

The BIG ROCK COMMUNITY CRIER

AUGUST 2019

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

H-BR FFA Alumni Building Fundraiser:

Sunday August 25th, 2019

Progressive Golf Event!

And NO it is not at a golf course!!

Watch for details coming soon or
Call Nan 815-286-7275



With summer winding down, seasons changing, and school starting our community will be busy! As the school year begins, the kids in our community will be adjusting to their new schedules, whether it be waiting for the bus or walking/biking to school. Please keep this in mind and keep an eye out for kids going to and from school!

Fall also brings lots of falling leaves and yard work. While many of us enjoy the smell of burning leaves, please keep in mind that per the ordinances burning can only be done on sunny days during the times of 10am and 3pm if the wind does not exceed 10mph. Burning must be supervised until it is extinguished, with water at hand.

The Plowing Match is quickly approaching, and the fire dept is hosting the Tractor Trot 5k on Sunday September 15 at 8am. Entry forms can be picked up at the fire station and Big Rock Cafe. Forms must be received by September 8 to receive an event shirt.

Have a safe Fall ya'll

COMMUNITY CRIER CALENDAR

August 2019

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| 6 | Park District Meeting | 7:00 @ Community Park |
| | Drainage Committee | 5:30 @ Town Hall |
| | Drainage District #1 Meeting | 6:30 @ Town Hall |
| 13 | Village Board Meeting | 7:00 @ Community Park |
| 13 | Fire District Board Meeting | 7:00 @ Fire Station |
| 14 | TWP Board Meeting | 7:00 @ Town Hall |
| 27 | Village Board Meeting | 7:00 @ Community Park |

September 2019

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| 3 | Park District Meeting | 7:00 @ Community Park |
| | Drainage Committee | 5:30 @ Town Hall |
| | Drainage District #1 Meeting | 6:30 @ Town Hall |
| 10 | Village Board Meeting | 7:00 @ Community Park |
| 10 | Fire District Board Meeting | 7:00 @ Fire Station |
| 11 | TWP Board Meeting | 7:00 @ Town Hall |
| 24 | Village Board Meeting | 7:00 @ Community Park |

October 2019

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| 1 | Park District Meeting | 7:00 @ Community Park |
| | Drainage Committee | 5:30 @ Town Hall |
| | Drainage District #1 Meeting | 6:30 @ Town Hall |
| 8 | Village Board Meeting | 7:00 @ Community Park |
| 8 | Fire District Board Meeting | 7:00 @ Fire Station |
| 9 | TWP Board Meeting | 7:00 @ Town Hall |
| 22 | Village Board Meeting | 7:00 @ Community Park |

BIG ROCK CAR SHOW COMMITTEE...

...would like to thank everyone who attended our 9th annual show in June. This was our biggest show yet with 325 registered vehicles. Special thanks to all of our sponsors and to Hinckley-Big Rock High School for allowing us to use their facilities for our last minute change of location.

Special thanks to the anonymous donor that sent in a check to help defer the cost of our last issue of The Crier.
It was much appreciated.

BIG ROCK LIONS CLUB NEW MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

JOIN US 1ST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
AT 7PM AT BIG ROCK TOWN HALL
FOR INFO CALL JACK 630-556-9000





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!*

On July 1, the township completed the lengthy process and accepted the donation of all property and remaining financial assets of the Big Rock Welsh Cemetery. The Welsh cemetery on Rhodes is now owned and operated under the oversight of the township board. The Illinois State Comptroller is completing a final audit of funds previously held by the Welsh Cemetery Association, but all remaining cemetery funds have been received by the township.

A similar transition of the Fowler Grove Cemetery on Granart southwest of Jericho Road is nearly complete. We are awaiting the transfer of the remaining funds, burial records and completion of the final state audit. The Fowler Grove transition should be completed and transferred to the township around September 1. A third cemetery, Big Rock West Cemetery located on Shaw Road, will remain privately owned and operated.

Last month, we began a general cleanup of the Welsh cemetery grounds, with removal of the rusted chain link fence, trimming dead trees and bushes, and removal of the broken sign. The fence will not be replaced to provide an open and peaceful setting, and a new sign will be installed in the future.

