

## TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB 2018 YEAR IN REVIEW



### Articles by Craig A. Stanfield

2018 was a particularly busy year for the Tollesboro Lions Club. In January, the club donated \$300 to support 12 Kentucky Lions Projects, including the Kentucky Lions Eye Bank, the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation, and Camp Crescendo. Members of the Club attended the Kentucky Division of Fairs Convention where the Club donated a Case Knife and an Orca Cooler to an auction event benefiting the Charlie Kachler Memorial Scholarship Fund, in honor of a prominent Fleming Countian who operated the Ewing-Fleming County Fair for many years. Also, the club purchased 250 pairs of reading glasses to provide to a Haiti Mission Trip.

In February, the club hosted guest speaker Mackdell Long, Secretary of the Russellville Lions Club who talked to the Tollesboro Lions Club about Water With Blessings, a project to aid under-developed countries lacking clean potable water sources. The Club members immediately acted to raise \$900 (individual donations, not touching Club funds) to send 15 water filtration systems to Nepal to support a village there (the World Health Organization estimates that approximately 2 MILLION PERSONS DIE ANNUALLY due to unsafe water, sanitation, and hygiene). The Club also at the February meeting announced it had collected 108 pairs of used eyeglasses to be sent to the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation for recycling (sight preservation has been a major Lions Club International initiative since an appeal by Helen Keller to the organization in 1925, only 8 years after the founding of the Lions Club organization).

In March, the Tollesboro Lions Club agreed to sponsor a member of the Lewis County Marching Band of Pride to participate in the Lions Club Kentucky State Marching Band appearance in Las Vegas, at a cost of \$1,300 (ultimately, the Kentucky Lions Clubs Organization opted not to send the Kentucky State Marching Band to this event, however has held onto the funds submitted to be used at a future event; so while no one from the Lewis County Marching Band of Pride attended in 2018, the Tollesboro Lions Club has sponsored an individual to attend at some future date). Also in March, the Tollesboro Lions Club hosted an Awards Banquet to recognize local businesses, individuals, and members for outstanding support to the Tollesboro Lions Club and the Tollesboro Community. At this banquet, the Tollesboro Lions Club informed non-members in attendance that the Club had committed in the Fall of 2017 to erect a new playground on the grounds of the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds/Community Park in 2018. The playground equipment was a grant provided by the Center of Disease Control through the Lewis County Extension Office, with the intention to fight childhood obesity. While it was announced that the installation of the playground will be a considerable undertaking, the facility will be a great addition to the grounds and should provide many benefits to the local population. However as the playground equipment arrived, it became evident that this was a project that was not just a weekend project that the club members could install, but would require significant expense and expertise to install, and thus the Club began to look into having the equipment professionally installed, and wanted to get on it right away as the intention was to have the Playground installed prior to the Tollesboro Lions Club Fair in July, 2018, a lofty goal once it was determined that the project exceeded the abilities of the membership.

In April, the grounds of the Tollesboro Lions Club were the site of a charitable fund-raiser for the Faithway Baptist Church, with the facilities utilized for a Rocky Mountain Horse Show. Later in April, the Tollesboro Lions Club hosted a Meet the Candidates Event with a free meal (hotdogs and hamburgers, chips and drinks) provided to attendees compliments of the Lewis County Farm Bureau, with a cake auction as a fund-raiser to assist the Lions Club with their many annual projects.

In May, the Tollesboro Lions Club hosted the first of a number of Trade Day/Flea Market Events on the grounds and nominations for new officers were made (newly elected officers would take office July 1, 2018, just weeks before the Tollesboro Lions Club Fair).

In June, two members of the Tollesboro Lions Club attended a Lions Club Leadership Training Seminar. A Summer Trade Days/Flea Market was held in June. In addition, the Club hosted a Garden Tractor Pull. Two members of the

Club attended a meeting of the Raceland and Greenup Lions Clubs to install officers. Due to the rapidly approaching 61st Annual Tollesboro Lions Club Fair, the Club had made arrangements to have the Playground Equipment installed, contracting with a professional installation company to install the equipment to comply with all required specifications, as well as to build a new fence along the majority of the northern property boundary of the fairgrounds.

July, the busiest month for the Tollesboro Lions Club first saw the installation of new officers: President Steven Pedersen; First Vice President Lee Thomas; Second Vice President Anthony Wellmon; Secretary Phil Cropper; Treasurer: Bradley Schultz; Membership Chairperson Clinton Applegate; LCIF Coordinator/Past President Craig A. Stanfield; Service Chairperson Steven Pedersen; and Marketing Communications Chairperson Craig A. Stanfield. The 61st Annual Tollesboro Lions Club Fair was conducted July 13th through July 21st, with a Tug Tractor Pull (Friday's event saw over 70 entries weighing from 3500 to 6000 lbs. and lasted until 3:30 AM!) and Saddle Horse Show on Friday, July 13th; a Tug Tractor Pull (Saturday's event had in excess of 100 entries weighing from 6,000 to 9,000 lbs. and lasted until 6:30 AM!!!) and Walking Horse Show Sat. July 14th; the always popular Tollesboro Lions Club Parade on Sunday, July 15th was a rousing success; the Powers Wheels Children's Demolition Derby, the main event Demolition Derby (it should be noted that Girls captured first and second place of the Demolition Derby Main Event, with 22 entries in the compact class putting on a great show. In addition, there was also an unscheduled full size class with 5 cars that also put on a good show!), Miss Teen Pageant, Youth Sheep and Goat Show, and Miss Pre-Teen Pageant on Mon., July 16th. On Tues., July 17th, the Floral Hall was receiving Entries and opened in the evening; Gospel Singing by a number of acts was conducted, as were ATV Racing, Remote Control Cars & Trucks, and the Hog Show (coincidentally, the 2018 Hog Show had more entries than the fair had ever held, with 116 hogs shown by 60 youth and 32 adults in 17 Market Classes and 1 Breeder Gilt Class). Wednesday, July 17 was the Farm Bureau \$10 Carload Night, with a full evening of events including Dairy Cattle Show, Petting Zoo, Boys 3 on 3 Basketball, Garden Tractor Pull, Toddler Show, Truck/Car Dirt Drag Racing, Little Miss & Mister Contest, and a Poultry Show! Thursday, July 18th featured a Steer Show, Motorcross Race, Bluegrass/Gospel Concert, the Lions Queen Contest (won by Jordan Ray of Carrollton, KY), and the Beef Cattle Show. In addition, as an unadvertised special, the Bluegrass Mule and Pony Pullers Association put on a pony and mule pulling contest (8 teams, 2 classes, a great show!!!). 2018 was the wettest year in recorded history, and all of Friday nights planned events had to be cancelled (The Battle of The Bluegrass Truck & Tractor Pull, the Talent Contest, and the Mud Sling, as well as free eye-screenings for adults and children which would have been offered). Saturday was almost a rainout as well, with the weather causing a cancellation of the Lucas Pro-Pulling League Truck & Tractor Pull as well as the free eye-screenings. HOWEVER rain --- not always intermittent but sometimes coming down quite hard --- was not enough to stop the Mud Sling! More than 700 persons paid admission to watch the event - at times sitting through the rain on the bleachers with rain gear and umbrellas - until the entire 10 CLASS event was complete.

In August, the Tollesboro Lions Club provided scholarships to 4 local students for advancing their education. Scholarship recipients included: Jaycee Evans, Kenedy Wellmon, Cheryl Griffith, and Leslieanne Harris. Also, the Tollesboro Lions Club contributed \$500 to support the Lewis County 4-H Boosters in purchasing animals shown by Lewis County youth at the Germantown Fair. In August, the majority of the Club membership showed up for a work night to install filter fabric and rubber mulch on the recently installed playground. Also in August, the Tollesboro Lions Club fairgrounds were utilized as the site of a fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society, the Lewis-Mason Relay for Life. Two members of the Tollesboro Lions Club attended the Kentucky State Fair and participated in providing vision screenings (over the 11 day run of the State Fair, 377 volunteers from 35 Lions Clubs donated 2,073 hours proving free vision screenings to 3,450 person!),

In September, the Tollesboro Lions Club hosted a benefit Tug Tractor Pull for a family whose home was burned. Unfortunately, heavy rains severely impacted attendance and participation, however the tractor pullers played for free, waiving any winnings. Due to the inclement weather, a second benefit Tug Tractor Pull was scheduled later in the month, but it was a near complete rainout. In late September, the Tollesboro Lions Club hosted a 30 class horse show and a Fall Trade Days Event. Also in September, two members attended the USA/Canda Leadership Forum in Columbus, Ohio.

In October, the Tollesboro Lions Club held an official ribbon cutting and grand opening event for the newly installed Playground. By the way, with regards to the Playground: The playground includes a Play Smart 10 Structure (this piece of playground equipment is a large component that cost nearly 1/2 of the grant monies offered by the CDC and includes a variety of exercising equipment that is intended to work the muscles. Included on this one component are 3 slides, stairs, rock climbing wall, overhead ladder and more. Portions of this piece of equipment are ADA compliant); a 4 Seat Bouncing See Saw; a 3 Bay Commercial Swing Set; a 2 Bay ADA Swing Set (this is a handicapped accessible swing compliant with the Americans With Disabilities Act, and includes a swing that will accommodate a wheelchair); 8' Toddler T-Swing Set; a Geo-Dome Climber; and a 4 Post Superior Shade (24' x 30', 8' entry height, basically a shaded picnic shelter providing an area for adults to relax while watching their children use the playground equipment). In addition, trash cans and picnic tables were added. The cost of the completed playground equipment including the installation, the filter fabric, rubber mulch, concrete slabs for the picnic shelter and to provide for access to the handicapped accessible swings, as well as a concrete curb to keep heavy rains from washing away the mulch, etc., was approximately \$60,000 (however this figure does not include the cost of the new chainlink fencing which forms the northern boundary of the playground, which cost the Club an additional \$17,000!); however the Club was the fortunate recipient of a number of grants and donations, which permitted the club to make this significant improvements to the grounds by obtaining financing of less than 50 percent of the total costs. Attending the Ribbon Cutting/Grand Opening Ceremony were county officials and other dignitaries, local businessmen and representatives of grant providers, supporters and persons who provided aid and assistance in

obtaining the equipment, installing and prepping the site for installation of the equipment, partners who provided some financing for the installation of the equipment, as well as Lions Club members and officers, as well as members of the public, including a number of families who were enjoying the new playground during the ceremony (the Club also provided a light meal for those in attendance and the Lewis County Health Department gave away t-shirts proclaiming "Walk With A Lion" to youth in attendance to encourage the use of the playground, as well as walking track, basketball court, and other grounds improvements intended to promote a healthy and active lifestyle by encouraging exercise and otherwise deter childhood obesity). The Tollesboro Lions Club would like to thank once again the Lewis County Health Department, the Lewis County Extension Agency, the Lewis County Farm Bureau, Carmeuse Lime, Kenny Meadows and Kenton Meadows (dba Meadows Excavating), The Center for Disease Control, County Judge Todd Ruckel, the board and staff of the Buffalo Trace Area Development District and the BTADD Revolving Loan Fund committee, and everyone who aided in acquiring grants and helping to aid in the installation, acquisition, and setup of the playground equipment, including our dedicated Tollesboro Lions Club members.

In December, the Tollesboro Lions Club sponsored our First Annual Christmas Parade. It was a wonderful parade, a great success, and will hopefully become an annual event. Also in December, the Tollesboro Lions Club donated just over \$350 to purchase Christmas Gifts for four local underprivileged families/families in need. The Club also held their annual Christmas Party, joining our membership and their spouses at a nice get-together for an evening meal and entertainment/camaraderie.

Throughout the year, the Tollesboro Lions Club offers assistance to local persons needing assistance with the purchase of eyeglasses. In 2018, the Tollesboro Lions Club assisted 10 individuals at a cost to the Club of \$750.

The Tollesboro Lions Club was chartered in 1954, (our 65th Anniversary will be in April, 2019), and will host our 62nd Annual Tollesboro Lions Club this July (our first fair, in 1957, was a small one day event), over 9 days, July 12th through 20th. The Tollesboro Lions Club has 26 members and meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. For additional information about the Tollesboro Lions Club, check out our website at: [www.tollesborolions.com](http://www.tollesborolions.com).

Lions Club International is the world's largest service organization, organized in 1917 in the US (the organization celebrated it's 100th Anniversary in 2017), now a presence worldwide with over 1.35 million members among 46,000 plus Lions Clubs in more than 200 countries!! The Lions Club Motto: We Serve. Lions Club International's "Big 5" current goals: Improving Sight; Improving The Environment; Providing for Hunger Relief; Reducing Diabetes; and Reducing Pediatric Cancers. Lions Club International has set a lofty goal to improve the lives of 200 million persons annually by Year 2021 through the Global Service Framework initiative.







