### COMMUNITY CRIER CALENDAR

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**Sunday, Sunday, Sunday** - June 2, 2019 at beautiful Plowman’s Park. Come to the 9th annual Big Rock Classic. This is a Car, Truck, Tractor, and Motorcycle show from 8:00AM to 4:00PM. There were over 322 registered vehicles at last year’s show. Great food, 50/50, Raffles, Boy Scouts coffee & donuts in the morning, 5B’s pork chop/chicken dinner served from 11:30-1:30, and Big Rock Lions famous strawberry shortcake. Handicap/Senior parking available close to the pavilion. Trophies @ 3:00PM. Our special feature this year will be Mopar muscle. We will also be having a “cackle fest” with 2 mid-1960’s front engine dragsters. Two new trophy classes plus 8 extra Mopar classes. This show is for 25 year and older vehicles, except any year Mopar will be allowed this year. There will be a craft and vendor area. This is a rain or shine event, so plan on coming out and enjoying the day. All proceeds benefit the Big Rock Historical Society. More information on www.bigrockcarshow.org.

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**THE BIG ROCK LIONS CLUB SEEKS NEW MEMBERS**

We meet the 1st Thursday of the Month at the Big Rock Town Hall 7pm.
We help the Big Rock Community as well as other activities.

*Come see us for any questions.*

**HINCKLEY AREA FOOD PANTRY — WE ARE NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS**

The Hinckley Area Food Pantry (HAFP) is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization that has served residents of Big Rock, Hinckley, Maple Park, and Waterman for 24 years. Located in St.Paul’s Church in Hinckley, the free food pantry is open on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month from 8-9 a.m. Big Rock residents simply need to present a photo ID and verification of address (ex: utility bill) to access the food pantry.

HAFP is participating in an annual fundraiser called “Giving DeKalb County” on Thursday, May 2. If you are interested in donating to support the work of this community organization, go to givedekalbcounty.org/or organizations/hinckley-area-food-pantry on May 2. All donations are tax deductible and will be matched by other organizations.

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**The Big Rock Historical Society**

The Big Rock Historical Society will have Bill Van Buskirk as our guest speaker on Thursday, April 11th at 7 pm. He will discuss English China. He will examine your English China (limit 4 items and only English China).

The Museum will open for the season on Sunday, April 28. We will be open from 2 to 4 pm each Sunday through the Summer (except Holiday weekends). If you would like to visit at another time, please call 630-698-0626.

The Big Rock Historical Society and the Big Rock Park District will present Leslie Goddard and her portrayal of Queen Elizabeth II on May 9th, 7pm at the Big Rock Park District Building at 7S405 Madison Ave. No charge and all are welcome.
THE 2019 BIG ROCK TOWNHALL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 9

at 7:00 p.m at the Township Hall. The annual town meeting is held on that date in all 1400 townships across the state. This is an opportunity to join your neighbors to hear and discuss a variety of projects, activities and finances of the past year for both the township and road district. Coffee and desserts will be served after the meeting. We hope you’ll join us!

NEW BIG ROCK TOWNHALL DEPUTY PROGRAM

Kane County Sheriff Ron Hain recently announced a new program designed to increase the visibility and awareness of Kane County Sheriff’s Deputies. A new “Township Deputy Program” was recently started that will include all of Big Rock Township.

Sheriff Deputies Brian Demeter (1st shift) and his partner Jonathan Harnack (2nd shift) have recently been assigned as our new Township Deputies. They will be regularly patrolling and responding to calls in the area of Big Rock, Kaneville, and Sugar Grove Township, and a small part of Aurora Township. While this is a large geographic coverage area, they will also be supported by other Sheriff resources when needed.

These new positions are designed to help provide a better working relationship, increased visibility and networking between the Sheriff’s Office and township and village officials and residents, road districts, and other community groups. We have also requested monthly reporting and information from the Sheriff’s office regarding crimes, problems and incidents occurring in Big Rock and other nearby townships.

Please welcome Deputies Demeter and Harnack to their new roles serving the Big Rock community. And be sure to say “hi” when you see them on patrol or at local events.

