractor, and Motorcycle Show at Plowman's Park from 8:00AM-4:00PM. Vehicle registration is from 8:00-11:00 or preregister at www.bigrockcarshow.org. This year we are celebrating "All Things 1955". All vehicles must be 25 years or older. Free admission, free registration, free parking. Event t-shirts will be available for sale. Concession stand will be available. 5B's pork chop and chicken dinner from 11:30-1:30. Hill's Country Store will be selling ice cream. From 12:00-3:00PM, the Prairie State Railroad will be giving free train rides and there will be free face painting during that time.

For more information, contact Barb Baie @ 630-768-3251 or see our website - www.bigrockcarshow.org. Handicap/senior parking is available. **Mark your calendars!**



Hinckley - Big Rock FFA Spring Bedding Plant Sale

Wednesday, April 30th 2:30-6pm

Wednesday, May 7th 2:30-6pm

Saturday, May 10th 12-3pm

Wednesday, May 14th 2:30-6pm

Saturday, May 17th 12-3pm

Wednesday, May 21st 2:30-6pm



Additional Hours

April 28 thru May 23 (During Horticulture Classes)

Monday thru Friday 9:00-11:00 am

Ag Safety Day

Friday, April 25th 9-2pm @ HBR High School
Community Welcome!

FFA Alumni

Be a part of our FFA Alumni! To join or ask questions, contact
Nan Long at (815) 693-7214



Awards Newsletter



HBR FFA 24-25 Video

HBR FFA ALUMNI

SAVE THE DATE

6TH PROGRESSIVE GOLF FUNDRAISING EVENT SATURDAY JUNE 21, 2025

FYI: THIS IS NOT GOLF COURSE GOLF!!

Details coming soon!!

Thank you for all the support of our Strawberry and Drive Thru Dinner Fundraisers. Your support of Agricultural Education is appreciated.



ELECTION RESULTS FOR APRIL 2025

Big Rock township as a whole has 21.53% turnout, slightly below the 23.47% result county wide. The first time in a long while where Big Rock has been below the county average. Only one precinct in Kane county had more than 50% turnout, Aurora 004, but there were many contested offices and referenda that brought the county total up from the 17.42% two years ago.

No elections this fall, but 2026 will have mid-term primary and general elections.



BIG ROCK TOWNSHIP

From the Supervisor's Desk

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It is the best way for me to get information out to you quickly!

Welcome our New Township Board Members

Welcome to the newly elected and appointed officials of Big Rock Township. They will be sworn into office at the May 8 meeting of the board. Dean Hummell will be serving as the new Township Supervisor. Many of you know Dean through his many years of service and dedication to the Big Rock community, serving on the Village Board, Park District, Township, Plowing Match, and other community organizations. Big Rock resident Dawn Lynch will be joining the township board as our newest elected Trustee. Dawn was originally from Aurora, but has lived and raised her family in Big Rock for many years. She will replace Steve Michaels who has served for 8 years and did not run for reelection as Trustee.

Ralph Harkison had served as the Big Rock Assessor since 2018, and recently retired and resigned from his position due to health reasons. Illinois law requires anyone serving as an Assessor to pass several examinations in order to be knowledgeable of current residential and commercial assessment and property issues. Assessors must complete annual educational requirements to be recertified by the Illinois Department of Revenue (IDOR).

We are pleased that Big Rock resident Tina Goeckel recently was recertified as a Certified Illinois Assessing Official (CIAO) and was appointed by the township board as the Township Assessor effective March 14. Tina previously worked for the township as our Office Assistant, and later as Deputy Assessor. She is very knowledgeable and is actively modernizing and updating computers, files, the assessor website, and other processes in the Assessor's office. I know you will find her very helpful in responding to any future assessment questions.

Thanks to Paul Wedeen, Amy Shoger, and Kate Buckson for their willingness to serve for another term as elected Township Trustees. They remain very dedicated in serving as your elected officials, and committed to keeping Big Rock a great community to live in. Wade Thompson was reelected for a third term as Road Commissioner, and will continue serving township and village residents in overseeing the roads and bridges in our community.

Thanks and Adieu

This is my last submission to the Crier as I finish my final weeks as Supervisor and complete 12 years on the Township Board. I hope you have used the Crier as a great source of community news and activities.

The township maintains a very strong financial condition with zero debt and a low tax rate. Our two township cemeteries are being well maintained with all grave records are now computerized. Our township contract with Groot for waste and recycling services has significantly reduced the disposal costs for every resident. The township continues to maintain good relations with other local and county officials, and will continue to support our Big Rock community organizations and volunteers.