Tollesboro Lions Club President Craig A. Stanfield (on right) presenting Lion Mackdell Long of the Russell, Kentucky Lions Club with a check in the amount of \$900 for the Blessings with Water Project, Feb. 12, 2018 at the Tollesboro Lions Club Clubhouse located on the grounds of the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds/Community Park, Tollesboro, Kentucky.

## **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB MEMBERS DONATE TO** **WATER WITH BLESSINGS PROJECT**

On Monday, February 12, 2018, at the first semi-monthly regular meeting of the Tollesboro Lions Club, the membership was met by guest speaker Mackdell R. Long, the Secretary of the Russellville Kentucky Lions Club about participation in an important project known as Water With Blessings and how Lions Clubs in Kentucky can assist with providing clean, potable water to less fortunate persons in Nepal and other countries throughout the world (the Water With Blessings Project is working to provide safe clean drinking water in a number of poor countries where water is available by means of ponds, creeks, streams, and wells, but in areas where the water is bacteria laden and where consumption causes significant health problems, Blessings With Water is a 501c3 organization, headquartered in Middletown, Kentucky that has been providing these filters to areas in need since 2008, and has distributed over 60,000 filters in over 45 countries in the past 10 years, mostly by cooperation with missionaries and church organizations. The World Health Organization estimates that approximately 2 MILLION PERSONS DIE ANNUALLY due to unsafe water, sanitation, and hygiene. Additional information about Water With Blessings can be found on their website, [www.waterwithblessings.org](http://www.waterwithblessings.org)). The speaker, a doctor, has been on several missionary trips including to Nepal. While there, he was moved by the thought that IF ONLY clean water were made available, half of the patient load could potentially be reduced. He learned about the WATER WITH BLESSINGS project and decided to get his club involved as a rather minimal investment can improve the lives for a significant number of persons. Then after seeing the success their club created, he visited another club and challenged them to be a part. His story was told at the recent Kentucky Lions Club State Convention and he was asked by Tollesboro Lions members in attendance at the convention to consider visiting the Tollesboro Lions Club, an invitation that he readily took up. Our club responded quickly as several members of the Tollesboro Lions Club banded together to arrange (without disturbing the Club's finances) an immediate donation of \$900, an amount of money satisfactory to provide for 15 water filtration systems as well as the necessary training to properly utilize and maintain these systems (Lion Long informed the Club that 15 filters is a good number to provide for a community to include training. The project trains local mothers, each woman is known as a "water woman", how to clean water and maintain the filter. The group likes to utilize local mothers as typically a mother carries the passion, compassion and love to want to improve her children's lives and as such tend to make good partners to insure the filter is properly maintained and cared for). The Tollesboro Lions Club funds will be utilized in cooperation with a Lions Club in Nepal not only to insure that these systems reach needy families in Nepal, but also to insure that proper training can be provided in order to most efficiently clean the water and maintain the filters. Each filter is reusable and can be cleaned in the event that they get stopped up with mud or debris by flushing with a small amount of the previously filtered water, and the filters can be used over and over and thus can last for a lifetime if maintained properly, providing an adequate source of clean, safe, potable drinking water to a family or even a small neighborhood. These filters do not require chemicals or power. These filters, used in conjunction with gravity and simple tubing and a 5 gallon bucket, were developed and are manufactured in the USA (the filters are known as the Sawyer PointOne) using state of the art technology and, while not capable of removing heavy metals such as lead, mercury, arsenic, or strychnine, each filter may clean up to 100,000 gallons of water over it's lifetime removing particulates from the water to 0.1 micron (exceeding the EPA and NSF recommendations in the US for both tap water as well as bottled water) and removing over 99.99 percent of biological contaminants including intestinal parasites, bacteria (including salmonella, cholera, and E. Coli as well as preventing dysentery and typhoid) and protozoa (including giardia and cryptospondium) from water found in wells, creeks, streams, or ponds, cutting down on the risk of health issues and resulting in a healthier environment. The healthier environment then permits these now healthy persons to be more efficient and actually take part in improving their own lives, resulting in better nutrition, less need of medications, an overall generally healthier environment in which to grow and strive and allowing formerly chronically ill persons to devote more time to improving their lives by allowing them to work in fields, raise crops, and improve their lives as a whole rather than having to spend precious time tending to sick and ill family members/loved ones, as well as providing a means of reducing the need of expensive resources such as drugs and medicines to cure ills caused solely by consuming dirty water.

Several other projects were discussed at the last meeting. The Tollesboro Lions Club donated 250 pairs of

eyeglasses to a Haiti mission last month, and have since collected 108 additional pairs that will be sent to the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation for recycling (preserving eyesight is a huge Lions Club International initiative and all Lions Clubs are encouraged to collect used eyeglasses for purposes of providing them to be used for less fortunate sight impaired persons throughout the world). The Tollesboro Lions Club has recently (and continuously) assisted local individuals in obtaining eyeglasses for those in need. It was also discussed in the meeting that high school graduation is not that far away and the Tollesboro Lions Club will also once again be accepting applications for scholarships to local students planning on furthering their education. The Tollesboro Lions Club Fair Committee discussed not only the 2018 Tollesboro Lions Club Fair which will take place July 13th through July 21st, but also a proposed Rocky Mountain Saddle Horse Show event to take place on the fairgrounds, scheduled for Noon, May 12th, as well as other events such as tractor pulls and,ATV and dirt bike races (both during the fair and at other times during the year) as well as the Annual Trade Days scheduled for the first Saturday in May (coinciding with the Kentucky Derby Day), May 5, 2018.

Lions Club International is an organization, that while started in 1917 --- the organization celebrated it's 100th Anniversary last year --- in the United States of America, has grown to where today it is the largest service organization in the world, with over 1.35 million members worldwide spread among 46,000 Lions Clubs with a presence in over 200 countries!! The Blessings With Water project, by providing for clean safe water, fits in with all of the Lions Club International's "Big 5" current goals: Improving Sight; Improving The Environment; Providing for Hunger Relief; Reducing Diabetes; and Reducing Pediatric Cancers. Lions Club International has set a lofty goal to improve the lives of 200 million persons annually by Year 2021 through the Global Service Framework initiative.

The Tollesboro Lions Club was chartered in 1954, operating for nearly 64 years, and hosting the Annual Tollesboro Lions Club Fair since 1957 (a fair that originally consisted of a small single day event to today's 9 day event). The Tollesboro Lions Club has 26 members and meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month (winter months sometimes only have a single meeting, the second Monday of each month). The Tollesboro Lions Club owns the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds (aka Tollesboro Lions Club Community Park) fronting on the "AA" Hwy., KY 10 and the Lions Club Road in Tollesboro. The Tollesboro Lions Club will be adding a playground on the property in 2018 thanks in part to a playground equipment grant from the Center for Disease Control through the Lewis County Extension Office. The playground equipment cost approximately \$30,000, with the Tollesboro Lions Club responsible for all additional costs relative to setup, including concrete and other materials as well as labor required for erecting the equipment as well as providing for the location of the playground. A big plus to this improvement is that some of the playground equipment will be handicapped accessible. This project will replace the small outdated playground currently situated on the grounds, and will be a good fit with other existing site improvements already in place on the grounds offering opportunities to exercise and improve one's health, including the blacktop Walking Track that extends around the perimeter of the grounds and a basketball court. And while the Tollesboro Lions Club has made SIGNIFICANT improvements to the grounds in the past few years (including expanding the grounds to include frontage and visibility on the "AA" Hwy several years ago, and further including multiple enlargements and improvements to the livestock barn, replacing and enlarging the horse show track including erection of vinyl fencing, creating a great area for speed pulls and other events during the fair that includes elevated bleachers providing seating for hundreds of persons, placement of benches and trash cans around the walking track as well as resurfacing a portion of the walking track, as well as the erection of and improvements to other buildings located on the grounds), the Club is considering additional site improvements.



Photo showing members and guests present at the Tollesboro Lions Club Awards Banquet, Mar. 26, 2018

## **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB HOSTS AWARDS BANQUET**

On Monday, March 26, 2018, the Tollesboro Lions Club held an Awards Banquet. It had been many years since the Club last held such an event, the last significant celebration for the club (other than the occasional Ladies Night or annual Christmas Party) was the Club's 50th Anniversary Celebration in April of 2004, so the Club put together a significant program and complimentary meal to honor both members and supporters of the club, there being both many supporters and members deserving of recognition. Attending the banquet were approximately 75 persons including members, spouses, and representatives from local businesses and affiliations honored for their contributions and support to the Tollesboro Lions Club. Due to the size of the crowd, the meeting was held at the nearby Family Life Center of the Tollesboro Christian Church rather than at the Lions Club Clubhouse.

As members and their spouses entered, Tammie Brown, a professional local photographer, was on hand to photograph each couple in order to create a Lions Club Membership Directory (the Club's first) and entries were passed out for door prizes which were given away at the end of the meeting. The Family Life Center was decorated

throughout with emblems of Lions Club International, including tablecloths, napkins, Lions Club "We Serve" centerpieces on each table, and banners placed behind the head table and the site of the awards presentation (in addition, the photos of Lions Club members and spouses were taken using a Lions Club banner as a backdrop). A slideshow presentation from the 2017 Tollesboro Lions Club Fair (our 60th annual fair, and the club's main fundraiser) was showing from 6:15 pm as members and guests first began to arrive, through the meal, and until the Awards Presentation began.

The meeting began at 7 pm., with introductions of visitors and a short statement about SERVICE (Lions Club motto: "We Serve") by current Lions Club Second Vice President and Treasurer Steve Pedersen (who coincidentally has been elected as the Club's next President, to take office in July, 2018, and whom spent significant time and effort making the arrangements for the banquet, setting up the banquet and placing the necessary orders through Lions Club International for the awards, banners and decorations). Members then introduced their spouses and guests. Welcome and opening remarks were then made by current Lions Club President Craig A. Stanfield. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lion Club Member Anthony Katsumi Wellman and the Invocation was given by Lions Club member Larry Tucker, the Club's longest serving active member. Then a wonderful meal was served by local caterers Skeeter and Sonia Shaw.

Following the dinner, an address was made to the Club by Greenup County Lions Club Past President and Past District Governor James "Jim" Archey. In addition to statements about Service to others, Lion Archey applauded Tollesboro's commitment to community and service, praising the Club's Fairgrounds and recent service projects including contributions for Water Filters sent to Nepal, eyeglasses (250 pairs) sent to Haiti as well as eyeglasses collected and sent to the Lions Club Eye Foundation (180 pairs) for recycling, the sponsoring of a band member of Lewis County High School to participate in the Lions Club Kentucky State Marching Band appearance in Las Vegas later this year, scholarship funds to students intending to further their academic education, and eyeglass contributions to the unfortunate as well as contributions to Project Merry Christmas among other projects. Following his presentation, PDG Archey was presented with an antique key chain from the Lions Club International's 1967 Golden Anniversary, as well as a brass Lions Club paperweight. After this presentation, the Club presented Appreciation Awards to local businessmen and supporters who deserved recognition for their outstanding contributions and support of the Tollesboro Lions Club. Recipients included: The Tollesboro Volunteer Fire Department represented by Fire Chief Gary Thomas; longtime club supporter and electrician Glenn Cole; the Lewis County Farm Bureau Board of Directors represented by Lion Jim Meadows as well as Phillip Stamm; Lewis County Judge Executive Todd Ruckel; Lewis County Sheriff Johnny W. Bivens; the Citizens Deposit Bank & Trust represented by the Bank's CEO Mike Mineer; Carmeuse Lime and Stone represented by Lisa Wellman; Kenny & Kenton Meadows of Meadows Excavating; long-time assistant serving our annual livestock shows during our annual Lions Club Fair Mary Shoemaker; the Buffalo Trace Area Development District represented by Citizen Member/Past Chair/Board and Executive Committee Member/RLF Chairman Lion Craig A. Stanfield and Board Member/Executive Committee Member/Lewis County Judge Executive Todd Ruckel; and Rip's Farm Center represented by Lion Jim Meadows and his wife Jennifer, their children and spouses Matthew and Jill Meadows and Amanda and Josh Hawkins, and their children).