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 Wednesday at 7:00

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

Road District 630-556-4331

bigrocktownship@gmail.com
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Supervisor
Ken Rojek

Township Clerk
Cara Rausch

Assessor
Ralph Harkison

Highway Commissioner
Wade Thompson

Trustees
Amy Schoger, Paul Wedeen
Bonnie Warchol, and Steve Michael

WEST TOWNS HUMAN SERVICES — CONLEY OUTREACH TO OFFER GRIEF DAY CAMP

Conley Outreach Community Services is excited to announce this year’s Good Grief Day Camp, Your Unique Grief Journey. The camp will be held June 24-28, 2019 from 9am-Noon at the McCannon Farm in rural Big Rock.

This special program is a one-week, non-residence camp designed specifically for children ages 6-12 who have lost a parent or sibling to death. The camp employs the healing elements of music, theater, art and nature to help children on their unique grief journey. In addition, spending time with other children who have experienced a similar loss helps them understand that they are not alone in their grief.

At Good Grief Day Camp, our goal is to help children begin the healing process by meeting them wherever they are in their feelings, offering understanding, and helping them express their grief experience and feelings.

Registration will be limited to 20 children and only to those who have lost a parent or sibling to death. The application deadline is June 1, 2019. The cost of the camp is $50 per camper, with a $100 limit per family. Scholarships are available to offset the cost of the camp. No child will be turned away for inability to pay but must be registered to attend.

Please contact Carol Alfrey 630/365-2880 with questions or to request registration materials.
POTHOLE PATCHING/ROAD WAY REPAIR

The Village wants the residents to know it is working with a contractor to monitor the never ending battle of pothole patching. The 2018/2019 winter was harsh due to the precipitation and constant thaw/freeze it encountered. The board is also looking to repair/replace as much asphalt as possible keeping within the allotted budget and monies it has available. The village is working preparing a bid package for its section of Granart Rd that really needs attention. The board hopes that Granart Rd. can be repaired/replaced sooner than later. Please be aware this topic is frequently discussed and the board strives to accomplish everything it can on a yearly basis.

STEP (SEPTEC TANK EFFLUENT PUMP) SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

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. Contractor’s 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 septic tank located on your property. Additionally the village will continue to do inspections to uncover illegal water softener/sump pump discharge into the villages sanitary sewer system. These items must be re-routed to the exterior of your home and/or ditch way. The STEP system was designed only to treat “grey” water that is discharged from a property and NOT/softener brine and/or ground water (sump pump discharge). Notification(s) have been sent to residents on several occasions prior to emphasize bringing your property up to village code. On certain occasions residents have had to re-direct plumbing within their homes to ensure proper drainage of softeners & sump pumps to storm water drains. The village and residents must work together to keep our system running efficiently & smoothly for years to come in order to keep costs down. Please contact the village office for additional questions/concerns.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE/ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Property maintenance standards have been & will continue to be a priority of the village. The village has a zoning enforcement/property maintenance officer on staff to help as needed. Despite taking a break over the winter months Jorge will resume services for the village beginning soon. Jorge will make sure to properly identify himself at all times when visiting any property(s), but know he will be making drives throughout the community on a regular basis. Jorge will be doing what has been instructed of him by the village board. These topics are always openly discussed in our meetings if you should have interest. It’s been heard loud & clear by many, many residents what they want to see, “things to be cleaned up!!”. Jorge will be utilizing and referring to the Village Of Big Rock “Property Maintenance Code” and doing compliance checks accordingly. Please let us know if you have any questions/concerns.

YARD CLEANUP/BURNING

With spring upon us and property cleanup underway please keep in mind the villages 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 road way edge is strictly prohibited!!! Thank You in advance for doing your part in keeping our Big Rock community looking its BEST possible.

