The BIG ROCK COMMUNITY CRIER • SEPTEMBER 2026

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

Planning Ahead for the Pumpkin Trains

As noted in the Park District article, the train is back this year. Let us know if you want to create a display for your group!







SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, September 18

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

Saturday, September 19

Concessions	7:30am-9pm
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
Craft, Art & Vendor Show	10 am-5 pm
Petting Zoo	10 am-5 pm
Children's Races (in the cattle ring)	10:30 am
Magic Show	11:45 am-12:15 pm
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
Magic Show	3:45-4:15 pm
Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation Vintage Truck Raffle Drawing	3:45 pm
Kane County Phantoms Baseball Game	4 pm
Round Bale Roll-Off (in cattle ring)	4:30 pm
Live Music: the Sociables	6-10 pm

FREE PARKING • FREE ADMISSION

Sunday, September 20

Tractor Trot 5K	8 am Start
Concessions	8 am-5 pm
Drawing for Lands	9 am
Plowing	9:30 am
Church Service	10 am
Prairie State Railroad Club Train Rides	11 am-3 pm
Craft, Art & Vendor Show	11 am-4 pm
Petting Zoo	11 am-4 pm
Watermelon Eating Contest	11 am-1 pm
Mud Volleyball	11:30 am
5 B's BBQ Turkey with Ham Dinner	11:30 am-1:30 pm
Fox Valley Brass Band	12-1 pm
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

Especially for Kids

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

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

Good to Know

- Carnival wrist band sales begin September 12
- Chickabitty Designs [815.375.0528] has new official BRPMA merchandise. Drop by their trailer/booth to purchase at plowing match or place your order now to ensure availability in style, color and size: http://www.storesimple.com/cbd/plowingmatch
- The 2026 edition of Plowing Match Times, scheduled to be in mailboxes by September 11, will be on website and at Plowman's Park. Premium lists, registration forms and more on website.
- **Save the Date: Saturday, October 3** - Pumpkin Train. A family-friendly fall festival by the Prairie State Railroad Club. New time: 1-8 pm. Set-up a display. Details at prairiestaterr.com

Big Rock Plowing Match Association
P.O. Box 261, Big Rock, IL 60511.

bigrockplowingmatch.org
Facebook.com/bigrockplowingmatch

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!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at this year's plowing match!

Dean Hummell

ROAD COMMISSIONER

ATTENTION: Desperately need snowplow driver with CDL license to drive single axle dump truck for the coming season. Wages negotiable. Would need to be available ahead of other work if possible, and no other road tasks required.

Everyone have fun at the Plowing Match as Winter will be here before we know it. Unfortunately!

Wade
Big Rock Township Road District

P) 630-556-4331
F) 630-556-4332

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
Township and Assessor Offices
Phone: **630-556-4340**
Fax: **630-556-4350**

Road District **630-556-4331**

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Kate Buckson, and
Dawn Lynch

INC Mental Health Alliance

INC is delighted to announce our elected Executive Committee to the Board, and we thank the outgoing members for their time and talent to the Committee over the past 4 years. Below is a description of this Committee's role:

- Composed of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and two members-at-large.
- Elected members are also current members of the full Board of Directors.
- Committee is elected at the Annual Meeting, and members serve a 4-year term.

September is suicide awareness month. Did you know that every 40 seconds, someone loses their life to suicide? And that suicide is the 4th leading cause of death among 15–29-year-olds There are steps to take when you recognize the warning signs. INC-funded agency Suicide Prevention Services of America is a great resource to learn about suicide symptoms and prevention! Learn more by visiting www.spsamerica.org.



HINCKLEY AREA FOOD PANTRY
"NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS"

The Hinckley Area Food Pantry would like to send a HUGE thank you to English Congregational United Church of Christ for organizing and coordinating their annual summer food drive—and for the volunteers who delivered & collected donation bags throughout the community!

And thank you to the ENTIRE Big Rock community for filling those bags with so many generous donations. This truly was a community-wide effort, and we are so grateful for everyone who participated.

Thank you, Big Rock, for taking care of our neighbors!