I will help for several more months in transitioning activities and responsibilities to Dean and the other new board members, and assisting with our township financial audits in May/June. I will also continue to be an active representative on board of the INC Mental Health Alliance, and chairing the Village Planning and Zoning Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to be involved in many ways to serve our community. I look forward to seeing you at one of our many Big Rock community gatherings in the months to come. Best wishes for the future!

Ken Rojek, Township Supervisor

ROAD COMMISSIONER

Well, winter's over and it wasn't so bad. Got lucky once again. We will be mowing in May and will have the first cut done by Memorial Day. We also have a lot of road and gravel work to be done, so please slow down when you see us working. Kids will be out of school soon. Please help keep them safe, too! We are looking for summer and possibly year-round help at Township. Very flexible hours. Part Time to start, may turn into full time? Call Wade at 630.201.7987

Thanks!

Wade
Big Rock Township Road District

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F) 630-556-4332

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To advertise or submit articles for consideration please contact Tom Losiniecki at bigrockcrier@gmail.com

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

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Fax: **630-556-4350**

Road District **630-556-4331**
bigrocktownship@gmail.com

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Dawn Lynch



VILLAGE OF BIG ROCK

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P.O. Box 128 | Big Rock, Illinois 60511 | (630) 556-4365 | www.villageofbigrock.us

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

WELCOME, NEW VILLAGE TRUSTEES

The Village would like to introduce the new Trustees to the Village Board- Cory Schollmeyer and Haley Mason. Ted McCannon was re-elected for another term. Congratulations to all! The Village would like to express gratitude for the time and dedication demonstrated by the outgoing Trustees Kelly May and Joe Walsh. The Village Board Trustees welcome residents to reach out to them with comments, concerns or suggestions about the Village.

NEW LICENSING REQUIREMENTS AND REGULATIONS FOR SOLICITORS IN THE VILLAGE OF BIG ROCK

Ordinance No. 2024-07 was adopted by the Board of Trustees on March 26th, 2024. It outlines new licensing requirements and regulations for solicitors in the Village. The Clerk will license and regulate solicitors within the Village pursuant to Division 42 of the Illinois Municipal Code, and specifically pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-42-5. An exception is made for minors under the age of fifteen engaged in charitable solicitation; they are not required to obtain a license from the Village but shall comply with provisions of the ordinance regulations. The following is a summary of new solicitor requirements and regulations: An open display of the Village license to be presented to all solicitations sought as well as proper identification and statement of purpose presented to every solicitation. A solicitor can only solicit from the hours of 8 a.m.- 6 p.m. and is only allowed to enter premises using the principal approach. No solicitation where there is a "No Solicitation" notice posted. The solicitor shall immediately cease soliciting and leave the premises upon the request of any owner or occupant. The solicitor shall not advertise by use of signs, sound, music, or other method. No soliciting from a motorized vehicle at any time in any location within the village. No solicitation from public streets. No fraud or misrepresentation while soliciting. If you would like to see complete details of Ordinance 2024-07 "An ordinance approving licensing requirements and regulations for solicitors in the Village of Big Rock", please see "Big Rock Solicitor's Ordinance" at www.villageofbigrock.us.

BURNING IN THE VILLAGE

With spring upon us and property cleanup underway, please remember that the Village does have certain burning rules. More details about the Village rules are in "Amended Nuisances and Property Maintenance Code" **Section 3.2**. "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". Burning leaves directly on the roadway edge is strictly prohibited!