VILLAGE POLICING

The Village has heard and witnessed firsthand for many years traffic that comes through our small town driving at speeds well above our posted speed limits. As a result the village entered into an agreement with Kane County to police our community paying special attention to speeding. A Kane County officer will randomly be patrolling within Big Rock during high traffic times paying special attention to violators on Rte 30, Rhodes Rd, and Granart Rd. The village hopes that with more police presence/enforcement that this will slow people down and make our community roads safer to be on.

YOUR OPINION MATTERS

Please visit us during office hours or stop by for an upcoming meeting. They are very informative and productive evening meetings starting at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. Agendas are always posted in advance at the Park District & 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 you or anyone can address any topic. All constructive feedback will be taken into board considerations.

Dedicated to Serving You,
Your Village of Big Rock Board
First Baptist Church
Easter Egg Hunt & Resurrection Celebration

The First Baptist Church of Big Rock, located at 211 S. Lincoln Avenue, will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt & Resurrection Celebration on Saturday, April 20th at 2:00 pm. Please join us for an Easter egg hunt, the story of Jesus’ resurrection, crafts, a movie, and a snack. Advance registration is preferred. Please call 630-385-2634 or 630-878-1737 to register or for more information.

5-Day Club

The First Baptist Church of Big Rock will be hosting a 5-Day Club on July 8th-12th from 6-7:30 pm. All kids, ages 5-12, are welcome to attend. The 5-Day Club will include: dynamic Bible lessons, creative learning activities, an inspiring missionary story, meaningful songs, and life-changing Scripture memorization. Advance registration is preferred. Please call 630-385-2634 or 630-878-1737 to register or for more information.

- General Excavation Services
- Sewer Rodding
- Sump Pump Installation and Repair
- Drainage Piping and Grading
- Sewer Jetting
- Septic Tank Pumping
- Septic System Installation
- Septic System Maintenance and Repair
- Sump Pump Battery Backup
  System Installation and Repair
Big Rock Park District

Gene Nehring
President
William Yoder
Vice President
Steve Holub
Treasurer
Bonnie Warchol
Clerk
Cindy Nehring
Program Director

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

The Big Rock Park District meets at 7:00 pm on the first Tuesday 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.

Gene Nehring and Steve Holub are up for election April 2nd.

24TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter Bunny will be hiding over 2,400 surprise-filled eggs at Plowman’s Park located at 48W508 Hinckley Road in Big Rock on Saturday, April 13th starting promptly at 1:15 pm. Rain Date is Saturday, April 20th. Please bring your own basket for collecting eggs and a camera- the Easter Bunny will be posing for photos.

Age groups and times - 1-2 year olds at 1:15 pm, 3 & 4 year olds at 1:30 pm, kindergarten & 1st grade at 1:45 pm and 2nd and 3rd grade at 2:00 pm. Please arrive at least 10 minutes ahead of time so your child does not miss their “Hunt”. We start on time. To help the environment - we would like to recycle the eggs to fill again next year. Any questions, please call Cindy Nehring at 630-556-3238.

EASTER BONNET DOG PARADE

On Saturday, April 13th at 2:30 pm an Easter Bonnet Dog Parade will be held after the Easter Egg Hunt at Plowman’s Park located at 48W508 Hinckley Road in Big Rock. Use your imagination and decorate a bonnet for your dog and yourself, dogs must wear a “bonnet”. Dogs will be judged and First, Second and Third Place prizes will be given with all dogs receiving a treat bag. There will be a “game” for dogs and owners to enjoy! Contact Cindy Nehring at 630-556-3238 with any questions.

KITE FLY

Come and fly your kite at the Big Rock Park on Saturday, April 27th at 1 pm. A “kite hospital” will be available for any repairs. You are invited to fly your kite at the Park anytime - if there are soccer or baseball games, please use the other end of the Park. While you are at the Park, enjoy the playground equipment, basketball/tennis courts, sand volleyball, baseball/soccer field, walking path, the Dog Park and the Pavilion with picnic tables and grills.

YOUNG QUEEN ELIZABETH

Join the Big Rock Historical Society and the Big Rock Park District on Thursday, May 9th at 7 pm, for a portrayal by Leslie Goddard. She will be in character as Young Queen Elizabeth. Light refreshments will follow the presentation at the Park District building located at 6th and Madison in Big Rock. There is no charge for this event--bring a friend and enjoy the presentation.