Following the presentation of Appreciation Awards, Lions Club Service Awards were presented based upon years of service. Lion Don McCann, who couldn't attend due to health issues, was presented a Half Century Service Award, a Monarch Chevron Award for serving in excess of 55 years, and a Devoted Lion Award, all in recognition of his 58 years of membership and contributions to the Tollesboro Lions Club, these awards accepted on his behalf by Lion Jim Harris who will present the awards to Lion McCann at his home. Lion Larry Tucker was honored with the Half Century Award for 50 years of dedicated service to the Tollesboro Lions Club, our longest serving current active member, as well as a Devoted Lion Award. Lion Darrell Dixon was presented with the Quarter Century Award, a Devoted Lion Award and a 45 Year Chevron for 47 years of service to the Tollesboro Lions Club. Lion Jim Harris was honored for 30 years of service, receiving the Monarch Chevron Award, a Devoted Lion Award and a Quarter Century Award. Zone Chairman/Past President Clinton Applegate was honored for 27 years of service with a Monarch Chevron, a Devoted Lion Award and a Quarter Century Service Award, as was current Lions Club President Craig A. Stanfield (also serving 27 years). Lion Charles Kendall was honored with a Quarter Century of Service Award for 25 years of membership, a 25 year Charter Monarch Chevron (Lion Kendall, a current member for 25 years of the Tollesboro Lions Club, was also a Charter Member of the Orangeburg Lions Club in Mason County, Kentucky, the adjoining county west, when the Orangeburg Lions Club was established in 1988) and a Devoted Lion Award. Current Lions Club Secretary Phillip Cropper was honored for 20 years of service with a Monarch Chevron and Devoted Lion Award and current Second Vice President/Treasurer Steve Pedersen was so honored as well for his 20 years of service. Lion Paul Hampton was presented a Monarch Chevron Award for 15 years of Service (Paul is currently serving his 19th year as a member of the Tollesboro Lions Club) and a Devoted Lion Award specifically honoring his service as the Annual Tollesboro Lions Club Fair Horse Show Chairperson, and Lion Jim Meadows was presented a Monarch Chevron Award for 10 years of service (Jim is currently serving his 11 years of membership) as well as an Outstanding Service and Commitment Award. Lastly, Lions Club President Craig A. Stanfield made a special presentation, the President's Lions Club Spirit Award to Lion Steve Pedersen for his service to the Tollesboro Lions Club as a longtime Club Secretary and for his significant contribution of time and energy in setting up the Awards Banquet, presenting Lion Pedersen with a 1967 antique Lions Club International Golden Anniversary keychain and a brass Lions Club paperweight.

Following the presentation of Service Awards, gifts were given to spouses of Lions Club members and to the ladies in attendance and a drawing was held for the table centerpieces. Attendees then sang "My Old Kentucky Home" before Lion Steve Pedersen and Lion Craig Stanfield gave closing remarks, followed by a closing prayer by



Lion Phil Cropper.

The Tollesboro Lions Club was organized in 1954, celebrating our 64th year as a club. We have 26 current members, and the club has held an annual fair each year since 1957, currently a 9 day event held in July each year on it's fairgrounds located on KY 10/KY 9/Lions Club Lane in Tollesboro. The fairgrounds consists of approximately 25 acres provided with several hundred thousand dollars of improvements including our Lions Club Clubhouse/Meeting Hall, a baseball/softball/Little League field, an outdoor blacktopped basketball court, a blacktopped walking track, buildings suited to use for picnic shelters and pageants (concerts, etc.), and with numerous buildings and improvements geared specifically for our Annual Fair, including a horse show ring, pulling and motorized event tracks with elevated announcer's booths, food booths, permanent restroom facilities, large livestock show barn (for beef and dairy cattle, hogs, sheep, and goats), the Floral Hall, permanent bleacher seating for nearly 1000 persons, and numerous other buildings. The Lions Club has made a commitment to erect a new playground on the premises this year (this playground is a considerable undertaking, the funds for purchase provided and made available through the Lewis County Cooperative Extension Office and the Center for Disease Control. The playground equipment, which will be handicapped accessible and includes a swing that will accommodate a wheelchair, the purchase cost alone being approximately \$30,000 (excluding the costs of erection, anchoring, fencing, maintaining) was made available to the Lions Club under the condition that the Club provide for set up and erection of the equipment (including labor and materials which shall include significant concrete for anchoring and setting up the playground equipment, fencing, maintenance, and placement of mulch or other "padding" around the equipment) and making the playground available to the public for use. This will allow for the replacement of the small outdated playground currently in place on the grounds.

The Tollesboro Lions Club meets the second and fourth Monday of each month throughout the summer (in winter months, the Club meets the 2nd Monday evening of the month) at 7:00 pm at the Lions Club Clubhouse located on the grounds of the Tollesboro Lions Club Community Park and Fairgrounds.



## **CHARITABLE ROCKY MOUNTAIN HORSE SHOW** **CONDUCTED AT TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB**

On Saturday, April 12th, 2018, the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrunds will be the site of a Rocky Mountain Horse Show as a charitable fund-raiser for the FAITHWAY BAPTIST CHURCH in Maysville, KY. The event was a great success, with Rocky Mountain horses coming in from all around the US to show their talents in over 30 EVENTS!!! The Tollesboro Lions Club rented the grounds to the Faithway Baptist Church, retaining the right to provide concessions with Faithway Baptist Church receiving all gate and entry fees as well as any donated prize money and sponsorships.

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**APRIL 30, 2018, 7:00 PM**


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Questions, concerns, donations: Contact Craig A. Stanfield, Lions Club President 606-301-3350

Postcard invitation which was mailed to every candidate for office on the May ballot, whether opposed or not.

**TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB & LEWIS COUNTY FARM BUREAU HOST**  
**MEET THE CANDIDATES EVENT**

The public (and all candidates running for public office) is invited to attend a "MEET THE CANDIDATES EVENT" on Monday, April 30, 2018, at the Tollesboro Lions Club in Tollesboro at 7:00 PM. FREE HAMBURGERS AND HOT DOGS WILL BE PROVIDED compliments of the LEWIS COUNTY FARM BUREAU. The event will offer the voters of Lewis County, Kentucky and those officials running for public office to meet, talk, eat, and discuss the issues, platform, and other concerns, as well as to listen to a question and answer session so that all voters will have the ability to make an informed decision as to whom they want to serve them in public office. In addition, a cake auction will be conducted with 100 percent of the proceeds benefiting the Tollesboro Lions Club to assist with their many projects. COME ON OUT, GET TO KNOW THE CANDIDATES, and SUPPORT THE TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB!

NOTE: Every candidate for state and local office was sent a professionally printed postcard invitation to attend this event, whether opposed or not.



*Vendors setting up at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds displaying and selling their wares on a beautiful day during a recent Trade Days event.*

**TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB HOSTS ANNUAL "TRADE DAYS FLEA MARKET"**  
**MAY 4TH THROUGH MAY 6TH, 2018**

The Tollesboro Lions Club will host their annual "TRADE DAYS FLEA MARKET", a 3 day weekend event featuring vendors selling their wares which may include antiques, crafts, baked goods, homemade ice cream, guns, knives, collectibles, new items, tools, antiques AND MORE! The event will be conducted on the grounds of the Tollesboro Lions Club Community Park/Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds, located on KY 9 (the "AA" Hwy), KY 10, and Lions Club Lane, at Tollesboro, Lewis County, Kentucky 41189. The event will begin Friday May 4th 9 am to 8 pm; Saturday May 5th, and Sunday, May 6th, from 10 am to 4 pm. For additional information, contact Daymond Thomas (606-202-1620 or Denny Hornback (606-202-1373). No food vendors please as food and drinks will be available during the entire event run (however baked goods and homemade goods, as well as ice cream vendors are permitted).





## **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB MEMBERS** **ATTEND LEADERSHIP TRAINING SEMINAR**

On Saturday, June 9th, 2018, two members of the Tollesboro Lions Club, Current Past President and Zone Chairman Clinton Applegate and Current Second Vice President and Treasurer as well as incoming 2018-2019 President Steve Pedersen (pictured front center of the crowd view, Steve Pedersen on left and Clinton Applegat on right), attended a Leadership Training/Officer Training Seminar at Elizabethtown, Kentucky.

Over 75 Lions Club members attended the seminar which was put together by Lions GLT Leader/PCC Chuck Carlson and Kentucky Lions Club State Secretary Karen Nitschke.

Guest Speakers included GMT Area Leader PCC Stephen Anton of Chicago and Kentucky GST Leader/PID Tom Matney and GLT Leader Jama Wahl of Illinois. The meeting was both informative and entertaining, and gave the Tollesboro Lions Club members in attendance a chance to meet with other Lions Club leaders and members throughout the Commonwealth.



## **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB HOST** **GARDEN TRACTOR PULL, SAT. JUNE 23, 2018**

The Tollesboro Lions Club will host a GARDEN TRACTOR PULL at the TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIRGROUNDS located on KY 9 (the "AA HWY"), KY 10 and Fairgrounds Road (AKA Lions Club Lane, Grainery Lane) in Tollesboro, on SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2018, AT 4:00 PM. This event doesn't feature your everyday lawn mower. NO GATE FEE!! FREE ADMITTANCE!!! SO THERE'S NO EXCUSE TO KEEP YOU FROM COMING ON OUT AND WATCH THESE "SOUPED UP" VERSIONS OF YOUR EVERYDAY RIDING MOWER!!! You'll be surprised at what someone can do with a riding mower! Curtsinger Rules will apply!!! For additional information, contact Jim Meadows 606-782-0410.





**PHOTO SHOWING THE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT TO BE PLACED AT THE TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIRGROUNDS.**

## **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB INSTALLING NEW PLAYGROUND**

Nearly a year ago, Phillip Konopka, Extension Agent Agriculture and Natural Resources of the Lewis County Extension Office, approached the Tollesboro Lions Club about a Playground Project Grant offered through the Lewis County Extension Office. In order to accommodate Mr. Konopka's schedule, a Special Meeting was called of the Tollesboro Lions Club. Attending the meeting were 16 members of the club, a significant majority, including most of the officers. At the meeting, Mr. Konopka made a presentation relative to a grant offered through the Lewis County Extension Office made available through the Center for Disease Control and Prevention asking for a commitment towards making playground space available in Lewis Co., Ky, However to proceed, the Club would need to act soon as the deadline was approaching for submission of the grant application. The ultimate goal of the project is to provide a playground to be utilized by young children in the area so as to encourage them to get outside and exercise and thus curb obesity and wean them away from time spent playing video games on televisions/ computers/cellular phones, and as such, the CDC had made money available to encourage creation of nice playgrounds (not just a swing and a slide) to make the playgrounds appealing.

Mr. Konopka passed out photos of playground equipment that could be provided by the grant, and inquired as to whether the Tollesboro Lions Club would be interested in providing space for installation of said equipment and to make the equipment available to use by the public AND to commit to the costs of installation. The grant for the playground equipment was approximately \$30,000, however this was only the cost of the playground equipment. The cost to install would be significant and would require significant concrete for proper anchoring and he did not know how much the installation costs could be or whether installation would be something that the Club membership could do on their own. However, in order to proceed, he would need a commitment from the Club not only accepting the equipment and a commitment to permit an area of our grounds to be utilized by the public for use of the equipment (the Club does have the right to restrict use to certain hours of the day and limit use during the fair), but also to commit to the significant - albeit unknown - cost of installation. He would need a commitment letter signed by the Club President whereby the Tollesboro Lions Club would accept the equipment and agree to provide for a place where the equipment could be used by the public, as well as agreeing to provide for all costs relative to installation and maintenance, fence, and mulch.

Knowing that this project and commitment would provide a health benefit to the local population and always trying to make positive improvements in the lives of others, and having made and continuing to make significant improvements to the Tollesboro Community Park/Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds, and aware that this equipment should last for years and years and as such would continue to provide for an excellent use of club resources, a motion was made and seconded by members of the Tollesboro Lions Club immediately following the presentation, approved unanimously that very evening to approve the project and authorizing the provision of a letter by the Club President to commit to the project (which was done the very next day). By the time that the equipment started to arrive, it was too late in the year to begin installation. As the playground equipment began to arrive, it became evident that the installation was NOT something that the Lions Club members could do on their own, particularly considering that the equipment would be used by children and that the Club would want to insure proper installation to comply with all installation specifications and to insure the safety of future users. Therefore, as summer approaches and hopefully the majority of a very wet spring passes, and in hopes of having the equipment installed prior to the Tollesboro Lions Club 61st Annual Fair (the 61st Annual Tollesboro Lions Club Fair will be held July 13th through July 21st, 2018), the Tollesboro Lions Club has contracted with National Playground Construction (the company that sold the playground equipment) to install said equipment, as a cost exceeding \$14,500 (this cost excludes the costs of mulch and fence, as well as site-preparation), making the total project cost approximately \$50,000!!!

The playground equipment will include a Play Smart 10 Structure (this piece of playground equipment is a large component that cost nearly 1/2 of the grant monies offered by the CDC and includes a variety of exercising equipment that is intended to work the muscles. Included on this one component are 3 slides, stairs, rock climbing

wall, overhead ladder and more. Portions of this piece of equipment are ADA compliant); a 4 Seat Bouncing See Saw; a 3 Bay Commercial Swing Set; a 2 Bay ADA Swing Set (this is a handicapped accessible swing compliant with the Americans With Disabilities Act, and includes a swing that will accommodate a wheelchair); 8' Toddler T-Swing Set; a Geo-Dome Climber; and a 4 Post Superior Shade (24' x 30', 8' entry height, basically a shaded picnic shelter in place with picnic benches and trash cans provided as an area for adults to relax while watching their children use the playground equipment as well as an area where the family can eat healthy snacks and drinks so as to stay hydrated and under shade when necessary on hot days, as well as providing respite between showers on other days). The playground will be placed near the former location of a small outdated playground that consisted only of swingsets, located near the KY 10 entrance to the fairgrounds.