Funds received by the township will be sufficient to maintain and improve both Welsh and Fowler Grove for many years without the need for any new cemetery taxes. All cemetery funds received by the township are held in bank accounts separate from the regular township operating funds.

Questions regarding the operation of either cemetery can be directed to the township office. Watch our website and Facebook page for future information.

We are removing the two large pine trees which are too close to the town hall building in the coming week in order to power wash and repaint the building exterior this fall. Don't forget that our building is available to residents for private rental for birthdays, showers, or other family events. Contact the township office for information and availability.

Best wishes for the coming fall season!

Ken Rojek, Township Supervisor

ROAD COMMISSIONER

Well summer is almost over and so we are starting our 3rd round of mowing. We have been hauling and building up the roads on the south side of town and will be moving on to the north roads soon. We will be hot and cold patching blacktop and tar and chip roads, so be safe and keep us safe while working along sides of roads. See you at the Plowing Match, hopefully!

Wade,

Big Rock Township Road District
P) 630-556-4331
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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

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

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY

It's almost here!!! The Village has set an e-waste recycling day on Saturday, September 28th 2019 (8 a.m. to 12 noon) in the parking lot of the Big Rock Park District building. This electronics recycling day is for our residents only and proper identification will be required. The village has provided this in the past and it turned out to be a very successful and well received event. Please note specific items that are/are not allowed. The list below is provided directly from Groot Industries:

Microwaves – **CAN** be picked up at the curb and hauled as trash – they are **NOT** banned from the landfill

As a reference there are only 17 items that are banned by law that can't go into the landfill and are true E-Waste:

- Televisions
- Monitors
- Printers
- Computers (desktop, laptop, notebook, & tablet)
- Electronic Keyboards
- Facsimile Machines
- Videocassette Recorders
- Portable Digital Music Players
- Digital Video Disc Players
- Video Game Consoles
- Small Scale Servers
- Scanners
- Electronic Mice
- Digital Converter Boxes
- Cable Receivers
- Satellite Receivers
- Digital Video Disc Recorders

*****Any other electronic items NOT on this list can be picked up at the curb in the trash**

For your reference, these items below are examples that **CAN** be picked up in the trash: (Again, if its not on the list of 17, it can go in the trash)

- Air Conditioners (window units)*
- Answering Machines
- Calculators
- Camcorders
- Cameras
- CD Drives
- CDs with cases
- Cell Phones / PDAs
- Christmas / Holiday light strands
- Circuit Boards
- Copy Machines
- Dehumidifiers*
- DVDs with cases
- Humidifiers
- Media [software, floppy discs, CDs, DVDs, cassette tapes, VHS tapes]
- Microphones
- Microwaves
- Modems
- Phones
- Postage Machines
- Power Tools
- Small Home Appliances [blenders, fans, toasters, toaster ovens, vacuum cleaners, etc]
- Small bar refrigerators*
- Stereos / Receivers
- Switch Boxes
- Tape Drives
- Telecommunications equipment [phones, phone systems, answering machines, intercom systems]
- Toner and Printer Cartridges [must be contained in a bag]
- Treadmills
- Typewriters
- Vacuum Cleaners
- VHS tapes and cases
- Video Game Controllers
- Word Processors
- Zip Drives



PROPERTY MAINTENANCE/ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Property maintenance standards have been & will continue to be a priority of the village. The village's zoning enforcement/property maintenance officer is onsite weekly to help as needed. He 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. He 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!". Enforcement officers 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.

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.

Village of Big Rock continued on Page 4...

STEP (SEPTIC 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.

DOOR TO DOOR SOLICITATION

The Village has no ordinance against solicitors. With this being said we have received a few complaints of individual solicitors that are going door to door possibly representing themselves as village employees or having received a village endorsement for their specific sale(s). In ALL cases this is un-true! The Village of Big Rock does not partake in any door to door sales with/for our residents. The village can only suggest that if you are receiving unwanted solicitations on your property to place a sign on your door that clearly states: "no solicitors". If you have any questions about this please contact the village office directly.

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.

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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.

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 630-742-4275.

DAVE DINASO'S TRAVELING WORLD OF REPTILES

On Saturday, July 27th Jeremy from Dave Dinaso's Traveling World of Reptiles, entertained 34 residents with an up-close, hands-on exhibit about reptiles and amphibians from around the world. Jeremy blended education and a unique style of humor to form a totally original experience that made his presentation every bit as entertaining as it was educational.