YOGA

YOGA class will consist of yoga poses to promote stretching and elongating the muscles while slowly starting to engage, tone and build all of the different muscles of the body. Classes are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday at 7:45- 8:15 pm at the Big Rock Park District Building. Drop in class is $10. Please bring your own yoga mat. Class will not be held on Thursday, May 9th. If you have any questions, please contact Leah Richards at: leah@360yoga.net or call/text 630-802-6632.

EUCHRE

The Big Rock Euchre Club will be meeting at the Big Rock Park District Building on the 2nd and 4th Monday’s from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm starting April 8th, Call Dan or Chris Severyns at 630-552-8492 for the spring schedule. Couples and singles are welcome, come join the fun!

HIGHSCHOOL SPORTS

Ball programs are well underway at Hinckley-Big Rock High School. Softball, sponsored by the District plays their home games at Community Park, a young program that has become competitive in a very short time. Baseball home games are played at Kenny Field. The District along with Plowmans Park helps maintain the facilities.

Come out any evening and enjoy a good competitive ball game. Refreshments are usually provided for purchase. And restrooms are on site.

SPRING/SUMMER BALL

Girls Youth Softball is sponsored by the District. 8-U, 10-U, and 12-U girls are playing recreational ball games away and in Big Rock. Games are usually through the week and a few on Saturdays. Call the District for a schedule update.

DUMPSTER DIVING ANYONE

The usage of the large dumpster at Community Park is to service the events within the park, the Community center and Hake Pavillion. Person or persons unknown have been dumping illegal refuse in the dumpster which is causing issues with our contractor and the District. This dumping is not permitted and the District would urge people not to use our dumpster for their personnel refuse.

KANE COUNTY SHERIFF

An agreement has been reached with Kane County to have certain areas within Big Rock monitored. This agreement allows officers to use their own cognizance for the safety of the population and releases them from finding a board member to press charges. The District hopes this makes the area as safe as possible.

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 would like to share with others? Please contact Cindy Nehring at 630-556-3238.
Hinckley-Big Rock School District #429 is proud to offer a Blended Early Childhood Program for children ages 3-5 for the 2019-2020 school year. Our program will be located at the elementary school. A Blended Early Childhood program is a preschool class which services students ages three through five years old. Concepts and skills related to language arts, math, science, physical growth, health and social-emotional milestones are developed through instructional units. Children will acquire these skills through a balance of teacher-directed and child-initiated learning opportunities. Children are taught in small group, large group and individualized settings which promote independence, problem solving, cooperative learning and self-confidence.

H-BR’s blended program will have up to 15 students, including 8 students who are typically developing and up to 7 students with special education needs. Typically developing pre-school children who attend will pay tuition for their program. As there are a limited number of tuition slots, spots are available through a lottery system. Tuition is $2090 annually or $220 per month September-May ($110 for August). For more information, please refer to the Student Services page on the Hinckley-Big Rock website. www.hbr429.org

Jessica Sontag
Director of Special Education, Hinckley-Big Rock CUSD

FREE EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING

During the infant and preschool years...
Parents often wonder if their child’s development is typical of that seen in same age peers. Developmental screenings are designed to address these concerns and help parents learn more about their child’s skills.

If you have concerns about your child and live in the HBR School District, The District offers free developmental screenings throughout the school year to assess young children’s skills. These screenings are conducted by a team of District Educators and Specialists and are available to families living within the Hinckley Big Rock School District whose children are birth to 5 years of age.

An Early Childhood Screening assess your child’s development in the areas of:
• Speech/Language  • Fine Motor  • Gross Motor
• Early Learning/Cognition  • Social-Emotional  • Self-Care

To make an appointment... Call Amy Spears at 815-286-7576

Early Childhood Special Education Program
Hinckley-Big Rock Elementary School, Hinckley, Illinois 60520
Our next Same Book Group will meet on Mon. 4/29/19 at 6:30 pm. We have selected Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens as our book and there are copies for readers at the library. This volume has topped the best seller list for several weeks and is characterized as a murder mystery as well as a celebration of nature. Join facilitator, Dorothy Holland, and share your insights.