UPON COMPLETION of the Installation, the Club will arrange a ribbon cutting and small opening ceremony.

NOTE: The Lewis County Extension Office acquired two CDC grants for purchase of identical playground equipment in Lewis County, Kentucky. The second playground will be installed at Garrison and thus Garrison should have a somewhat identical playground area for the youth of that community to enjoy in the near future.



Tollesboro Lions Club Member and Zone Chairman Clinton Applegate performing Officer Installation Ceremony for Greenup and Raceland Lions Clubs.

## TOLLESBORO LIONS MEMBERS CONDUCT OFFICER INSTALLATION CEREMONY FOR GREENUP & RACELAND CLUBS

On Monday, June 11, 2018, Past President of the Tollesboro Lions Club and and Current Kentucky 43-Y Zone Chairman of the Kentucky Lions Club Organization Clinton Applegate attended a joint meeting of the Greenup County and Raceland Lions Clubs, meeting at the Greenup County Lions Clubhouse, for installation of the 2018 Officers of the two clubs. He was accompanied by current 2nd Vice President and Treasurer (as well as incoming President) Steven Pedersen of the Tollesboro Lions Club and were met with a warm reception by approximately 30 members of the two clubs combined. A fine meal was provided and a good time was had by all.



## TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB 2018-2019 OFFICERS

The Tollesboro Lions Club 2018 (effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019) has elected and installed new officers for 2018. The new officers are: President: Steven Pedersen; First Vice President: Lee Thomas; Second Vice President: Anthony Wellman; Secretary: Phillip Cropper; Treasurer: Bradley Schultz; Membership Chairperson: Clinton Applegate; LCIF Coordinator/Past President: Craig A. Stanfield; Service Chairperson: Steven Pedersen; and Marketing Communications Chairperson: Craig A. Stanfield.

While always a small club (currently 26 members), the Tollesboro Lions Club was organized and chartered in 1954 by a dedicated group of individuals with the goal of making an impact in, as well as improvements to, our



community. The Tollesboro Lions Club has continuously served our community for 64 years. The Club held its first fair in 1957, originally a one-day event that took place at the Tollesboro High School as at that time the Club owned no land. The fair became an annual event and our main fundraiser, that has grown into a 9 day event. In 1960, the Club purchased the first parcel of land that is now part of our current fairgrounds (now consisting of approximately 25 acres). All members of the Tollesboro Lions Club volunteer their time and talents to the projects and goals that we set and establish, with the intention of all of our projects being to serve our community and citizens thereof (The motto of Lions Club International is "WE SERVE". Lions Club International is the world's largest service organization, with over 1.4 million members worldwide in over 46,000 clubs in over 200 countries).

The 61st Annual Tollesboro Lions Club Fair will be conducted July 13th through July 21st, 2018 and as always will offer lots of events to entertain everyone! Events will include horse shows, livestock shows, motorized events, pageants, concerts, carnival rides, our annual parade, and more!!!

We have a wonderful fairgrounds which we are constantly improving, adding a substantial playground to the grounds this year. We invite everyone to come and visit and enjoy the 61ST ANNUAL TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIR and to support the Tollesboro Lions Club and its missions and projects. To download the 2018 Fair Schedule or Horse Show classes, check out the Tollesboro Lions Club website at [www.tollesborolions.com](http://www.tollesborolions.com).

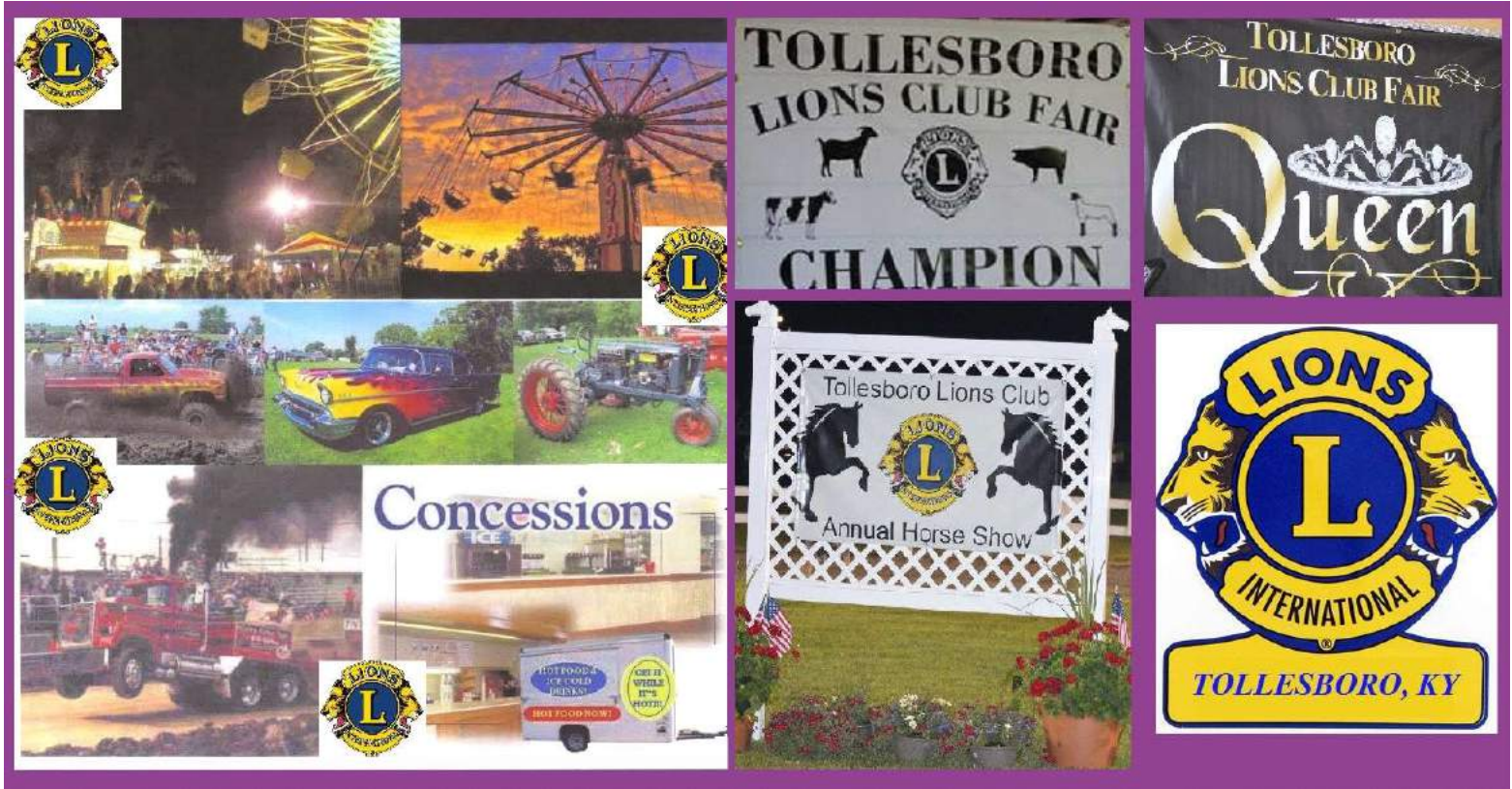
The TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB would like to thank all of our supporters and sponsors, as well as all of the persons who volunteer their time to aid the Club in putting on the fair as well as assisting us with our service projects. We couldn't accomplish all that we have done and continue to do without the generous support of our friends and neighbors, sponsors and supporters.



*Vendors setting up at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds displaying and selling their wares on a beautiful day during a recent Trade Days event.*

## **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB HOSTS FIRST ANNUAL "SUMMER DAYS FLEA MARKET" JUNE 22 through JUNE 24, 2018**

The Tollesboro Lions Club will host "SUMMER DAYS FLEA MARKET", a 3 day weekend event featuring vendors selling their wares which may include antiques, crafts, baked goods, homemade ice cream, guns, knives, collectibles, new items, tools, antiques AND MORE! The event will be conducted on the grounds of the Tollesboro Lions Club Community Park/Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds, located on KY 9 (the "AA" Hwy), KY 10, and Lions Club Lane, at Tollesboro, Lewis County, Kentucky 41189. The event will begin Friday June 22nd 9 am to 8 pm; Saturday June 23rd, 9 am to 8 pm., and Sunday, June 24th, from 10 am to 4 pm. Spaces available include 15' x 30', 15' x 45' and 15' x 60'; electricity can be made available for a limited number of vendors. For additional information or to secure and rent space at the event (as well as to be contacted when future events are held), contact Richard "Skeeter" Shaw (606-798-6134 or 606-356-8043), Daymond Thomas (606-202-1620 or Denny Hornback (606-202-1373). No food vendors please as food and drinks will be available during the entire event run (however baked goods and homemade goods, as well as ice cream vendors are permitted).



## THE TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB HOSTED THEIR 61ST ANNUAL TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIR JULY 13TH THROUGH 21ST, 2018

The 61st Annual Tollesboro Lions Club Fair will be held at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds July 13th through July 21st, 2018. The Fair Schedule, including a listing of all of our Elite Sponsors as well as sponsors of individual classes and events conducted during the fair, is available for download from the Tollesboro Lions Club website, [www.tollesborolions.com](http://www.tollesborolions.com) on the TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIR & HORSE SHOW page. Please patronage and thank each sponsor for their continued support as we could not succeed without their generous support!

Beginning on Friday night, July 13th, the fair will hosted a TUG TRACTOR PULL and a SADDLE HORSE SHOW. The Saddle Horse Show offered 26 CLASSES! The Tug Tractor Pull was for tractors weighing 3,500 to 6,000 pounds. You may download a list of the classes from the Tollesboro Lions Club website, [www.tollesborolions.com](http://www.tollesborolions.com) under the TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIR AND HORSE SHOW page. The class schedule includes the entry fee information and the awards for each class as well as the CLASS SPONSORS to whom we owe a debt of gratitude as the Horse Show could not exist without the help of our numerous and generous sponsors.

On Saturday, July 14th, a TUG TRACTOR PULL and the WALKING HORSE SHOW will be featured. The Walking Horse Show will offer 25 CLASSES!!! This evening's Tug Tractor Pull included tractors weighing 6,000 to 9,000 pounds. You may download a list of the classes from the Tollesboro Lions Club website, [www.tollesborolions.com](http://www.tollesborolions.com) under the TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIR AND HORSE SHOW page. The class schedule includes the entry fee information and the awards for each class as well as the CLASS SPONSORS to whom we owe a debt of gratitude as the Horse Show could not exist without the help of our numerous and generous sponsors.

The always popular TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIR PARADE was conducted Sunday, July 15th, with floats, fire trucks, Shriner vehicles, antique cars and tractors (as well as modern tractors), church groups, walkers and joggers, horse riders, bicyclists, ATV and UTVs and more, extended from the fairgrounds to the Citizens Deposit Bank and back (this was a GREAT PARADE on a cooler overcast day, and the rain (which was very light) held off until the parade ended. The parade swelled the population of the community to watch and participate in the only parade the community hosts). Many people came out and participate in the Parade, with many more people scattered throughout town in yards and business parking lots to watch this great event!

Monday began a full week of the fair in which carnival rides will be available each night throughout the duration of the fair.

On Monday, events included a DEMOLITION DERBY, the MISS TEEN PAGEANT (13 to 15 years of age), YOUTH SHEEP AND GOAT SHOW, and the MISS PRE-TEEN PAGEANT (8-12 years of age). There were 22 entries in the compact Demolition Derby Class (a larger car class was added when 5 larger cars showed up).

Tuesday was a busy night as events will included the FLORAL HALL (receiving entries at noon, open at 6 pm); the BABY SHOW (birth to 18 months); Gospel Singing by Tiffany Porter, Gary & Brenda Hunt, and the Thurmans; ATV DRAG RACING; REMOTE CONTROL CARS & TRUCKS; the HOG SHOW; and the CUTIE PIE CONTEST (ages 19 months to 36 months). There were a record number of hogs and hog exhibitors in the show!

Wednesday was the LEWIS COUNTY FARM BUREAU NIGHT featuring \$10 CARLOAD admittance INCLUDING RIDES!!! Many people took advantage of this opportunity to get-away and take the whole family --- inviting the neighbors and relatives too --- as you can bring in a whole carload for JUST \$10!!! This evening was packed with events, including the DAIRY CATTLE SHOW, a PETTING ZOO, BOYS 3 ON 3 BASKETBALL, a GARDEN TRACTOR PULL, TODDLER SHOW (3 - 4 years of age), TRUCK/CAR DIRT DRAG RACING, LITTLE MISS & MISTER PAGEANT (couples only, 5 - 7 years of age), and a POULTRY SHOW.

Thursday evening featured a STEER SHOW, a MOTO-X (MOTORCROSS) RACE, a BLUEGRASS/GOSPEL CONCERT, the LIONS QUEEN PAGEANT (16 - 21 years of age), and the BEEF CATTLE SHOW. In addition, as a late unadvertised event, the Tollesboro Lions Club Fair included a Pony & Mule Pull event put on by the Bluegrass Pony & Mule Pullers



Association.