(pictured is Ellie Hummell sitting on a large turtle)



2019 PRINCE AND PRINCESS CONTEST

All boys and girls, ages 3 through 5, living in the area are invited to enter this year's Prince & Princess Contest to be held on Sunday, September 15th at 1:30 pm at the stage at Plowman's Park. Entrants should check in at the stage by 1 pm. Entry forms are available on the Park District and Plowing Match websites. Deadline for entry forms is September 12th.

Any questions, please call Cindy Nehring at 630-556-3238 or 630-742-4275.

2018 Court

(pictured left to right)

Ellie Hummell, Ellie Bostic,
Hannah Sharp and Noah Ward



WATERMELON EATING CONTEST

One slice or two - watermelon that is! The person with the fastest time after eating slices of watermelon will be awarded a cash prize: \$10 for age group 7 - 11 eating one slice, \$20 for age group 12 - 15 eating two slices and \$30 for age group 16 and up eating two slices. So, who will have the fastest time in 2019? Find out on Sunday, September 15th at 11 am at the stage at Plowman's Park. No entry fee. Registration begins at the stage prior to the contest.

BINGO

Come and enjoy Bingo on Sunday, September 15th at 2:30 pm under the Pavilion at Plowman's Park. There will be four or more individual games played, prizes will be awarded and there is no charge to play.

PETTING ZOO

Sponsored by the Big Rock Park District and Big Rock Plowing Match Association. Experience the community petting zoo on Saturday, September 14th from 10 am - 5 pm and Sunday, September 15th from 11 am - 4 pm at Plowman's Park. Farm animals, provided by local farmers, will be available for visitors to interact with. FFA and 4-H members will be manning this fun and educational exhibit near the horseshoe pit area.

EUCHRE

The Big Rock Euchre Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday's at the Park District Building from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Call Dan or Chris Severyns at 630-552-8492 for any questions. Couples and singles are welcome.

MOVIE AT THE PARK

Secretariat, will be shown on Saturday, September 28th at 7 pm under the Pavilion at the Park District and runs about 123 minutes, rated PG. Disney presents an astonishing true story bursting with hope, heart and courage. Diane Lane and John Malkovich lead a celebrated cast in this inspirational motion picture. Witness the spectacular journey of an incredible horse, Secretariat, and the moving story of his unlikely owner, a housewife who risked everything to make him a champion. Come and bring a friend and enjoy a free movie and popcorn. In case of inclement weather, the movie will be held inside of the Park Building.

HALLOWEEN DOG COSTUME PARADE

A Halloween Dog Costume Parade will be held on Saturday, October 26th at 1 pm at the Big Rock Dog Park located at the North end of the Park at 7S405 Madison Street in Big Rock. Use your imagination and come up with a Halloween costume your dog may wear in the parade - owners may also wear a costume. Dogs will be judged and a First, Second and Third Place Prize will be given, with all dogs receiving a treat bag. There will be a "game" for dog and owners to enjoy! Any questions, please contact Cindy Nehring at 630-556-3238 or 630-742-4275.

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VETERANS TO BE HONORED

Veterans, past and present, will be honored on Saturday, November 9th at 2pm at the Big Rock Park District Building at 7S405 Madison Street in Big Rock co-sponsored by the Park District and the Big Rock Historical Society.

Please send a picture of your Veteran, preferably in uniform, that includes the Veterans name, branch of service, rank and the years that they were in service to Cindy Nehring, P.O. Box 119, Big Rock, IL 60511 by October 28th so that it can be included in our display. If you sent a picture previously, it will be included in this years display. You may also drop your picture off at the Park District, but will need to call Cindy at 630-556-3238 to make arrangements.

There will be light refreshments served after the program.

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE PARK

The Dog Park has a new interactive play feature - there are different skill levels for the dog to climb or jump thru . The Dog Park is located at the North end of the Park at 7S405 Madison Street in Big Rock. The Dog Park is 3 / 4 acre park, has a 4 foot galvanized welded fence, interactive play features and a double-gated security entrance. The Dog Park is open daily till dusk, weather and conditions permitting. Dogs must be supervised at all times, be current on all vaccinations, and have current rabies tags worn and visible. Dog owners are asked to clean up after their pets and fill in any holes dug. Dogs must be on a leash while in the parking lot.