Good-bye Stress...Hello Metabolic Power! On April 8 from 7-8 pm at the library.

Fire up Your Metabolism! Eat Digestive Woes! Re-Energize Yourself! Join Health Coach, Virginia Waterstreet, to learn how to manage your daily stress to accomplish these health goals. She will specifically discuss how to eat along with a short exercise to locate where your stressors may be hiding. Please RSVP to Virginia: 630-392-3644 or virginia@waterstreetwellness.com No charge for this event.

Monday, May 6, at the Library is Medicare 101 workshop with Mary Hansen from American Republic Services Insurance at 2:30 pm. This workshop will cover an overview of what Medicare covers and does not cover; a review of Medicare supplements and Advantage plans; how to protect your savings from out-of-pocket Medicare expenses; and determining which Part D drug plan best fits your needs.

If you are turning 65 or approaching retirement, here’s your opportunity to be informed by a knowledgeable presenter at an education only session with no products being sold. Please RSVP to the presenter at 630-286-9160 so she has handouts for all.

Summer reading begins on Thursday, May 30 – July 27 and you can count on prizes and incentives for your reading efforts. Kane County Cougars have already contacted Big Rock Library with baseball tickets for youth readers. Enjoy 8 weeks of reading fun during the summer months.

There will be activities for youngsters and adults along with 2 field trips, prizes and awards. It’s almost time for summer adventures!

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Mark your calendar for Saturday, August 10 from 5-10 pm. More details and information will be available on our website, as well as the convenience of purchasing tickets online.

If you are interested in being a sponsor, please contact Bob Raymond (630) 688-9940 or bob@bigrockusa.com Thank you for your consideration.

Plowman’s Park Available: This beautiful 19-acre park is available to rent for family, school, church or community events. Perhaps you have enjoyed an event at the park as it is host to many community activities throughout the year. To book your event under the oaks contact Bonnie Warchol at (630) 556-3501.

125th Fundraiser: The Association is most grateful and sends a hearty thank you to the families that have sent checks in support of the fundraiser. The Board is currently working on the equipment in the lunch stand building, as well as conducting an inventory of our lighting needs. We hope to have lunch stand work completed in anticipation of events being held this spring and summer at Plowman’s Park.

Read more about our fundraiser in Plowing Match Times on our website bigrockplowingmatch.com. Donations may be made via PayPal on our website, as well as the convenience of purchasing tickets online.

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It's going to be a great community day!

Saturday, May 18, 2019

8 AM - 4 PM

Big Rock Community Garage Sale

Time to clean out those closets, garages, basements and sheds and make a few extra $$$ at the Big Rock Community Garage Sale. Buy your neighbors' treasures or sell your own.

If you would like to participate in the Big Rock Community Garage Sale, please fill out the form below and mail it with $10 to Andie Groff, 8S816 Dugan Rd, Big Rock, IL 60511.

If you would like to post flyers and/or signs at your place of business, please mail Andie Groff at andiegroff@gmail.com with any questions, comments or suggestions for future events.

Here's what you will receive for your $10 investment:

- Advertisement in local newspaper
- Promotions on 30+ Facebook community pages, Patch, Nextdoor app
- Signs posted and shared around Big Rock, Hinckley and Sugar Grove
- Map showing YOUR participating house
- Promotions in local newspapers
- How's where you will receive for your $10 investment.

Any leftover funds will be donated to the Big Rock Community Ladies Fair.

Big Rock Community Garage Sale, May 18th from 8 AM - 4 PM

I would like to participate at my home (address below)

I would like to post flyers and/or signs at my place of business

Name: __________________________________________________
Address:  ________________________________________________
Phone No.:   ______________________________________________
E-mail: ________________________________________________

Please return to: Andie Groff, 8S816 Dugan Rd, Big Rock, Il 60511 - Thanks!

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