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE REMINDERS

The Village's Code Enforcement Officer will be regularly touring our community looking for any property maintenance code violations. They wear a yellow Village of Big Rock vest and will provide proper identification. Please be reminded of some of the issues they will be inspecting as per "Amended Nuisances and Property Maintenance Code". Per (**Section 3**) "it is hereby declared that any of the following activities and/or conditions are nuisances and are unlawful when conducted or allowed to exist on property located within the corporate limits of the Village; whether conducted, allowed, suffered or permitted by the owner, tenant, and/or other occupant thereof (it being the intent of this chapter to make all such persons jointly and severally liable for compliance herewith)": **Sec 3.1 Exterior Property Areas:** **a. Noxious Weeds:** To keep, maintain or grow noxious weeds or other vegetation which creates a health or safety hazard to the public. Excluded from the provisions of this subsection are prairie plants, lands or portions of any lands located in a public nature area, any property owned or leased by a unit of government and property zoned and used for any agricultural purpose. **b. Overgrown Residential Yard:** To allow vegetation defined as grass to exceed ten inches (10") in height on a residential use parcel located within the Village. Excluded from the provisions of this subsection are prairie plants. **c. Depositing Of Junk, Trash Or Refuse:** To deposit or allow to be deposited offal, fecal matter, night soil, garbage, compost, junk, trash, refuse or other offensive substances upon public or private property, or to permit such objects to remain upon such property. Excluded from the provisions of this subsection is the application of compost for horticultural purposes. **d. Storage Of Junk, Trash Or Refuse:** To keep or store junk, trash and refuse on property. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, "junk, trash and refuse" is defined herein to include any and all waste matter, whether reusable or not, which is offensive to the public health, safety and welfare of the neighborhood, and is specifically intended to include, but not to be limited to, trucks, tractors, machinery of any kind, any parts thereof, iceboxes, refrigerators, freezers, stoves, metal drums or other containers, paper, construction debris and raw garbage irrespective of whether or not such objects are located on the property of the owner or bailee of such objects. This subsection shall not apply to refuse disposal facilities regulated by the state, the county, or any municipality of the state. **m. Inoperable Motor Vehicles:** Except as provided for in other regulations, no inoperative or unlicensed motor vehicle shall be parked, kept or stored on any premises, and no vehicle shall at any time be in a state of major disassembly, disrepair, or in a process of being stripped or dismantled. Painting of vehicles is prohibited unless conducted inside an approved spray booth. **n. Exception:** A vehicle of any type is permitted to undergo major overhaul, including body work, provided that such work is performed inside a structure or similarly enclosed area designed and approved for such purposes. To view the document in its entirety, please see the Village website. Thank you to those that keep their properties looking great! We can all appreciate living in a safe and clean community.

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 office hours Tues 10am-3pm or make an appointment.

Dedicated to Serving You,

Your Village of Big Rock Board

*no fourth Tuesday meeting November to January.

Big Rock Park District



Ryan Hummell
President
Jordan Mrowczynski
Vice President
Tara Mathewson
Treasurer
Amanda Hummell
Program Director

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 talent or interest you would like to share with others? Please contact Cindy Nehring at 630-742-4275.

CHANGES TO THE BIG ROCK PARK DISTRICT BOARD

I would like to announce some changes to the Big Rock Park District Board. Gene and Cindy Nehring have retired after many years of dedicated service. Thank you, Gene and Cindy, for your invaluable contributions to our community!

We extend a warm welcome to Amanda Hummell and Jordan Mrowczynski, who are joining the board in new positions.

Our current board is as follows:

Ryan Hummell - President: ryan.hummell@bigrockparks.com

Jordan Mrowczynski - Vice President: jordan.mrowczynski@bigrockparks.com

Tara Mathewson - Treasurer: tara.mathewson@bigrockparks.com

Amanda Hummell - Programs Director: amanda.hummell@bigrockparks.com

For general inquiries, please contact: info@bigrockparks.com

PARK AMENITIES UPDATE

The bathrooms at Big Rock Park are now open and accessible, and the chess pieces are out and ready for use! While you are at the park, enjoy the playground equipment, basketball/tennis courts, sand volleyball, pickleball, softball/soccer fields, a half-mile walking path, the dog park, and the Hake pavilion with picnic tables and grills.

KITE FLY

The kite fly will be held on Saturday, April 26 at Big Rock Park. You are invited to fly your kite and park anytime. If there are soccer or softball games, please use the other end of the park.



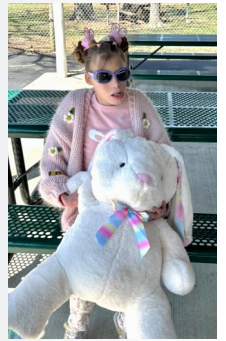
ANNUAL BIG ROCK EASTER EGG HUNT

This year's Big Rock Easter Egg Hunt at Plowman's Park on Saturday, April 12th, was a resounding success! We had beautiful weather conditions for the over 200 participants who hunted more than 2,400 surprise-filled eggs.

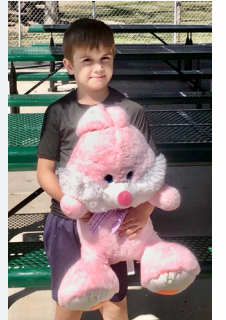
Thank you to ALL volunteers who assisted in filling and hiding the eggs and staffing the prize counters. Special thanks to Deb Vistine for her excellent work announcing the hunt and ensuring that everything ran smoothly for all age groups. Dairy joy for their ice cream scoop token donations, and Cass Ludwig for the donation of the megaphone!