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English Congregational United Church of Christ
301 Rhodes Street
Big Rock

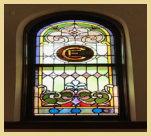


Join us on Sunday, August 30th as we celebrate Pastor John Omerod following his last Sunday leading our congregation in worship. And, join us on Sunday, September 6th, as we welcome Rev. Ali Kralovec-Kirchherr to English Congregational UCC.

For up to date information, please visit our website at ECUCC.org and click on "News" and then "Calendar". Also, you can follow our Facebook page: "English Congregational United Church of Christ".



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 soon!
For further information, please call the church office at: 630.556.3986
Pastor John Omerod



VILLAGE OF BIG ROCK

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

STEP (SEPTIC TANK EFFLUENT PUMP) SYSTEM MAINTENANCE, RESIDENT RESPONSIBILITIES AND PENALTIES

Please know that the Village has a contractor that will be performing regular (annual) maintenance/pumping of the Village tanks on private property. These tanks are identified by the "green" riser lids that are located in resident(s) yards. Residents will also see smaller "grey" electrical panels located on the side of their homes. The panels should have an emergency hotline number on them should you ever hear an alarm or see anything concerning pertaining to the tank(s) and/or system. Simply press the "red" button to silence the alarm and call the number on the box (630) 277-1294. Contractors will be identified by wearing Village labeled lanyards and/or bright yellow safety vests. Should you have any questions or concerns please call the Village office and we will assist in verification of work being performed on a septic tank located on your property. Please note: residents are responsible for keeping the system free of damage as outlined in ORDINANCE-2024-12 (see Village website or clerk for complete ordinance regulations). Residents are responsible for any damage to the tank, green sewer lids, grey electric panel and any other part of the sewerage system that is caused by willful or malicious intent, or by negligence. Residents are not allowed to discharge stormwater or anything other than sewer waste into the tank. Damage and improper use of the sewerage system is outlined in ORD-2024-12. Please pay attention to the penalties outlined in Article VII of ORD-2024-12.

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.

YOUR OPINION MATTERS

Please visit us during office hours Monday-Friday 1:15pm-4:00 pm or by appointment. Stop by for an upcoming Village Board meeting. They are on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month, at 7pm in the Village Park District Building. Agendas are always posted in advance at the Park District Building- Village Office & also at the Post Office if you're curious as to what's going to be covered. And remember at every meeting we have a "public" session where anyone can address any topic. All constructive feedback will be taken into Board consideration.

*no fourth Tuesday meeting November to January.

Dedicated to Serving You,
Your Village of Big Rock Board

Conley Outreach has had a wonderful summer and is looking forward to a meaningful fall season filled with opportunities for connection, support, and healing.

Our Good Grief Camp was held June 22–26, 2026, at the Stable Minds facility in Elburn. The addition of equine therapy was a tremendous success. Through working with the horses, campers had the opportunity to build resilience, practice emotional regulation techniques, and develop a deeper understanding of the feelings surrounding their grief. Journal, activities, crafts, and sound healing were also incorporated to provide campers with additional tools for navigating their grief.

Nourishing Your Heart: Cooking and Connecting After Loss

Our next program, "Nourishing Your Heart: Cooking and Connecting After Loss," will be held August 27 at our new location, Grace United Methodist Church in Maple Park. Culinary Instructor Jo Cessna and Grief Facilitator Lora Windsor will return for another engaging session focused on farmers' markets and how they can help those experiencing grief connect with their emotions and senses in a gentle, low-pressure environment.

Participants will have the opportunity to cook, explore recipes, and enjoy tastings as part of this hands-on experience. We are also looking ahead to our next class, tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 22, 2026. Be sure to check our events page for updates and registration information.

Looking Ahead to the Holidays

Believe it or not, the holiday season will be here before we know it! Plea letters for our Holiday Spirit Program will be going out at the end of September.

We are also planning an upcoming event at the Sugar Grove Public Library focusing on how the winter season can affect those experiencing grief. The event will include a winter-inspired craft, along with book recommendations and resources to help participants navigate the season.

For more information about our programs and events, to register for support groups or West Town Services, or to request referrals and resources, please contact Executive Director Jennifer Long at cocsdirector@gmail.com.