A second Pavilion has been built at the North end of the Park near the Dog Park and baseball field. Picnic tables will be purchased so you can sit and enjoy the game or keep a watchful eye on the Dog Park.



DROP OFF FOR OLD FLAGS

Jack Hake thought Big Rock needed a drop off box for old flags since many Americans have expressed their feelings by flying flags since the tragedy of September 11th. The Drop Off Box is located at the Big Rock Historical Society building just east of the Plowing Match Grounds. 2,106 flags have been collected since the installation of the Old Flags Drop Off Box. Thank you to the community for such great support! Damaged, worn flags- that can no longer be displayed - will be burned in a dignified ceremony. As you fly your flag in tribute, be sure to do so respectfully, following proper rules of etiquette for our national symbol.



**Join us for our Worship Service Every
Sunday at 10:15am**

**English Congregational
United Church of Christ
301 Rhodes St. - Big Rock**

****Bible Study and Sunday School will resume on Oct. 6th.**



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United Church of Christ! Rally Day is September 29th.**



Rev. Bill Riegle, Pastor
Office Hours— Monday thru Friday
9am to noon
Phone: 630.556.3986





NEWS OF NOTE FROM BIG ROCK LIBRARY

48W447 HINCKLEY RD.

BIG ROCK

September is the month to sign up for a library card. For a very small annual fee, there is an abundance of materials available for your listening or reading pleasure. Big Rock Library has over 12,000 items in the collection for toddlers through adults. We have e-books available at no cost through eRead Illinois which has 42,960 titles for adults & children. 31,703 are e-books and 12,257 are e-audiobooks. There is interlibrary loan for titles we can borrow from other libraries. Besides books, there are music CDs, a variety of DVDs, audiobooks on CD, and lots of children's materials.

Parents, give your students a headstart with a library card. Having their own card teaches responsibility and gives them the opportunity to read titles beyond the school library.

Stop by and check out the library for yourself.

Visit the library during plowing match and participate in all sorts of activities. For kids, there is a scavenger hunt (searching for items with your phone or camera) and get a coupon for cider donuts at Kuiper's Family farm. There is also a BIG book sale with very affordable prices and a wide variety to choose from.



Check out the new Indian display in the upper floor display room. Ojibwe artist, Nakoma, draws extremely detailed interpretations of Indian culture and appreciation of nature. This new display will be in place in time for the Plowing Match. Pictured is Nakoma at one of the many pow wows that he has attended.

Summer reading has ended with 66 readers and lots of prizes. A hearty thanks to the participants for their reading and listening and to the sponsors who generously supported the efforts of the library: Resource Bank, Big Rock Café, Vacationland, Esther's Place, Sugar Grove Café, Jewel Foods in Sugar Grove, Culver's, Dunkin Donuts, Classic Cinema in Sandwich, Raging Waves Waterpark, Fireside, Brian's Pizza, Paisano's Pizza, Eddie Gaedel's in Elburn,

Cougar Baseball, Brookfield Zoo, Barnes and Noble, Calamity Jane's restaurant, Kuiper's Orchard, Colonial ice cream, Funway, Rep. Jeff Keicher, and a very generous private donor. Thanks to Hinckley Public Library for allowing all the Big Rock summer readers to attend their extensive number of summer programs. A very large thank you to Dale Johnson for his donation of mulch to the library and the historical society.

If you would like to be informed of the events that Big Rock Library is offering, please email info@bigrocklibrary.org and ask to be included in the monthly newsletter.

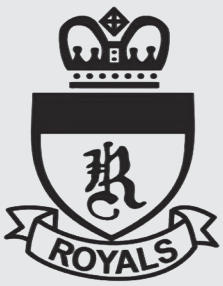


First Baptist Church

Trunk or Treat

The First Baptist Church of Big Rock will be hosting our 8th annual Trunk or Treat on October 31st from 6-8 pm. We are located at 211 S. Lincoln in Big Rock. All families are welcome to attend. We will have a variety of crafts and games. We will also be handing out candy and small prizes. Come and get your picture taken and enjoy a free supper! If you have any questions, please call Elizabeth at 630-385-2634.





