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Community rallies to preserve agricultural tradition *Big Rock's 115th Plowing Match this weekend!*

BIG ROCK, Illinois (Sept. 16, 2009)--Big Rock (west of Aurora on Rt. 30) celebrates its 115th Annual Plowing Match Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 19 and 20.

Join in on celebrating Welsh tradition dating back to 1895. "It's a longtime tradition that we feel strongly about preserving," said Roger Hatfield, President of the Big Rock Plowing Match Association. Come out for a day in the country to enjoy an old town country fair. The plowmen use vintage tractors from the 1930s and 1940s. In the early days, they used two-bottom plows pulled by horses. Both the entrance and parking are free.

Ladies Fair, Junior Fair, horse shows, train rides, field plowing competition, craft fair, art show, antique show, pedal tractor pull and round bail roll-offs and more!

Continue your "Day in the Country" with a visit to Esther's Place, a fiber art studio featuring products made from local sheep, alpaca, angora and other fiber producers from Illinois. They will be hosting their 3rd Annual Open House and will be featuring Apple Cider Making, Acorn Felting and fall decorating ideas with natural fibers. All free fun for the family.

Event to be held at Plowman's Park, 48W508 Hinkley Road, Big Rock, Ill.

ABOUT THE AACVB:

The Aurora Area Convention & Visitors Bureau serves as the tourism marketing and management organization for Aurora, Batavia, Hinckley, North Aurora, Montgomery, Plano, Sugar Grove and Yorkville. This not-for-profit organization provides numerous travel resources to visitors via the Web site at www.enjoyaurora.com and a toll-free number 1-800-477-4369