You can also follow us on Facebook or visit ConleyOutreach.org for information about upcoming events, programs, and opportunities for support.

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...

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West Towns Human Services Network

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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.

2026 PRINCE AND PRINCESS CONTEST

The Prince and Princess contest will be on Sunday, September 20th, 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 2025 Court included Prince Otis Assell and Princesses Ellie Harper. 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 20, 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.

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

BINGO

Bingo will be held under the pavilion at the plowing match grounds on Sunday, September 20, 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!

TRAVELING WORLD OF REPTILES



In July Dave DiNaso's Traveling World of Reptiles Show was held under the pavilion, with over 30+ people in attendance! Many reptiles were shown with audience participation, and everyone enjoyed the educational fun!

FITNESS CLASSES

Big Rock Park District Fitness Classes

HONEST ABS
Sign up for this class to firm up that belly, strengthen that aching back & tone up that posterior. This 35-min. core workout focuses primarily on mat exercises that target the abdomen, hips & low back. Suitable for all fitness levels and designed to strengthen the core muscles around your mid-section, increase flexibility, and reduce back pain. Bring an exercise mat & water to hydrate.

Tuesdays: September 1 – October 6 ____$40
Time: 8:30 – 9:05am

FIT & FUN FOR 55+
Low-impact aerobics, light resistance training and flexibility work to help participants gain strength and endurance for daily activities. Choose Tues or Thurs (makeups can be done on the alternate day within the session) OR Save $10 on the Tues & Thurs Combo. Bring lightweight dumbbells, a mat, and water to hydrate.

Tuesdays: September 1 – October 6 ____$40
Thursdays: September 3 – October 8 ____$40
Tues & Thurs Combo: September 1 – October 8 ____$70
Time: 9:30 - 10:15am

Honest Abs and Tuesday OR Thursday Fit & Fun Class ____$70

Honest Abs and Fit & Fun for 55+ Tues & Thurs Combo ____$105

Classes held at the Big Rock Park District Building located at 7S405 Madison St. Email Jeanne.ecker@yahoo.com with questions. Bring completed registration form and class fee (cash / check made out to Jeanne Ecker) to your first class.

Name _____
Email _____
Phone _____

** PUMPKIN TRAIN**

This year it's Saturday, October 3, 2026, from 1:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. (New Hours) per a lot of requests from the public. Please come by and see all the displays and take a ride on the pumpkin train!

** VETERANS WILL BE HONORED **

Veterans will be honored in November with date and time TBD. To be held at the Big Rock Park District building at 7S405 Madison St in Big Rock with our cohosts the Big Rock Library. 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

VOTING AROUND THE CORNER



The General Election is November 3rd, and as usual our poling place is at the Park District building at Sixth St and Madison. That said, Kane County does allow for voting at ANY location within the county on election day as well as throughout early voting.

We do expect the lines to be long with so many offices up for election this year, so please think about early voting or mail-in if either is an option for you. Early voting will start 9/24 at the clerk's office and satellite offices, and 10/19 throughout the county. Mail-in ballots will start mailing out on 9/24 for anyone that has requested one or has a permanent request on file. Last day to request a Mail-in ballot is 10/25. Mail-in ballots must be in a county lock box or mailed by election date and received by 11/17 to be counted.

Note that mail-in ballots CANNOT be dropped off at ANY poling place during the election. They can either be mailed, dropped off at the THREE lock-box locations in the county, or surrendered at a poling place to vote in person.

Last day to register to vote for the November election is OCTOBER 6. Same-day registration is again available at all poling places once the election begins, with standing documentation requirements needed and the registrant required to vote at the same time as completing registration.

And as if November isn't soon enough, our local elections will be in April of 2027, with nominating petitions available when this issue publishes, to be submitted between 11/16 – 11/23. While none of the Township offices are up for election at this time, the Village President, three village trustees, three members of the school board and many offices the Park board will all be on the Spring ballot. Write-in candidates for these offices must file paperwork by 2/4/27 to be officially recognized.

