

2011 PRINCE & PRINCESS CONTEST

The 2011 Prince & Princess Contest was sponsored by the Big Rock Park District and was held on Sunday, September 18 at 1:30 pm at the stage at Plowman's Park during the Plowing Match. The Prince was Corbin Michael and Princess was Jennifer Hanacek, Second Place was Whiett Patsch and Nayallah Patsch, Third Place was Kaden Klotz and Kailee Ward.

Helping with this years ceremony was last years Prince Niko Nunez and Princess Eleanor Gengler. Bruce Van Pelt from Brighter Visions Photography from Sandwich donated an 8 x 10 picture to the First Place Contestants and a 5 x 7 picture to the Second and Third place contestants.

Special guests attending this years contest was Lin from Photography by Lin and her associate Mary. Lin started the Prince & Princess Contest in 1985 and now resides in Tennessee.

(Picture left to right)

Kailee Ward, Nayallah Patsch Jennifer Hanacek, Corbin Michael, Whiett Patsch and Kaden Klotz.

WATERMELON EATING CONTEST

The Big Rock Park District sponsored a Watermelon Eating Contest on Sunday, September 18 at 11 am at the stage area at Plowman's Park during the Plowing Match. The person with the fastest time after eating slices of watermelon won a cash prize.

Winning \$10 for age group 8 - 11 eating 1 slice was Hunter Masur -time of 1 min 43 seconds,
\$20 for age group 12-15 eating 2 slices was Zach Vistine -time of 2 min 08 seconds,
\$30 for age group 16 and up eating 2 slices was David Yoder - time of 1 min 42 seconds.

(picture enclosed of watermelon contest)

BINGO

Bingo was held under the Pavilion at Plowman's Park on Sunday, September 18th at 2pm. Savings Bonds were given as prizes with a few watermelons given as special prizes.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR PARK DISTRICT MEMBERS

Many of you found and identified a Big Rock Park District member at the Plowing Match and received a small prize - a beautiful green pen. Thank you for participating!

EUCHRE

Attention Euchre players and those interested in learning to play Euchre! The Big Rock Euchre Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at the Park District Building from 7pm - 9pm. Couples and singles are welcome. Come and join us for lots of laughs, fun and cards. Any questions - call Dan or Chris Severyns at 630-552-8492.

PILATES CLASSES

Ladies Pilates classes meet on Thursday nights from 6:30 - 7:30 pm, a 5 week session meeting at the Park District Building and only costs \$50. The classes are taught by a certified instructor, Donna Anderson. If interested, call or email Donna for class dates at donna_a@sbcglobal.net or call 630-365-5961.

HALLOWEEN DOG COSTUME PARADE

A Halloween Dog Costume Parade will be held on Saturday, October 15th at 2pm at the Big Rock Dog Park - located at the North end of the Park at 7S405 Madison Street. 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 Place Prize will be given, with all dogs receiving a treat bag.

2011 ANNUAL DOG PARK APPLICATION

Come and enjoy the fun at the Dog Park! All you need to do is fill out a registration application found at the Big Rock Park District building, Big Rock Post Office, Big Rock Shell Station or visit the website at www.bigrockparks.com. When you return your registration, you will receive the combination to enter the Dog Park. There are no fees, but registration is required. Any questions, call the Park District office at 630-556-9599, leave a message and we will return your call.

HALLOWEEN FEST

Mark your calendars! The Halloween Fest will be held on Saturday, October 22nd from 5 pm to 9:30 pm at Plowman's Park on Hinckley Road in Big Rock. Come and enjoy free games, face painting, decorated pumpkin contest, make a scarecrow, a haunted hayride and a spooktacular haunted house! A hotdog plate and other refreshments will be for sale. Donations are welcome.

Volunteers will be needed to help run the many events including kitchen help and/or donating cookies. You can volunteer for 2 hours or all night, we also need help setting up on the morning of Saturday, October 22 and cleaning up on Sunday, October 23. Any questions - please call Cindy Nehring at 630-556-3238, or visit our website at www.halloween-fest.com.

MAKE A BLOWN GLASS CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT

You are invited to come and make 2 blown glass Christmas ornaments and decorate them on Saturday, November 12th at the Park District Building in Big Rock. There will be a class at 1pm and 3pm - class size is limited to 10 for each session - ages 7 and up. Class will be taught by a local resident who came from Germany. The cost of the class is \$15 per person. Pre-registration and payment will be required prior to class. Any questions, call Cindy Nehring at 630-556-3238.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Come and enjoy Christmas Caroling on Saturday, December 17 at 4pm. We will meet at the Park District Building at 7S405 Madison Street. Dress warm, we will be traveling around town in the new people mover. We will return to the Park to enjoy hot chocolate.

DECORATE WITH CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Judging for "Decorate with Christmas Lights" will be the evening of Saturday, December 17th. This year we will have 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes. Last year's First Place winner was Ray Warchol and a tie for second place went to Doug Schlachter and Karen Yoder.

RENTALS

If you would like to rent the Park District Building or the Pavilion - please call and leave a message at 630-556-9599 and we will return your call.

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 at 630-556-3238.