HSBR CUST #429 • UPDATES AND HIGHLIGHTS

Did you know that beginning in the 2020-2021 school year, a new high school graduation requirement will be in place for all students in Illinois? Public Act 101-0180 requires seniors across Illinois to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or file a waiver to the school district stating they understand the FAFSA and have chosen not to file an application. While this does not apply to the HBRHS Class of 2020, it will apply to all future classes.

Mandated or not, the completion of the FAFSA is a great idea for anyone planning, or even investigating, post-secondary education. The 2019-20 FAFSA can be completed starting October 1, 2019, utilizing 2017 income information (ISAC, n.d.). There continues to be a great misconception related to the completion of the FAFSA; FAFSA only benefits those who need financial aid from the federal government, and many believe that their parents make too much money. Most financial aid in the United States is awarded by post-secondary institutions rather than the government. Many colleges also require the FAFSA to be on file for their own scholarships. Additionally, the completion of a FAFSA must be filled for a student to participate in the Federal Work-Study program. This program helps provide part-time jobs for undergraduate and graduate students to help pay for educational expenses.

Did you know that...

- about 44.7 million Americans owe over \$1.56 trillion (up from \$1.48 trillion the year before) in student loan debt?
- the average Class of 2019 college graduate has \$29,800 in student loan debt.
- the average monthly student loan payment is \$393 with the median coming in at \$222.

(Student Loan Hero, 2019)

This data builds the case for completing the FAFSA. You never know what scholarships, grants, loans, or work study you may be eligible to receive!

So here's what HBR is planning on doing to help:

- Mr. Kantor, HBRHS Counselor, has created the following resources:
 - Financial Aid 101 website: explain financial aid and provide a step-by-step process to filling out the FAFSA - <https://www.hbr429.org/Page/3627>
 - College Application Process website: helpful dates and the needed steps to complete the process - <https://www.hbr429.org/Page/1681>
- HBRHS will host a FAFSA Completion Night on Monday, 10.7.19 (6:00-7:30 pm), in the Hinckley-Big Rock High School Library. Parents are encouraged to bring their financial documentation and actually complete the online application with a representative from ISAC and HBRHS staff available to provide any needed assistance.

If you are a senior at HBRHS, are the parent of a senior at HBRHS, or you yourself are considering post-secondary training, mark your calendars and plan on attending our FAFSA Completion Night on Monday, 10.7.19 at HBRHS. We are here to help in preparing for our students'/community's tomorrow.

Travis L. McGuire

Superintendent, Hinckley-Big Rock CUSD #429

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The Big Rock Historical Society will not have a meeting in September. Stop by the Historical Society and see our History of the Big Rock Plowing Match on September 14th & 15th. We will have the people moving wagons between the Plowman's Park and the Plowing area and the Historical Society. This is the 125th Anniversary of the Big Rock Plowing Match. We will offer the props for your **"1895 Selfie at the Museum"**. We will have a couple raffles for a 100th year Belt Bucket.

We are planning our own Antique Appraisal Show on Thurs. Oct. 10th at 7 pm. At press time we are not certain who will be our appraiser, but contact us after the Plowing Match to confirm at info@bigrockhistoricalsociety.org – or call 630-698-0626.

We will celebrate with the Big Rock Park District for our Veteran's Day Program at their facility, 7s405 Madison, on Saturday, November 9th at 2 pm.

We will have our final meeting of the year on November 9th. Harry Eng, CPA, EA, will discuss planning your taxes for the year end. Harry is a National Tax Practice Fellow. In the tax business, this means he is an Expert in Representation before the IRS. Meeting will be at the Historical Society at 7 pm. Our Annual Board of Director Election results will be announced.



CUB SCOUT RECRUITMENT NIGHT!

Come join pack 319 on Tuesday, August 27, 2019, 7:00-8:00 at HBR Elementary school library. Scout leaders and parents will be on hand to answer any questions.

Open for boys and girls Kindergarten to Fifth Grade.

Most monthly pack meetings are at HBR Middle School with monthly den meetings at various Big Rock and Hinckley locations depending on grade level.