We also appreciate the support of our sponsors: the Big Rock Township, Village of Big Rock, the Big Rock Public Library, the Big Rock Park District, and Plowman's Park for hosting us.

Congratulations to our Jelly Bean Contest winners: Finley Zimmerman who guessed 623 and Maddie Layman who guessed 615! The correct number of Jellybeans in the bottle was 631!



(Pictured above is Maddie Layman with her prize won for the jellybean contest)



(Pictured above is Finley Zimmerman with his prize for winning the jelly bean contest)



EASTER BONNET DOG PARADE

The Easter Bonnet Dog Parade was also held on Saturday, April 12th, at the Dog Park on Madison Street in Big Rock. Cash prizes were awarded for First, Second, and Third place, with all participants receiving treats and prizes! Thank you to our judges and everyone who participated!

First place went to Donna Carney with Fiona, a 8 year old malinois Shepard. Second place went to Amanda Nehring with Phoenix, a 4-year-old wire Terrier mix. Third place went to Wendy Altoseno with Buddy, a 1 year old short haired pointer.



(Winners pictured from left to right - 1st: Donna with Fiona, 2nd: Amanda with Phoenix, and 3rd Wendy and her daughters with Buddy)



HINKLEY AREA FOOD PANTRY

"NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS"

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

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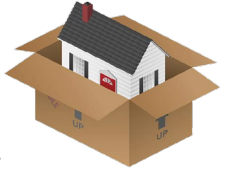
May I Pour You Some Tea?



If you're 5 to 8 years old, you're invited to a Mom and Me tea party on Saturday, May 10 at 2 pm at Big Rock Library. You're invited to wear party clothes and have a good time with activities as well as tea or lemonade and dessert cups. There are spaces for 8 youngsters so don't delay with your reservation. You may drop by the library to sign up or phone 630-556-3604.

It's a Moving Experience

Most people know that Big Rock Library house was moved from the village to the current location but find out what house moving entails. Barb Hollmeier of Big Rock Township has moved 3 residences in her career plus the Beith



House Historical Society Building in Sugar Grove. She will present her experiences with the entanglements of moving a property along with her experiences of saving historical structures. Program will be on Thursday, May 15, at 7 pm at the Historical Society meeting room across the parking lot from the library.



Summer Reading

Hope you're ready to "Pop Open a Good Book" and enter summer reading. Register as early as May 29 and read or listen through June and July for some great gift card prizes. All ages are welcome and it's a lot of fun.

First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School

The First Baptist Church of Big Rock will be hosting Vacation Bible School on July 14th-18th from 6-8 pm. All kids, ages 5-12, are welcome to attend. The Ocean Commotion VBS will have a dinner for all attendees and their families the first night and an ice cream party the last night and include Bible lessons, crafts, educational lesson, meaningful songs, snacks, and life-changing Scripture memorization every day. It will take place at 211 S. Lincoln in Big Rock. Please call or text 630-569-4906 to register or for more information. Advance registration is preferred, either text, website or Facebook.



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HBR CUSD #429 • UPDATES AND HIGHLIGHTS

Greetings HBR Community ~

During the month of May, our students will be Cultivating Friendship through literature! Thanks to the generosity of the Dekalb County Community Foundation, Hinckley-Big Rock schools are partnering with our Hinckley and Big Rock libraries to launch this shared reading event. Students will read selected books and engage in discussions and activities to foster the understanding of developing and maintaining friendship. We invite the community to join us in doing the same by choosing one of the books below and coming together for coffee and cookies and maybe meet new friends! The adult book discussion will take place on Tuesday May 20 from 6:00-7:00 pm in the HBRHS library. Grab a copy of the book today and join us on 5/20/25.



May is filled with many events & celebrations to close out the school year, here are a few key dates:

Elementary School:

- 5/27: Field day/Lions Club hotdog lunch
- 5/29: 9:00 - Kindergarten / 4th Grade Royal Celebration

Middle School:

- May 28: Awards Ceremony 1:00 pm
- May 30: Promotion 9:00 am

High School:

- May 2: Join us for Prom Walk 5:30 in the high school gym
- May 9: Night at the Ball Park at the HBRHS baseball field
- May 18th: Graduation 2:30 in the high school gym

Registration is underway for the 2025-2026 school year. If you have a child turning 5 by September 1, 2025 he/she is eligible for Kindergarten. We still have a few spots available for our Early Childhood classroom for students ages 3-4, or who will turn 5 after September 1, 2025.

Please contact the school office (815-286-3402) for more information about Kindergarten round up, registration, and screening appointments. We cannot wait to meet your Royal!