As always, check with the clerk's office KANEVOTES.ORG for details and to check to see if you are registered and what paperwork to provide if registering for same-day voting.

15TH ANNUAL

HINCKLEY AREA FOOD PANTRY'S LARGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR!



TURKEY DROP & FOOD DRIVE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH
11AM UNTIL 1PM
PLOWMAN'S PARK

(48W508 HINCKLEY ROAD, BIG ROCK)

HOSTED BY JENNIFER SMITH & HBR GIRL SCOUTS

ITEMS NEEDED

- 12-14 lb. Frozen Turkeys
- Stuffing Mix
- Instant Potatoes
- Canned Yams
- Canned Veggies
- Gravy
- Cranberry Sauce
- Dessert Mixes & Frosting

Monetary Donations Appreciated!

Make Checks Payable to:

Hinckley Area Food Pantry
PO Box 463
Hinckley, IL 60520

HAVE QUESTIONS? NEED MORE INFORMATION?

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HBR CUSD #429 • UPDATES AND HIGHLIGHTS

HBR Facility Update

School has gotten off to a great start in classrooms that were prepped with great care by our Operations team. The heavy and frequent rains along with power outages this summer resulted in some extra attention to prepare the buildings for students. Power surges in both Hinckley and Big Rock took out 80 plus lights across the elementary and middle schools. Power outage in Big Rock resulted in standing water in the middle school due to pump failure. Heavy rains and winds caused leaking and temporary damage to the middle school field. The Operations team was responding to each of these situations while also conducting normal summer cleaning and upkeep of the buildings.

As we look ahead, one of our key responsibilities as a school district is keeping our buildings safe, functional, and welcoming for students and staff. Our facilities continue to serve us well, but several maintenance and capital needs in the next 10 years require proactive planning to avoid emergency fixes.

HBR recently completed the state-required Capital Needs Assessment Survey, identifying current and anticipated facility needs. The survey shows approximately $601,000 in projects completed in FY26, including HVAC work, roof repairs, fire alarm upgrades, lighting, painting, security improvements, and exterior maintenance. For FY27 and FY28, the assessment identifies roughly $1.56 million in anticipated needs — general building repairs, health and life safety work, security upgrades, parking and playground maintenance, and larger capital projects.

The most significant upcoming need is roof repairs and replacements of roof sections, the most significant being the roof of the main gym at the High School. We're also anticipating additional HVAC/ductwork work at the Middle School, along with ongoing roof, ceiling, painting, fire alarm, parking lot, playground, and other maintenance needs districtwide. These are planning estimates; we'll continue seeking professional assessments and competitive quotes as projects move forward. We will also pursue grant funding where this may be available.

In 2028, HBR will participate in a comprehensive Health/Life Safety (HLS) survey, providing further insight into building conditions and helping prioritize future work. That assessment will be central to our long-term planning. It will help to clarify what needs immediate attention, what can be scheduled over time, and where major capital investment may eventually be needed.

Our goal is to be proactive by addressing smaller issues before they grow costly and having our own operations team complete as much of the work as possible, while at the same time planning ahead for major projects like roofing and HVAC needs. The district will continue evaluating capital needs, prioritizing projects based on safety and educational impact, seeking competitive pricing, and communicating openly with our community about the work ahead.

We are thankful for the hard work and dedication of our maintenance team and our Buidings & Grounds committee. If you have any feedback, questions, or concerns please reach out to Jessica Sonntag, Superintendent at JSonntag@hbr429.org or Brandon Kriesch, Director of Operations, at BKriesch@hbr429.org.

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 Jessica Sonntag at 815-286-7578 or jsonntag@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.



Need Help?...Call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a charitable lay Catholic organization founded to serve those in need. Our group is associated with St. Katharine Drexel Catholic church. We make no judgments about your situation, and you need not be a member of our church to receive aid. We serve Big Rock, Sugar Grove, and surrounding areas of Kane County. Typically, the kind of help we are able to offer is short-term assistance with bills, such as rent, a mortgage payment, utilities, medical bills, car repair, or other important expenses. If you are in need, please call us at 630-466-8833, and leave a message. Someone will return your call within 24 hours. You may also contact us by email at svdpsugargrove@gmail.com. For more information on how we can help, visit our website at www.svdp-skd.org.