Friday Night was to feature the "BATTLE OF THE BLUEGRASS" TRUCK AND TRACTOR PULL, a TALENT CONTEST, and the MUD SLING as well as FREE EYE SCREENING FOR BOTH CHILDREN AND ADULTS WHICH WAS TO BE CONDUCTED ON THE GROUNDS ON FRIDAY NIGHT AND ON SATURDAY NIGHT FROM 5 PM TO 9 PM BY KENTUCKY LIONS EYE FOUNDATION LION VERNA SHARP (sight conservation has been a significant part of Lionism since 1925, a mere 8 years after Lions Clubs were first founded). NOTE: UNFORTUNATELY, ALL EVENTS THIS EVENING WERE CANCELLED DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS, A DOWNPOUR OF HEAVY RAIN COUPLED WITH LIGHTNING.

On Saturday night, events were scheduled to include the KIDS POWER WHEELS MUD SLING, a MUD SLING/MUD BOG/SideBySideUTV/RTV Mud Sling/Mud Bog contest, and the "LUCAS PRO PULLING LEAGUE" TRUCK AND TRACTOR PULL. FREE EYE SCREENING FOR BOTH CHILDREN AND ADULTS WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THE GROUNDS ON FRIDAY NIGHT AND ON SATURDAY NIGHT FROM 5 PM TO 9 PM BY KENTUCKY LIONS EYE FOUNDATION LION VERNA SHARP (sight conservation has been a significant part of Lionism since 1925, a mere 8 years after Lions Clubs were first founded). NOTE: ALL EVENTS OTHER THAN THE MUD SLING WERE CANCELLED DUE TO HEAVY RAIN. The Carnival was in operation at various times during the evening. The Mud Sling, although hampered by intermittent rains, did go on through completion. STILL, more than 700 persons paid admission to watch the event, sitting through intermittent rain on the bleachers using rain gear and umbrellas, as well as under tents and in vehicles (there was a rain delay, however for most of the event, the rain held off).

The Annual Fair provides an excellent source of entertainment for the whole family and is the main source of funding for the Tollesboro Lions Club's projects and good works that we provide for our community. The Tollesboro Lions Club has made (and continues to make) improvements to our fairgrounds. The Tollesboro Lions Club has been an institution in the Tollesboro community since 1954. All members of the Tollesboro Lions Club are volunteers, they donate their time, energy, and talents in order to make our community a better place to live and to engage the Lions Club motto: We Serve.

WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK ALL OF OUR GENEROUS SUPPORTERS, ELITE SPONSORS, AND SPONSORS OF INDIVIDUAL EVENTS AND CLASSES AS WE COULD NOT SUCCEED WITHOUT THEIR SUPPORT. PLEASE HELP US BY PATRONIZING OUR SUPPORTERS AND SPONSORS AND THANK THEM FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



**The Opening Ceremony of the Tollesboro Lions Club Fair: The Presentation of our National Flag and the playing of the National Anthem. No knees taken here. We are proud to live in the Greatest Nation that ever Existed, faults and all.**

**MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BESTOW HIS GREAT BLESSINGS ON EACH OF US and MAY GOD BLESS AMERICA NOW & EVERMORE!!**





Taken a little after 6 am on Sunday morning, this photo shows several participants as they watch Tollesboro resident Bob Lykins at the wheel of his Case 870 tractor as he attempts to pull the 15,000 pound sled. This same tractor, with son Josh Lykins at the wheel, would soon prove to be the Heavy Load winner of the 6000 - 9000 pound class.

## **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIR TUG TRACTOR PULL**

On Friday, July 12th, and Saturday, July 13th, during the 61st Annual Tollesboro Lions Club Fair, the Tug Tractor Pull event was a great success. Tractors from a variety of manufacturers were represented including Case, Ford, John Deere, Long, Duetz, Massey Ferguson, Allis Chalmers, Oliver, and International Harvester/Farmall, with tractors on the grounds dating from the late 1930s - early 1940s competing successfully with those of much more recent manufacture. Vying for percentage as well as heavy load, the top 3 winners would receive a cash prize as well as a trophy.

On Friday night, over 70 entries participated with tractors weighing between 3500 and 6000 pounds, it took a sled weighing 10,000 pounds to determine the final heavy load winner. Winning First Percentage was Preston Northcutt on a John Deere B; 2nd Percentage went to Jerry Ross on a John Deere 40; third percentage went to Jim Tolbert on a Oliver 880. Winning First Heavy Load was Preston Northcutt on a John Deere A, second heavy load went to Ashley Black on a IH Farmall M, with third heavy load going to Tanner Hord on his 400 IH Farmall. The event went into the early morning hours, ending at 3:30 AM on Saturday.

On Saturday evening, over 100 participants with tractors weighing between 6000 and 9000 pounds competed for bragging rights, a trophy, and prize money, including many of the same tractors and drivers from the Friday night event. First place percentage went to Jerry Ross on a John Deere A; second place percentage went to Ashley Black on an IH Farmall M, and third place percentage went to Tanner Hord on an IH 400 Farmall. Heavy load was won by Josh Lykins on a Case 870, the only tractor that pulled the sled weighing 15,000 pounds the full pull length of 10 feet; with a tie for second shared by Jerry Ross on a 720 John Deere and Daulton Fryman on a 7610 Ford, whom each pulled the 15,000 pound sled a distance of 6 feet (keep in mind that this does not consider a flat or clean track, or even a solid surface under the sled, as the track - by the time that the heavy load is determined - has been torn up and dug into by many other tractors and that the sled is also pushing significant dirt from these holes that have been dug into the track by previous entries throughout the night. By the time the event is finished, the track has the same general appearance as the surface of a washboard).

An exhausting event, the Heavy load winners were not determined UNTIL 6:30 AM on Sunday morning!!!





*9 Participants (very young children) in 7 battery powered vehicles competed in the POWER WHEELS DEMOLITION DERBY Monday July 16th at the Tollesboro Lions Club. All of these young brave children tried their best, captivating the crowd and putting on an entertaining and enjoyable show for the huge crowd to watch.*



*Compact Car Class of the Demolition Derby in one of the Heat Races (the winners of the event are not included in this photo). The car in the background on top of the hood of another car is the eventual "Mad Dog" Trophy winner, chosen after the Feature Race. The car at the far left was the raffle car driven by a member of the crowd who just happened to purchase the winning raffle ticket to permit him to drive this car in the event and who put on a good show for those in the crowd cheering him on.*

## **GIRLS WIN DEMOLITION DERBY RESULTS TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIR**

On Monday night, July 17th, at the 61st Annual Tollesboro Lions Club Fair, in the Demolition Derby Event, girls took first and second place in the feature of the compact car class of the Demolition Derby! Despite overcast skies, drizzle, and a short period of rain, the event was heavily attended, bleachers nearly full, with a good crowd on hand to watch the Power Wheels Event, the Compact Car Class Event, and a added Full Size Car Event.

The first class was the POWER WHEELS DEMOLITION DERBY, where little boys and girls operating their battery powered vehicles put on a cute show for the crowd prior to the gas powered main events. All participants in the Power Wheels Demolition Derby Class received a trophy.

Although not originally included as a class, 5 full-size cars showed up, so a class was created and the participants put on a great show, speeding through, blowing radiators, crashing hot steaming cars into each other, with the third place winner eventually pushed into the bank and into a guardrail by the eventual class winner, going after each other as fast as their damaged cars would allow, until only one vehicle remained. At the end, first place went to Josh Journey, second place to Cameron Howe, and third place to Payton Stephenson. The "Mad Dog" winner was split between Jody Cross and Craig Smith who split a \$100 added purse (as this event was not originally planned, we only had a Mad Dog trophy for the compact class)..

Prior to the Compact Car Demolition Derby Event, during both the Power Wheels Class and the Full-Size Car Class, tickets were sold for the opportunity to drive the "RAFFLE CAR" in the event. Dustin Keaton's ticket was drawn and he entered the event in a Ford Taurus prepared for the event. He did a good job, driving this car and



putting a hurt on the competition, losing a tire in the first heat, but able to get the car back in running condition and compete in the Feature Event, where he was even considered for the Mad Dog trophy by some of the judges. In the compact class, 22 participants beat up on each other, again spinning around and through the ring, putting on a great show for 2 heats with 10 and 12 cars respectively, with 10 cars and drivers meeting in the feature race. At the end of the feature, TWO GIRLS outlasted the guys to take first and second place (and they weren't treading lightly either, with one of the girls also considered by some of the judges as a potential Mad Dog winner), with first place going to Amanda Smith, second place going to Natasha Burgemier, third place going to Woodie Mullins, and fourth place going to Eric Taylor. The custom-made one-of-a-kind Mad Dog Trophy goes to the driver who did some of the wildest moves and made some of the biggest hits. Several drivers were considered by the event judges for this award, with this year's trophy presented to Jeff Hunt who competed in the Feature without a radiator, going full speed as long as he could, and putting some tremendous hits on the competition until his car would go no longer.

Jeremy Tully and crew did a great job putting together the event, with event sponsors including Maysville Premier Auto Sales of Maysville, HAWK Predator & Wildlife Control (Marty Voiers) of Tollesboro; Maysville Auto Parts; Calvert Racing Engines, Big Blue Outdoor, Darrell Fannin Trucking, Mann Chrysler Dodge Jeep of Maysville, and Craig A. Stanfield Real Estate & Auction Services. In addition, Maysville Auto Parts and Darrell Fannin Trucking provided used auto parts for the custom-made "Mad Dog" trophy. The Tollesboro Lions Club would like to thank Jeremy for all his hard work, and thank all of the sponsors of this event for their continued support!



***The Judge watches intently as exhibitors show off their market hogs Tuesday July 17th at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fair.***

### **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIR HOG SHOW SETS RECORD!**

On Tuesday, July 17th, a record number of hogs and youth exhibitors participated in the HOG SHOW. 116 Hogs were shown by 60 Showman (plus there were 32 adults who showed in the Adult Show) in 17 Market Hog Classes and 1 Breeder Gilt Class.

Supreme Champion Showman in the Senior Division was awarded to William Jacobs, with the Supreme Champion Showman in the Junior Division award going to Nathaniel Doyle, with Kendall Johnson taking the Supreme Championship Showman honors in the Novice Division. The Supreme Champion Market Hog was shown by Wade Banks, with the Reserve Champion Market Hog shown by Colton Ball. In the Breeding Gilt Class, the Grand Champion Gilt was led in the ring by William Jacobs, while the Reserve Champion Breeder Gilt was exhibited by Lakelynn Shoemaker. In the Lewis County 4-H Class, the Grand Champion award went to Lakelynn Shoemaker, with the Reserve award going to Brantley Shoemaker. The judge of the event was Barry Beery of Chillicothe, Ohio.





**(L-R) Miss Congeniality Blair Cupps of Burlington, Second Runner-Up Whitney Cornette of Vanceburg, Miss Tollesboro Lions Club Fair Jordan Ray of Carrollton, and First Runner-Up and Pat Harris Award Winner Brooklyn Browning of Butler. -Dennis Brown Photo**

### **2018 TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB QUEEN NAMED**

On Thursday evening, July 19th, 2018, nine contestants competed for the title "2018 MISS TOLLESBORO LIONS FAIR QUEEN". After several rounds of competition, Jordan Ray of Carrollton, Kentucky was awarded the win and the title. Runner-Up (and also the winner of the Pat Harris Award) was Brooklyn Browning of Butler, Kentucky; Second Runner-Up was Whitney Cornette of Vanceburg, Kentucky, and Miss Congeniality was Blair Cupps of Burlington, Kentucky.





Photo shows (top) a Pony Team "in action" pulling the sled at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fair. Bottom left: Light Class Winners Bud & Pete photographed with owners and pulling team O'Neill & Harp of Dry Ridge, KY. Bottom Right: Heavy Class Winners Curley & Amos with owners and pulling team David Purvis of Lexington, KY.

## **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB ADDS PONY & MULE PULL TO FAIR**

The Tollesboro Lions Club Fair added a Pony & Mule Pull unexpectedly to Thursday night's (July 19th, 2018) event schedule. **TRULY UNEXPECTED** as, the event was considered for a Fair Event but some due to some communication glitches and scheduling issues, the Tollesboro Lions Club did not receive confirmation that the date was firmed up, and was of the opinion that the event was scratched and therefore not placed in the Fairbook or on the Schedule of Events. However at nearly 5 pm., trailers started to arrive with pony pulling teams as the Bluegrass Pony & Mule Pullers Association had placed the event on their event calendar and participants began to show up. In addition, the sled and blocks arrived as well. The Tollesboro Lions Club hastily got on board, preparing the track in the Horse Show Warm-Up Ring, placing bleachers for spectators, and otherwise preparing for the event. However the Bluegrass Pony & Mule Pullers Association was prepared: They provided their own announcers, PA system, sled, workers whom added weights to the sled, etc., basically as self-contained event, the only other thing that the Tollesboro Lions Club had to provide was a tractor to pull the sled off their trailer, and to set the sled for the pullers occasionally.