Suggestions? We want to hear from you! Contact us at suggestionbox@HBR429.org, email me directly at JSonntag@hbr429.org, or call our office at 815-286-7578.

~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.

FREE DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING



INC's FY26 funding application portal closed on March 14th for currently funded and new agencies. Nineteen agencies expressed an interest in funding opportunities that align with our FY26 Objectives, which include 4 new agencies and a total of 41 programs. INC's Program Committee met in April to review agency applications and will present their recommendations to the full board at their annual meeting in May.

The next Big Rock 708 Mental Health Board meeting will be on Thursday, June 19th at 7:00 p.m. virtually. Details for this public meeting can be found on our website at www.incmha.org.

INC staff would like to thank Ken Rojek for his commitment to the Big Rock community as Township Supervisor and as Township Representative from the Township Board to the 708 Board and his continued efforts as the liaison from the 708 Board to INC MHA Board of Directors.



English Congregational United Church of Christ
301 Rhodes Street
Big Rock



For up to date information, visit our website at ECUCC.org and click on "News" and then "Calendar" for a list of upcoming Worship Services and events. Also, you can follow our Facebook page: "English Congregational United Church of Christ" to see current information.

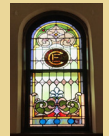


Join us each Sunday at 10:15am for our weekly Worship Service.

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

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

Pastor John Omerod





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 to the building 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 the fair being open to everyone, as well as easily recognizable, the name Exhibitors Fair evolved. More on website.

Volunteers are needed for the 131st Plowing Match & Festival. You can make the difference with as little as 2-hours during the weekend. Step up now to explore the opportunities.

- Be a volunteer. Fill out the form on our website.
- Help us spread the word to your favorite artists, crafters and businesses that the 2025 Vendor application is on our website.

We are hiring. Need someone to clean the restroom building at Plowman's Park, as needed for events scheduled May-October. Available for 1-2 hours per event, primarily weekends, Friday-Sunday. Remodeled in 2021. Supplies provided. Paid position. Send an email with contact information and experience.

Book your event at Plowman's Park now. Dates are available May-October. Submit your rental inquiry via the request form on our website.

We are most grateful to 20 tree project donors that contributed \$7K to help us save and extend the life of the old growth trees in Plowman's Park. This multi-year revitalization depends on funding as to what can be achieved each year. The Association has committed another \$15K for the next phase. Donations may be sent to: Big Rock Plowing Match Association, P.O. Box 261, Big Rock, IL 60511 or via the website.

Save the Dates:

Bull Bash - August 9 — Bronc Match - August 10
 Plowing Match & Festival - September 19, 20 & 21, 2025

Website: bigrockplowingmatch.org

Email: bigrockplowingmatch@gmail.com

Facebook: [Facebook.com/bigrockplowingmatch](https://www.facebook.com/bigrockplowingmatch)



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April 2025

~ Volunteer Fridays ~

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 Animal Husbandry (animal care) - Decorating & Cleaning Buildings
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 Internet - Web Design - FaceBook

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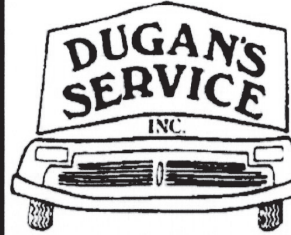
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Conley Outreach Community Services is having thoughts of spring! Our regular grief programming has been running along with a few new events coming up. Adult bereavement groups continue to meet monthly at the Elburn Office. We are offering Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow (Grief Book Club), Grieving with Hope (General Grief Support) is back this month, and Life After Loss (Widows 55 and under) monthly. We had an event at the Sugar Grove Public Library on Sunday, March 9, 2025, a presentation by Lora Windsor, LCSW on "Bibliotherapy and the Top Ten Grief Books." It was well received and may be a program we run again. Nourishing Your Heart: Cooking and Connecting After Loss Event in partnership with Northwestern Medicine Kishwaukee Hospital next class will be Thursday, April 24, 2025. Also, in May, J&R Herra Showroom will graciously host our "Embracing Your Grief with Crystal Energy and Vibrational Sound Healing." Good Grief Day Camp dates have been finalized for the week of 6/23-6/27. Applications will be available in April. We are very excited about the ways we have been meeting the needs of the bereaved. Please see the Events page at Conleyoutreach.org for more information or contact Jennifer at cocsdirector@gmail.com to register for our grief groups.

As always, we are available to help navigate social service and mental health resources. Please contact the Executive Director, Jennifer Long at 630-365-2880 for more information or to stay in the know, like us on Facebook!

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