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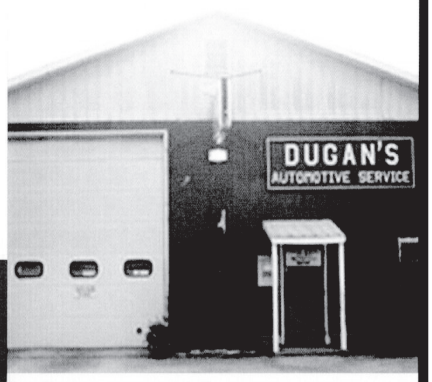

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Big Rock LIBRARY

NEWS OF NOTE FROM BIG ROCK LIBRARY

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***Remember our new website address is* bigrocklibrary.org.**

Summer Reading was a big success this year.
Plant a Seed-Read! brought 52 readers to the library, 27 adult/teens, 14 Elementary/Middle School and 11 Read-to-Me participants. A total of 2755 minutes were spent reading or listening. We're already planning for next year and have some ideas for making it an even better summer to read.

Plowing Match Library Book Sale
As always, the library will be holding our big book sale during Plowing Match weekend. Hours are Saturday, September 19 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and Sunday, September 20 from 12:00 to 3:00 PM. Lots of great bargains will be available!

Big Rock- Then and Now
Join us on at the Big Rock Historical Society, Thursday, November 12 at 7:00 PM for an entertaining slide show with photos from the past and the same location now. This will be a great opportunity to reminisce about what it was like in Big Rock years ago. Share stories and memories while enjoying a snack and beverage.

Fall Craft Night

The library's crafting group meets the fourth Friday each month at 6:30 PM. In September, the craft will be a yarn pumpkin decoration, and in October, we will be creating a grapevine wreath for your door or window.

Pumpkin Train Festival
On Saturday, October 3, the library will be participating in this event that features scenic train rides with fun and entertaining Halloween Decorating Displays. Join us for a day of family fun!



They're Back!!
Help teach your kids about all things Ag. The Dekalb County Farm Bureau is providing "Ag Bags" to the library for distribution to local kids. Each bag contains a hands-on activity that covers a farming topic, the supplies needed to complete the activity, and reading material with further information. We have plenty so bring your kids to the library and pick one (or more) up.

Calling All Readers
Read Any Book group will meet at 6:00 PM on Monday, September 14 and Monday, October 5. Read One Book Group is meeting at 6:00 PM on Monday, October 12. For those interested in participating, we are reading The Lost Girls of Paris by Pam Jenoff, a story of the brave women who served as spies during World War II.

SPECIAL NOTE: If you have not received your library newsletter recently, please check with the library to make sure we have the correct information. We have had a number of bounce backs with email addresses gmail either doesn't recognize or can't find. If you would like to get our monthly newsletter and never signed up with you email address, just send your request, including your name and email address to bigrocklibraryinfo@gmail.com.



BIG ROCK LIONS CLUB

LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS TO JOIN THE BIG ROCK LIONS CLUB.
WE WILL PAY YOUR FIRST YEAR INITIATION AND DUES
PLEASE JOIN US 1ST THURSDAY 7:00PM AT THE TOWN HALL.
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The **BIG ROCK COMMUNITY CRIER** • SEPTEMBER 2026

PO Box 252
Big Rock, IL 60511

The 25th anniversary of 9-11 is quickly approaching. We remember all those that lost their lives and their families on that tragic day and ask that we never forget the events of that day.

The annual fire department pancake breakfast will be on Sunday October 11 from 7- noon. This year will also be having an open house where there will be something for all ages. We will have station tours, demonstrations, an event for the kids, a helicopter (depending on scheduling) and more. Come join us for a delicious breakfast and meet the members of the fire department. We are proud of our members that give their time and expertise to the community. We hope to see you there.

Fire Prevention week is scheduled for October 4 - 10. Please take time to check your smoke detectors and CO monitors. Should you have any fire related questions, please call the station and one of our members will be happy to assist. Stay safe everyone.

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