Eventually **EIGHT TEAMS** showed up, making for 2 classes of 4 teams each, a heavy class and a light class. Pullers and teams came from as far away as Columbia in Adair County, and a small town near Lake Cumberland to compete. This is a percentage pull, with the winning team pulling the highest percentage of weight the greatest distance. Teams were weighed, and then handicapped according to their weights, pulling from lightest in the class to the heaviest in the class, with additional weights added to the sled as heavier teams began to pull, the weights being added corroborated to the weight difference in the lighter to heavier teams. By the way, if you have never experienced a pony/mule/horse pull before: You will never see any athlete who has any more will to compete than these animals do. They know what is expected and they prance expectantly waiting to hear that clank when the double-tree hook catches the sled, and are ready to pull at under a second's notice. The dangerous part of the ordeal is for the person responsible to hook the sled to the double-tree, as if you place your hand in the wrong place, you could suffer a severe injury as these horses are excited and eager to show their ability, regardless the weight of the sled. And they don't want to stop at the minimum full-pull length either! They want to pull the sled as far as they possibly can.

In the light class, the teams were required to pull the sled a minimum distance of 12 feet for a full pull. In the



heavier class, the minimum distance to pull the sled is 15 feet for a full pull. Winning the Light Class were Bud and Pete of O'Neill and Harp of Dry Ridge, KY, a team weighing 1656 lbs. pulling a 5130 lb. sled. In the heavy class, David Purvis of Lexington, KY took home first place honors for the first time this year, with his team Curley and Amos, the team weighing 1975 pounds pulling a 5010 lb. sled.

The Bluegrass Pony & Mule Pullers Association was only started this year, so glitches are to be expected, thus the reason that this became an unadvertised special event. However, the members of the Association were dedicated to their craft, came prepared and basically completely self-sufficient, requiring very little of the Club to put on the event (basically, the only things that the Club had to provide -- other than some financial assistance -- was a place to conduct the event with seating for the crowd, and a tractor and tractor driver for placement of the sled. They provided the sled, blocks, labor, announcer, PA system, their own event liability insurance coverage, their own awards (nice laser engraved plaques of solid wood with mahogany trim) --- basically everything else required to put on a show, and every puller and member of the Association was both personable and extremely nice to work with and the Tollesboro Lions Club hopes to make this event a part of next year's fair.



*MUD SLING ACTION SATURDAY, JULY 21ST. Despite heavy rain, a crowd of over 700 persons (some visible in this photo) braved the elements to watch and cheer on their favorite drivers as the drivers put on a fine show.*

## **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIR ENDS IN NEAR RAINOUT... ALMOST!** **HOWEVER THE MUD SLING NOT FAZED BY WEATHER!**

Despite HEAVY RAINS before the start of the event, continuing through a portion of the event, the Tollesboro Lions Club Fair was determined to end on a high note, promising not to cancel the Mud Sling due to rain (as rain makes mud. Right?), making a promise to drivers to conduct the event as long as lightning did not pose a danger to participants and crowds. The bleachers ended up being fairly full, although not overly crowded either, as people showed up to brave the weather conditions to witness the Mud Sling Event Saturday evening, July 21st, the last day of the 61st Annual Tollesboro Lions Club Fair.

The Mud Sling is the one event that rain by itself (lacking lightning and high winds) couldn't end. A number of drivers contacted the Club to insure that --- no matter how much rain fell (barring lightning) --- that the Mud Sling event would prevail, and committed to bringing their trucks to play in the mud. And what mud it was. Deep, wet, sticky, messy: MUDDY. A mud-sling lover's dream, resulting in over 700 people paying the cost of admission to watch the event, walking through the sloppy wet grounds, sitting in the rain and drizzle on the bleachers, waiting for the event to begin, some with and some lacking umbrellas.

Luckily, the rain while cooling, did not make for a cold evening, due to the high humidity from the heat of the sun earlier in the day. The event started fairly early, albeit delayed, with the Kid's Power Wheels event beginning about 7 pm. HOWEVER before the first class could begin, another heavy rain came in, pelting the grounds with water, probably at least an inch, maybe more, making the track finally a good muddy consistency (earlier, the Club was busy wetting the track and working it over with a 4 wheel drive tractor operating a pto-drive rear tiller and a bulldozer to break up the dirt and mix with water to make the mud necessary for the event. After the heavy rain just before the event, the water flowed onto the track, helping make the track a real winner, with a mud sling track on the east side of the track, and the 'bog" located on the west side of the track. In the end, the crowd enjoyed a good show as the drivers put the pedal to the floor and sent mud flying, slinging it all over. Classes, number of entries, and event winners follow:

**CLASS A - KIDS POWER WHEELS, 3 entries.** Each child received a trophy and \$5 for participating. Participants included: Liam Insko; Trenton Massey; Eli Conrad.

**CLASS 1 - 4 & 6 CYLINDER ENGINES, 7 entries.** Winner Zach Truesdell; Second Randy Moran; Third Harvey Miller.

**CLASS 2 - PRO-STREET, 3 entries.** Winner Chris Highfield; Second Shawn Palmer; Third Stanley Mineer.

**CLASS 3 - FARM STOCK.6 entries.** Winner Stanley Mineer; Second Travis Vise; Third Zach Bloomfield.

**CLASS 4 - SUPER STOCK 3 entries.** Winner Stanley Mineer; Second David Turner (who traveled from North



Middletown to participate), Third Lakin Highfield.

CLASS 5 - PURE STOCK 4 entries. Winner Timmy Roberts; Second Marvin Tully (Ford Truck); Third Marvin Tully (Chevy truck).

CLASS 6 - STREET STOCK 6 entries. Winner Stanley Mineer; Second David Senters; Third Justin Howe.

CLASS 7: MUD BOG 38" Tires or Larger, 1 entry. Winner: Mike Jolly.

CLASS 8: MUD BOG 36" or Smaller Tire Size, 4 entries. First: Harvey Miller; Second Lakin Highfield.

CLASS 9; 1000 CC ATV/Side By Side, 2 entries. Winner Billy Lightner; Second Dylan Gilbert.

Photo Attached: MUD SLING ACTION.



## TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB GRANTS SCHOLARSHIPS TO AREA YOUTH

Now that a new school year has begun, the TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB would like to announce that it presented scholarships to a number of local students to assist them in advancing their education. This year, four college scholarships were granted, each in the amount of \$250. This year's recipients were: Jaycee Evans, Cheryl Griffith, Kennedy Wellman and Leslieanne Harris.

The Tollesboro Lions Club has continuously supported youth of the area by the granting of scholarship funds for many decades, and is very pleased to assist these young persons in furthering their education. The Tollesboro Lions Club is well aware of the significance and importance of higher education as well as being very aware of the costs involved in attending college and the financial burdens that attending college can have on the youth and on their families. College costs do not only consider the cost of tuition, but also the cost of books as well as living and travel arrangements. As such, the Club is well aware that every dollar counts and that every dollar granted is appreciated by the fortunate recipients. Therefore the scholarship funds that we grant are not restricted to tuition alone, but can be used for any need that the student has in furthering their education.

The Tollesboro Lions Club is very pleased that we have been able to provide support to a large number of students over the years, and plan to continue offering such support in the future to local youth as education is so important to their futures.



Tollesboro Lions Club members "Work Night" installing filter fabric and mulch on new playground.

## TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB HOSTS "WORK NIGHT" FOR INSTALLATION OF

## **FILTER FABRIC AND RUBBER MULCH FOR NEW PLAYGROUND**

Sixteen Members of the Tollesboro Lions Club met Monday Aug. 13th for a "Work Night" to begin installation of filter fabric and rubber mulch for the newly installed playground located at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds Community Park. The actual installation of the playground equipment was more than the Tollesboro Lions Club could handle, thus the Tollesboro Lions Club contracted with a professional installation company at a cost of \$14,615 (the does not include the cost of the filter fabric, the rubber mulch, or the playground equipment). The Lewis County Farm Bureau has graciously reimbursed the Tollesboro Lions Club \$15,000 to reimburse the Club for the cost of installation of the playground equipment. The playground equipment was provided by a grant obtained by the Lewis County Extension Office through the Center for Disease Control to encourage kids to exercise and play outdoors rather than inside on video games and is a first class playground setup (the grant was for approximately \$35,000!!! A duplicate playground was also provided by an identical grant to be placed in Garrison); portions of the playground equipment are ADA compliant, handicapped accessible, and includes a wheelchair swing suited to use even by adults. It will be necessary to pour concrete for the shade shelter structure and the handicapped accessible wheelchair swing before the playground is completed (the costs of concrete slabs will be just over \$3,100 and the cost of rubber mulch was in excess of \$5,000 (installation is scheduled for Aug. 21, 2018). The Tollesboro Lions Club is proud to add this first class playground to the site improvements at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds/Community Park and hopes that it will be enjoyed by area youth for years to come. A dedication ceremony and ribbon cutting will be held in the near future.



## **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIRGROUNDS SITE OF RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT**

The LEWIS-MASON COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE, a fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society, will be held at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds August 25th, 2018. This is the first joint-venture event of the two county organization, and the first time the event has been conducted at the Tollesboro Loins Club Fairgrounds, an ideal location for the jointly hosted event as the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds is located nearly equidistant to the county seats of both host counties, Vanceburg (the county seat of Lewis County, KY) and Maysville (the county seat of Mason County), each located approximately 16 miles (Vanceburg to the east, Maysville to the west) from the event site. In addition, the fairgrounds has a walking track in place (as well as permanent restroom facilities), has benches and trash cans in place along the walking track route, and has pavilions located nearby for shade or cover in the event of rain (as well as for seating during the opening and closing event ceremonies).

The event will take place from 6 pm. until 11 pm, with sign-up at 5 pm. The event will include an Opening Ceremony, a Survivor's/Caretaker's Walk, the Team Walk, a Luminaria Ceremony, and a Closing Ceremony. Other activities may be added throughout the day, however planning for any additional activities is incomplete at this time.





## **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB TO HOST BENEFIT TUG TRACTOR PULL**

The Tollesboro Lions Club will host a Tug Tractor Pull on Friday and Saturday nights, September 7th and 8th, 2018 at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds as a benefit to raise funds for Travis and Amanda Carpenter who recently lost everything in a fire. The event is scheduled to begin at 7 pm, with weigh-in beginning at 6 pm. Food will be served. On Friday night, weight class will be 3500 to 6000 pounds. On Saturday night, weight class will be 6000 to 9000 pounds. Percentage and heavy load trophies and prize monies will be awarded. All admission, as well as all profits from the event, will be presented to the Carpenter Family.



**Tollesboro Lions Club President Steve Pedersen (left) and Lions Club Membership Chairperson as well as Zone Chairman Clinton Applegate next to the Kentucky Lions Vision Van at the State Fair.**

## **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB MEMBERS TAKE PART IN KLEF STATE FAIR VISION SCREENING**

Two members of the Tollesboro Lions Club, current President Steve Pedersen and Zone Chairman Clinton Applegate attended the Kentucky State Fair on Thursday, August 23, 2018 for the purpose of vision screening under the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation from 3 pm to 8 pm. At the State Fair, over 11 days, 377 volunteers from 35 Lions Club organizations donated 2,073 hours to provide Free Vision Screenings to 3,450 persons! Of the 3,450 persons receiving free vision screenings, 2,448 were above 7 years of age, and 1,002 were under the age of 6. There were 918 passes and 84 referrals provided! Sight conservation is the main goal of Lions Club International since 1925 (a mere 8 years after the organization was created in 1917; the Lions Club International celebrated 100 years as a service organization in 2017!) when Helen Keller personally appealed to the Lions Club Annual Convention and challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness". Today, Lions Club International (which became an international organization in 1920, 3 years after the organization was originated) is the world's largest service organization, with 1.35 million members in over 200 countries with over 46,000 clubs scattered throughout the world.



## **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB TO HOST FALL HORSE SHOW & MUD SLING SEPT. 15TH**

The Tollesboro Lions Club will host a Horse Show on Saturday, September 15, 2018, beginning at 6 pm. at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds in Tollesboro. The Horse Show will offer 30 classes, offering something for all ages to participate and enjoy!