VAPING

Many young adults are now vaping as an alternative to smoking cigarettes. Because they use water vapor, vapes are viewed as being "safe." But they are not as safe as many people think. Here are the facts:

- Vapes allow the user to inhale nicotine, but instead of burning tobacco, vapes heat liquid nicotine to make a vapor.
- Nicotine is as addictive as cocaine or heroin.
- Nicotine in any form damages blood vessels and increases the risk of heart disease. It also affects brain development.
- The vapor used in these devices is not just made up of water and nicotine. It is an aerosol mist of toxic chemicals that can include formaldehyde, heavy metals such as nickel, tin or lead and other harmful chemicals.
- Pod vapes, made by companies such as JUUL, Suorin and others look like USB drives or lighters. They often come in flavors, which makes them appear harmless.
- Most flavored vapes have nicotine. Some pod vapes have as much nicotine as an entire pack of cigarettes. Those advertised as "nicotine-free" have been found to contain nicotine. Even those without nicotine still contain chemicals to enhance the flavor.
- Vape companies use deceptive advertising such as "Safe Cigs" or "Calorie-Free Flavor" or "Vape Your Dessert" to make you think vaping is a safe, sweet treat.
- Studies show that teens who try vapes are twice as likely to smoke regular tobacco cigarettes.

If you, or someone you know has an addiction problem, contact Breaking Free (630/897-1003) or Gateway (630/966-7400) for treatment options. To get help quitting smoking, go to www.smokefree.gov.

The information in this article came from Journeyworks Publishing brochures on Pod Vapes, Flavored and Nicotine-Free Vapes and The Vaping Quiz.

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The Big Rock Plowing Match is our community homecoming and this year we celebrate the 125th anniversary of this unique historical tribute to our agricultural heritage. Plowman's Park is the place to be on Friday, September 13 through Sunday, September 15. Our website [www.bigrockplowingmatch.com] has the details: event schedule, premium lists and registration forms, as well as previous issues of *Plowing Match Times*.

This year's festival will feature live music on both Friday and Saturday evening, Olde time baseball, more vendors at the Craft & Art Show, the return of the bags tournament and other traditional events.

Especially for the kids will be the farm animal petting zoo, train rides, children's races, pedal tractor pull, watermelon eating contest, Prince & Princess contest and more. The plowing competition is why we gather on the 3rd weekend in September so head over to the field any time between 9 am- 3 pm with plowing to begin at 9:30 am and trophy presentation at 4 pm on both days.

The Junior Fair is open to young people ages 3 to 14 from any community. The Premium List/Entry form is on the website. With all the different classes there are certainly many you can enter.

2019 special entry classes are:

- Art – draw or paint your vision of the Big Rock Plowing Match in the future
- Craft – create a model of your favorite Big Rock Plowing Match event
- Baking – bake a Plowing Match 125th layer cake

Both the Ladies Fair and Vegetable & Grain Show are introducing an entry form (many thanks to the Junior Fair Committee for developing this concept). Simply check off the items you are entering, complete the form, then bring all your Ladies Fair and Vegetable & Grain Show items to the Ladies Fair building to enter. Details on our Premium Lists.

The baked goods and mini-quilt auction will be at the bandstand at 1 pm on Saturday. Join us to bid on prize-winning cookies, candy, cakes, pies and special mini-quilts depicting our unique event. The special quilt is 24" x 24" showcasing the quilter's interpretation of the Ladies Fair. The auction is a win/win, buyers go home with awesome goodies and a tax deduction and the Association receives funds to support their work.

The 2019 edition of *Plowing Match Times* will expand to 24-pages in full color with our thanks to LabelTek, Inc. for making this possible. We are most grateful for the donations received for the 125th Fundraiser to maintain and improve Plowman's Park and the Donor List will be in the newsletter. Contributions may be made by check or via PayPal through our website. The newsletter is scheduled to be delivered to your mailbox by September 7 and will also be available on our website and at the park.

Be part of keeping the tradition alive – spread the word about this festival to everyone - see you at Plowman's Park September 13-15.

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Hinckley-Big Rock CUSD 429 Free Early Childhood Screening

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 assesses your child's development in the areas of:

Speech/Language
Fine Motor
Gross Motor
Early Learning/Cognition
Social-Emotional
Self-Care



Dates of Screenings

Fall 10/11/19

Winter TBD

Spring TBD

To make an appointment...

Call Amy Spears at 815-286-7576

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.

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