Classes to include: 1). Stick Horse, 2). Lead Line, 3). Spotted Saddle Horse Traditional Trail Pleasure, 4). 48 Inch & Under Road Pony; 5). Novice Amateur Walking Horse Specialty; 6). Amateur 2 Year Old Walking; 7). Spotted Saddle Horse Trail Pleasure; 8). Open Ladies Easy Gait; 9). Trail Pleasure; 10). Juvenile Trail Pleasure Walking; 11). Spotted Saddle Horse Juvenile Trail Pleasure; 12). Adult Walking Pony Specialty; 13). Ladies Only Country Pleasure; 14). Amateur Road Pony; 15). Spotted Saddle Horse 4 Under Trail Pleasure; 16). Open 3 Yr. Old Walking; 17). Spotted Saddle Horse Open; 18). Amateur Walking Horse Specialty; 19). Juvenile 17 & Under Walking; 20). Amateur Owned & Trained Walking Specialty; 21). Juvenile Country Pleasure; 22). Park Performance; 23). Men Only Easy Gate; 24). Amateur Road Horse To Bike; 25). Show Pleasure Walking Specialty; 26). Open Shod Plantation Pleasure; 27). Men Only Country Pleasure; 28). Open 15.2 & Under Walking Specialty; 29). Trail Pleasure Walking; 30). Walking Horse Specialty Championship.

All typical horse show rules will apply (health papers, etc.).

ALSO on SEPT. 15th, the TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB will host a MUD SLING!!! The event at the fair this year was outstanding, with over 700 persons sitting in the crowd on a rainy night! We will therefore be hosting a fall version of this event to appease those who didn't want to brave the elements on the last evening of our annual fair, a final opportunity to see a Mud Sling locally!

The Tollesboro Lions Club would like to invite everyone to attend this fall event.



*Vendors setting up at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds displaying and selling their wares on a beautiful day during a recent Trade Days event.*

## **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB HOSTS FALL TRADE DAYS EVENT**

The Tollesboro Lions Club will hold it's First Annual TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FALL DAYS FLEA & TRADE MARKET EVENT over 3 days at the Tollesboro Lions Club on KY 10 and Lions Club Lane at Tollesboro, KY, Friday Sept. 28th through Sunday, Sept. 30th, 2018.

Featuring a Flea Market, Arts & Crafts, Antiques, Tools, Collectibles, New Items, Baked and Homemade Goods,



## **Guns, Knives AND MORE!**

To reserve a space as a vendor, contact Richard "Skeeter" Shaw (606-798-6134 or 606-356-8043), Daymond Thomas (606-202-1620) or Denny Hornback (606-202-1373). Vendor spaces available include 15' x 30', 15' x 45', and 15' x 60'. Electricity can be made available to a limited number of vendors. **NO FOOD VENDORS** as food will be available throughout the event. However baked goods and homemade goods are welcome! The event is setup along the "AA" Hwy to take advantage of traffic and viewing, and is free to the public to walk around, peruse, and purchase items from vendors (no admission).



## **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB RESCHEDULE BENEFIT TUG TRACTOR PULL**

The Tollesboro Lions Club held a Tug Tractor Pull on Friday and Saturday nights, September 7th and 8th, 2018 at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds as a benefit to raise funds for Travis and Amanda Carpenter who recently lost everything in a fire. Due to the overwhelming heavy rains that occurred, the Friday Night Event was severely impacted and the Saturday Night Event had to be canceled. Therefore, the TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB has rescheduled the event for Friday Sept. 28th and Saturday, Sept. 29th. The event is scheduled to begin at 7 pm, with weigh-in beginning at 6 pm. Food will be served. On Friday night, weight class will be 3500 to 6000 pounds. On Saturday night, weight class will be 6000 to 9000 pounds. Percentage and heavy load trophies will be awarded. **NO** admission will be collected, as this event will be conducted to coincide with the FALL TRADE DAYS EVENT. All profits will be presented to the Carpenter Family.



## **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB TO HOST NEW PLAYGROUND RIBBON CUTTING/GRAND OPENING EVENT**

The Tollesboro Lions Club, proud of the recent installation of the NEW PLAYGROUND installed on the grounds of the Tollesboro Lions Club Community Park, will host a Ribbon Cutting/Grand Opening Ceremony on the grounds on Friday, October 5th, 2018 at 5:00 PM. In cooperation with the Lewis County Health Department, food and t-shirts will be given away to mark the event. The public is invited to attend!

The playground equipment will include a Play Smart 10 Structure (this piece of playground equipment is a large component that cost nearly 1/2 of the grant monies offered by the CDC and includes a variety of exercising equipment that is intended to work the muscles. Included on this one component are 3 slides, stairs, rock climbing wall, overhead ladder and more. Portions of this piece of equipment are ADA compliant); a 4 Seat Bouncing See Saw; a 3 Bay Commercial Swing Set; a 2 Bay ADA Swing Set (this is a handicapped accessible swing compliant with



the Americans With Disabilities Act, and includes a swing that will accommodate a wheelchair); 8' Toddler T-Swing Set; a Geo-Dome Climber; and a 4 Post Superior Shade (24' x 30', 8' entry height, basically a shaded picnic shelter in place with picnic benches and trash cans provided as an area for adults to relax while watching their children use the playground equipment as well as an area where the family can eat healthy snacks and drinks so as to stay hydrated and under shade when necessary on hot days, as well as providing respite between showers on other days).

The new playground has ADA (Americans With Disabilities Act) approved features to provide for exercising, including an adult-rated wheelchair swing. The total investment of the new playground (including the equipment, installation, site preparation, mulch, filter fabric) was approximately \$60,000! In addition to the playground, the Tollesboro Lions Club Community Park offers a blacktopped walking track and a basketball court to offer persons of all ages the opportunity to exercise to improve their fitness and health.

The Tollesboro Lions Club would like to thank the Lewis County Health Department, the Lewis County Extension Agency, the Lewis County Farm Bureau, Carmeuse Lime, Kenny Meadows and Kenton Meadows (Meadows Excavating), The Center for Disease Control, County Judge Todd Ruckel, the board and staff of the Buffalo Trace Area Development District and the BTADD Revolving Loan Fund committee, and everyone who aided in acquiring grants and helping to aid in the installation, acquisition, and setup of the playground equipment, including our dedicated Tollesboro Lions Club members. We have been truly fortunate as a small club to be blessed with so many supporters in our community. The membership of the Tollesboro Lions Club -- both past and present --- has always been aware that we could not accomplish what we have in the past 64 years of our existence without the AID OFFERED BY OUR COMMUNITY, VOLUNTEERS, LOCAL BUSINESSES, OUR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, ELECTED OFFICIALS, and FINANCIAL BACKERS THROUGHOUT THE YEARS. We take this opportunity to thank everyone who has ever offered support to any of our ventures, fair and non-fair events, and the fairgrounds!



Tollesboro Lions Club members Steven Pedersen (2018 Club President) and one Chairman Clinton Applegate at the 2018 USA-Canada Leadership Forum.

## TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB MEMBERS ATTEND USA/CANADA



## LEADERSHIP FORUM

Tollesboro Lions Club President Steve Pedersen and Tollesboro Lions Club member serving as Kentucky District 43-Y Zone Chairman Clinton Applegate joined over 1900 Lions Club Members attending the 2018 Lions Club International USA/CANADA LEADERSHIP FORUM Sept. 20 through 22nd at Columbus, Ohio. One of the highlights of the forum was an address at Saturday's Luncheon by Current Lions Club International President Guðrún Yngvadóttir of Gardabaer, Iceland, elected June 30th at the 101st International Lions Club Convention to serve as the First Female Lions Club International President as well as the first Lions Club International President from Iceland.

The mission of the USA/CANADA Leadership Forum is to develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas, and support programs and goals of Lions Club International. Lions Club International, the world's largest service organization, is truly an international organization, with more than 1.35 million members serving in more than 46,000 clubs making their presence known in more than 200 countries. One of the main goals of Lions Club International is to aid the blind and visually impaired, this being in response to a challenge at the 1925 Lions Club Conventional by none other than Helen Keller! As part of the 2018 Leadership Forum, an all-blind band performed live at the Forum, a touching reminder that blindness continues to effect people everywhere and stressing the continuing need for people everywhere to unite to support sight conservation.

While next year's USA/CANADA Leadership Forum will be held in Spokane, Washington, the 2020 USA/CANADA LEADERSHIP FORUM will be held in LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY Sept. 17 through 19th, 2020! The Tollesboro Lions Club hopes to send a number of members to act as both volunteers and attendees at the 2020 Leadership Forum.

Photo attached: TollesboroLionsClubMembersAttendForum.



[A large crowd was on hand to celebrate the official Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Event for the Newly Installed Playground at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds/Community Park.](#)

## RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY & PLAYGROUND GRAND-OPENING AT TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB

The TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB celebrated the recent completion of the new playground at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds Friday, Oct. 5, 2018 at a ribbon cutting ceremony. While storm clouds gathered overhead, the rains held off, allowing for the ribbon cutting ceremony to proceed as planned and permitting the crowd to enjoy a supper under the Pavilion, with rains arriving later in the evening after the event was concluded!

The event was well attended, with at least 65 persons, possibly 70 or more, in attendance. Attendees included Rocky Adkins (Ky House of Representatives, Minority Floor Leader), Michelle Keller (Justice Kentucky State Supreme Court), Kentucky Lions Club District 43-Y District Governor Mary Wethington, County Judge Executive Todd Ruckel, Lewis County Sheriff Johnny Bivens, Lewis County Magistrate District 1 Terri Thomas, Members of the Lewis County Farm Bureau Board of Directors: Jim Meadows, Chairman (owner of Rip's Feed Mill, a great supporter, as well as a member, of the Tollesboro Lions Club), Philip Stamm, Rex Elam, Kathy Dillow (also a member of the Buffalo Trace Area Development District Board of Directors representing Lewis Co.), Jr. Walker, and Dwight Malone; Lewis Co. Extension Agent, Agriculture and Natural Resources Philip Konopka; Lewis County Health Department Director Anita Bertram; Buffalo Trace Area Development District Executive Director Amy Kennedy and Loan Officer Amanda Ruark, as well as Craig Stanfield (Past Chair BTADD, current member Board of Directors and Executive Committee representing Lewis Co as a Citizen Member, also Chair of the BTADD Revolving Loan Fund, as well as a member of the Tollesboro Lions Club, Immediate Past President, current LCIF Coordinator and Marketing Communications Chairman); Buffalo Trace Revolving Loan Fund Board Member Buddy Gallenstein (also a member of the Executive Committee BTADD RLF Board, representing Mason Co.); Lisa Wellman representing Carmeuse Lime; Meadows Excavating represented by Kenny Meadows and Kenton Meadows; and the following Tollesboro Lions Club members: Steve Pedersen (current Club President and Club Service Chairman), Clinton Applegate (current Zone

Chairman and current Club Membership Chair), Lee Thomas (current Club First Vice President), Anthony Wellman (current Club Second Vice President), Phil Cropper (current Club Secretary), Brad Schultz (current Club Treasurer), Mark Conrad, David Hampton, Paul Hampton, James Harris, Charlie Kendall, Terrell McCall, Daymond Thomas, and Larry Tucker. Also in attendance were a number of spouses of the Lions Club members, as well as members of the public at large, including a number of parents with their children making use of the playground facility.

The celebration opened with introductions of Special Guests and Dignitaries by Lion Craig A. Stanfield, followed by a few words by Lions Club President Steven Pedersen. Steve informed the public of just what went into the project, a project that has cost approximately \$65,000!!!

Lion Pedersen then introduced District Governor of Lions Club District 43Y to speak. After a few words, KY State Representative/Minority Floor Leader Rocky Adkins spoke, followed by Justice Michelle Keller and County Judge Todd Ruckel. Then the crowd assembled for the actual ribbon cutting ceremony, scissors operated by Lion District Governor Mary Wethington, with photos taken. This was followed by the crowd proceeding to the Pavilion where they were treated to pork tenderloin sandwiches, hamburgers/cheeseburgers, hotdogs/chili-dogs, chips, cookies, and drinks (at no cost), and t-shirts proclaiming "Walk With A Lion" were provided by the Lewis Co. Health Department to those in attendance.

## **ABOUT THE TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB PLAYGROUND**

The playground was first brought up to the Tollesboro Lions Club by a Special Called meeting when the Club was first approached in the fall of 2017 by Philip Konopka of the Extension Office to determine whether the Club would be willing to take on the project as an approximate \$30,000 grant was available to acquire the playground equipment through a grant through the Center for Disease Control in order to fight childhood obesity and get kids outside playing and exercising in the outdoors on the playground equipment rather than only exercising their thumbs playing video games. The playground grant was for in excess of \$30,000 (picnic tables and trash cans were added to the final total to increase the cost to basically \$35,000).

Almost blind, with no idea of what the costs to complete such a project might be, the Club unanimously agreed to support the project, thinking that we as a Club could erect the equipment in a weekend at little or no cost to the club except for some concrete to anchor the equipment in the ground. Authorization was granted by the Club for the President to sign a binder taking on the project. A few days later, the Club was informed that the grant was approved, obligating the Club to proceed.

Months later, as load after load and pallet after pallet of equipment began to arrive, it became quickly evident that this WAS NOT a weekend installation project at all. Also as the equipment was to be used by children, the membership of the Club would not feel comfortable installing the equipment on their own, as no member of the Club would be able to sleep at night if a child were injured due to an incorrect installation. Thus, it was decided to ask for bids for installation.

When the first bids came in at over \$17,000, we knew we bit off more than we could chew. We finally had an installation bid of \$14,615, still a large number, but knowing that the children of our community were worth it, we determined to look into financing the installation of not only the playground, but also for replacement construction of a chain-link fence along portions of our north boundary. We got a big surprise AGAIN when fence installation bids came in at over \$17,000!!! Still we persevered. We had some money to put into the project, but not enough. So we contacted the Buffalo Trace Area Development District to look into a loan through their Revolving Loan Fund, a fund we had tapped before and with which we were still making loan payments. The Club asked for and was approved for a loan of \$24,000. Once we began construction, it became evident that we were going to need every dime, as these costs did not include concrete necessary to permit use of the handicapped accessible wheelchair swing (another \$3,000+) or for rubber mulch (another \$5,000+) and thinking to ourselves, "we'll just have to dip into our reserves and profits from our fair and hope for the best". Then the Lewis County Farm Bureau came to our aid, offering a \$15,000 grant to cover the installation costs of the playground! Then Carmeuse offered 100 tons of gravel to allow for parking. Then Kenny Meadows and Kenton Meadows informed the Club that they were donating the costs of the work they had performed to grade the site and make necessary preparations for the installation. Then Tony Hardesty donated two additional benches. AND, we thought to ourselves, we have it covered, we have it done. And we had a work night with 16 members of the Club coming together to install the rubber mulch. HURRAY! Only to have rain after rain after rain, inch after inch after inch, hit us (and everyone else too) and wash away some of the rubber mulch. So, back to the drawing board; so, we ordered more rubber mulch (I don't even know how much this cost), and we are still ordering more (to be installed very soon!). And to keep the water from washing it away, we decided it was necessary to build a concrete curb to shed the water away from the playground (another \$2,000!). But we were so close to finishing, and were able to handle these added expenses on our own and be done with it! Yes, we have some debt to repay. But we have a first class playground, a playground that we are proud of, and which we hope our community will appreciate, use and protect. A playground for future generations to enjoy for years and years to come!

The playground equipment includes a Play Smart 10 Structure (this piece of playground equipment is a large component that cost nearly 1/2 of the grant monies offered by the CDC and includes a variety of exercising equipment that is intended to work many different muscles and muscle groups. Included on this one piece of equipment are 10 components including 3 slides, stairs, rock climbing wall, overhead ladder and more. Portions of this piece of equipment are ADA compliant); a 4 Seat Bouncing See Saw; a 3 Bay Commercial Swing Set; a 2 Bay ADA Swing Set (this is a handicapped accessible swing compliant with the Americans With Disabilities Act, and includes a swing that will accommodate a wheelchair); 8' Toddler T-Swing Set; a Geo-Dome Climber; and a 4 Post Superior Shade (24' x 30', 8' entry height, basically a shaded picnic shelter) as well as picnic tables, benches, and trash cans. This is provided as an area for adults to relax while watching their children use the playground equipment as well as



an area where the family can eat healthy snacks and drinks so as to stay hydrated and under shade when necessary on hot days, as well as providing respite between showers on rainy days. This structure also has already seen use for birthday parties for kids while enjoying the playground with their friends and family. The playground is located near the former location of a small outdated playground that consisted only of swing-sets and a slide, located near the KY 10 entrance to the fairgrounds.



**TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB SPONSORING FIRST ANNUAL TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB  
CHRISTMAS PARADE  
AND CHRISTMAS WINTERFEST TRADE DAYS EVENT!**

The Tollesboro Lions Club is happy to report that it will sponsor its first annual TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS PARADE on SATURDAY, DEC. 8th, 2018. Lineup will begin at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds at 1:00 PM, with the Parade to begin at 2:00 PM.

The Tollesboro Lions Club would like to invite all churches, fire departments, businesses, social and fraternal organizations/groups, elected officials and individuals to participate in the Parade, whether on floats, walking, or riding (ATVs, Golf Carts, Horses, Carriages or Wagons, Antique Cars and Tractors, etc.) in this event. The route will be the same as that which the Tollesboro Lions Club Fair Parade takes, beginning at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds where participants will be lined up, thence exiting the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds through the main entrance on KY 10, turning eastwardly onto KY 10 and extending through town and through the KY 10-KY 57 intersections to the Citizens Deposit Bank where the Parade will then turn around and return to the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds.

The public at large is invited to watch the Parade proceed through town at local businesses, churches, and homes of friends and family who live in Tollesboro along the Parade route.

Historically, the Tollesboro Lions Club Fair Parade, conducted on a Sunday in July each year coinciding with the Annual Tollesboro Lions Club Fair, has been the only annual parade event to take place in Tollesboro. The Tollesboro Lions Club Fair Parade has been a HUGE EVENT for many years and the community has encouraged the Club to sponsor a Christmas Parade. Hoping to capitalize on the success of the Annual Lions Club Fair Parade, the Club is more than happy to sponsor this event for the benefit of the Tollesboro community.

For additional information about the Christmas Parade, contact Tollesboro Lions Club Member and Chairman of the Event, Ritchie Cunningham (606-202-1503), his wife Carol (606-202-1883), or Kyra Bane (606-748-9336). Come on out and make this inaugural event a rousing success upon which we can build a Parade event to match the Annual Lions Club Fair Parade conducted in July of each year.

NOTE: In conjunction with the Christmas Parade, the Tollesboro Lions Club will also be hosting a one-day WinterFest Trade Days Event under the Pavillion (and potentially in the Floral Hall if the need for additional space arises) on Saturday, December 8th, from 10 am to 4 pm. SETUP WILL BE FREE (no charge to vendors) and the public also is invited to peruse and attend for free (FREE ADMISSION!). For questions or to make advance arrangements for setup, contact Richard "Skeeter" Shaw at (606-798-6134 or 606-356-8043), Daymond Thomas (606-202-1620) or Denny Hornback (606-202-1373).



PHOTOS FROM THE FIRST TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS PARADE, DEC. 8, 2018: Far Right: Photo taken near the intersection of KY 10 and KY 57 showing the Parade (which extended maybe a 1/2 mile in length) with adults watching while children anxiously wait to pick up candies thrown from the Parade Participants! Middle section, Top Row, Left to Right: Members of the Lewis County High School Marching Band of Pride perform. The Tollesboro Christian Church presented a beautiful float featuring the Nativity. Middle Section, Middle Row, Left to Right: Santa Claus makes his appearance at the Parade. A decorated ATV all ready for Christmas! The Lewis County Future Farmers of America Gingerbread House. Bottom Middle: The Lewis County High School Marching Band of Pride performing. Far Right, Top to Bottom: The sold equine entry in the Parade, Brian Stanfield on his decorated Mule, Denver waving to the crowd! The Lewis County Marching Band of Pride enclosed trailer followed the Lewis County Marching Band of Pride through the Parade route. The Parade Grand Marshall was David Iery. The Parade was a rousing success, as the cold weather didn't hamper the participants nor the crowd who came to watch. The Parade began at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds and extended eastwardly along KY 10 through town to the Citizens Deposit Bank & Trust, then turned around and returned through town to the Fairgrounds.

## FIRST ANNUAL TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS PARADE A GRAND SUCCESS!

The First of what is planned to be an annual event, the TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS PARADE occurred SATURDAY, DEC. 8th, 2018. While the cold weather probably impacted the number of participants in the parade as well as the number of persons who lined up along KY 10 to get a glimpse of the Parade, the Parade was nonetheless an impressive event and probably extended in length nearly a half mile or so.

Lineup for the Parade began at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds at 1:00 PM, with the Parade beginning at 2:00 PM. Floats were presented by a number of local churches (the Tollesboro Christian Church, the Tollesboro Methodist Church, the Petersville Church of God), as well as the Lewis County Future Farmers of America; with the Lewis County Sheriff's Office present, as well as several fire engines from a number of local fire departments; a politician or two; a few antique tractors and ATVs; a number of semi trucks, farm trucks, and rollbacks representing local farms and businesses; a single equine entry (Brian Stanfield on his decorated Mule, Denver); and even an appearance by Ol' Saint Nicholas himself!

The Parade Grand Marshall was Lewis County's own David Iery. Also appearing in the Parade, marching through the Parade route, was the Lewis County Marching Band of Pride, with a good number of band members showing up (sorry, I don't know how many, but probably at least 30 members of the band were present to perform. The band was an impressive spectacle to watch and listed to!) to create a lively performance, playing several Christmas songs!

The Parade lined up at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds, leaving the fairgrounds by means of the main entrance on KY 10, turning eastwardly, extending through town, through the intersections of KY 10 and KY 57, to the Citizens Deposit Bank & Trust lot, where the Parade then turned around and extended back through town to return to the Fairgrounds (following the same route used during the annual Tollesboro Lions Club Fair Parade held each year in July).

Crowds of parade-watchers (as well as young children hoping to grab candy thrown from the Parade participants) lined up along KY 10 at homes, local businesses, and churches. The July Parade has been a great success for many years, and the Lions Club was approached about sponsoring a Christmas Parade which the Club enthusiastically supported. HOWEVER the real work is that performed by the churches, organizations and businesses who participate, and the Club happily extends it's thanks and honors to all who have participated in the event and look forward to making this an ever-growing annual event!

In closing, the Tollesboro Lions Club and the Tollesboro Community would like to offer EVERYONE a MOST MERRY CHRISTMAS as well as to extend BEST WISHES FOR A BLESSED AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!!!



## TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB HOSTS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Tollesboro Lions Club held it's 2018 Christmas Party Monday, Dec. 10, meeting in the Rosemary Clooney Room of Caproni's in Maysville. The meeting was well attended by members and their spouses/dates and a number of guests. Guests included Bob Swett and his wife Jan of the Stanford Lions Club of Lincoln Co., KY. Bob is the



**Kentucky Lions Club 2018-2019 Multiple District 43 Global Membership Team Leader; Jan is the Kentucky Lions Club 2018-2019 Multiple District 43 Global Service Leader. Both Bob and Jan are Past Lions Club District Governors.**

**Opening with a few brief remarks by Club President Steve Pedersen, followed by an introduction of guests and visitors by Past President Craig Stanfield, 50 yr. Tollesboro Lions Club member Larry Tucker offered prayer. As this event was conducted solely as a Christmas Party, a social event for members and families and guests, no guest speakers or business sessions were conducted; thus the Club immediately started to enjoy the dinner following the blessing (neither Bob nor Jan spoke at the meeting to the club as a whole, only introducing themselves and thanking the club for the opportunity to visit, as well as offer their support when needed; however are invited to come back to attend a business meeting at a later date)..**

**The menu for the dinner was chosen in advance, thus was ready and waiting, and was ABSOLUTELY DELICIOUS (not a complaint was heard about the meal, truly absolutely wonderful), consisting of a buffet style meal of fried chicken, prime rib, creamed corn, roasted potatoes, Caesar salad, rolls, with a number of desserts to choose from (cake, pumpkin pie, lemon pie, etc.).**

**Following the meal, the group was entertained by the Moron Brothers, a well-known Kentucky comedy and Bluegrass music team consisting of Lardo and Burley Moron. This duo, claiming to be twin brothers (however a search online will indicate that they are not brothers at all, Lardo being Michael T. Carr and Burley being Mike Hammonds), have appeared on the Grand Ole Opry, at Renfro Valley, on Kentucky Afield, and have recordings of their songs and comedy acts, and are Youtube sensations as well. This pair of denim overall-clad self-professed rednecks, mixed up comedic skits between singing accompanied by banjo and guitar picking (and the occasional harmonica) and was a hilarious and utterly entertaining delight that was well received by all those in attendance.**

**Following the appearance of the Moron Brothers, the Lions Club held a drawing to give away door prizes (consisting of 4 gift certificates to local restaurants) to those in attendance, thus concluding the event.**

**2018 had been a particularly strong year for the Tollesboro Lions Club as, in addition conducting their annual fair (their 61st), the Club constructed a new playground at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds Community Park (with the help and aid of many local businesses and organizations), provided college scholarships to 4 students furthering their academic education, donated funds to assist with clean water for persons living in Nepal, donated 250 pairs of glasses to a mission in Haiti and donated at least 108 additional pairs for recycling by the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation, permitted our fairgrounds to be used by the American Cancer Society for their Relay for Life Event, sponsored the first Christmas Parade in Tollesboro, as well as a host of additional smaller activities. Check out the Tollesboro Lions Club website at [www.tollesborolions.com](http://www.tollesborolions.com) to read about the history and activities of the Tollesboro Lions Club.**

**The Tollesboro Lions Club meets the 2nd and 4th Monday each month (except during winter months when the Club meets only the 2nd Monday of the month) at the Tollesboro Lions Club Clubhouse located on the grounds of the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds/Community Park in Tollesboro. Persons interested in joining the club about are encouraged to attend a meeting to express their desire to join.**

**The Tollesboro Lions Club would like to express their thanks and gratitude to all who have helped or supported the club in their ventures this year and wish EVERYONE a MOST BLESSED AND MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!!!**