

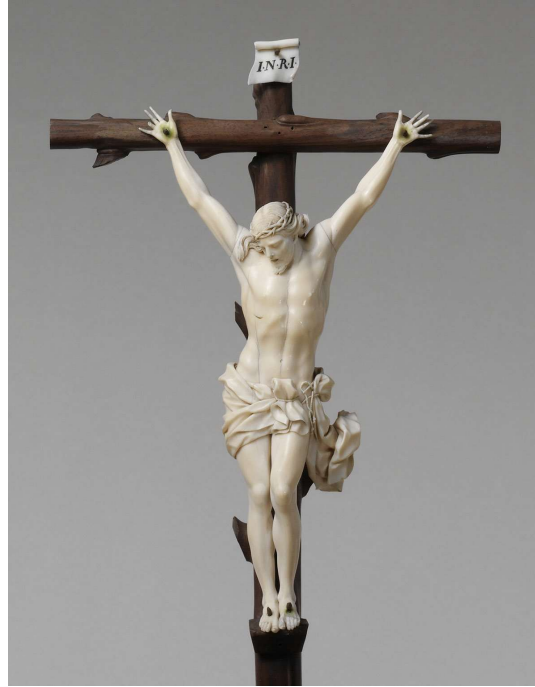
2023

TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB
THE YEAR IN REVIEW



Articles by Craig A. Stanfield, 2022-2023 Tollesboro Lions Club President and Marketing and Communications Chairman

Note: The first stories in this account include articles about members who actually passed away in late 2022. However their years of service, contributions to the organization, dedication to the community, warrant their inclusion as the impact that their loss will have on the Club will be felt for a long time to come. Therefore it is not only fit and proper but right and necessary to include these stories within this review.



TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB LOSES LONG-TERM MEMBER

The Tollesboro Lions Club lost a long-time member Sunday, Nov. 27th, 2022 with the passing of Larry Tucker.

Larry joined the Tollesboro Lions Club Oct. 1, 1967, an active member of the organization for 55 years. At the time of his passing, Larry was the Club's longest serving active member (since the Tollesboro Lions Club's chartering in 1954, only 4 members have served for 50+ years, with Larry's tenure in the organization only surpassed by two members: Charter member Mack Wright, who at the time of his passing in 2015, had been a member for 61 years; and Don McCann, who at the time of his passing in 2019, had been a member for 60 years. Charter member Elmo Gillespie served the Tollesboro Lions Club for 50 years).

While a member of the Tollesboro Lions Club, Larry served at least two terms (there are a number of years where the record as to whom served as President is incomplete and it is entirely possible that he served an additional term/terms during this period) as President of the Tollesboro Lions Club (1969-1970 and 1976-1977). Larry was also named the Tollesboro Lions Club Outstanding Citizen of the Year in 1990.

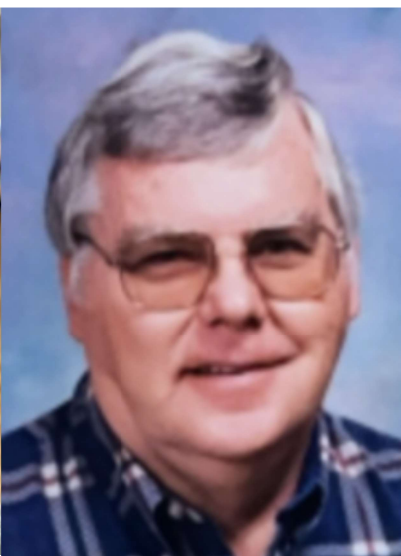
Larry was a retired educator with the Lewis County School system, teaching English and serving as a guidance counselor and basketball coach. He also was well-known locally as a minister serving the Concord Christian Church for 44 years; served as the last Mayor of the City of Tollesboro; was a 50+ year member of the Tollesboro Volunteer Fire Department; and a long-time member/leader of the Woodmen Life Chapter 890.

Larry was a respected and vital member of the Tollesboro Lions Club, present at almost every meeting, a fixture at the gate collecting gate money throughout the fair each year, and a trusted advisor to the Club. He will be missed...

Services will be at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, December 3, 2022, at Tollesboro Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 11918 Ky 57 at Tollesboro, with Bro. Phil Cropper officiating. Entombment will follow in Hillcrest Garden of Memories.

Friends may visit after 11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 3, 2022, at Tollesboro Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

NOTE: The Tollesboro Lions Club had voted at their Sept. 26th meeting to make a \$1000 donation to the Lions Club International Foundation so as to make Larry Tucker a Melvin Jones Fellow; the award had been ordered but had not been presented to Larry prior to his passing. A posthumous presentation will be forthcoming.



Larry & Brenda Tucker at the Tollesboro Lions Club Awards Banquet, March, 2018

Larry Tucker 1942 – 2022, Obituary - Tollesboro Funeral Home

Larry Gene Tucker, age 79, of Tollesboro, Kentucky, went home to be with the Lord, Sunday, November 27, 2022 at his home after an extended illness.

He was born Friday, December 25, 1942, on Cabin Creek, Kentucky a son of the late Harold Edwin Tucker and Leona Mae Craycraft Tucker Lanthorn.

Larry attended the Tollesboro Christian Church where he was encouraged to attend Milligan College to become a minister and he was the pastor of Concord Christian Church for 44 years. Larry was employed by the Lewis County Board of Education as a teacher and counselor and was a member of the Tollesboro Lions Club and Tollesboro Volunteer Fire Department serving more than 50 years in each organization. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, watching sports, reading and spending time with his family and friends, especially his grandchildren.

Mr. Tucker is survived by his wife of 58 years, Brenda Willocks Tucker; three children, Scott (Melissa) Tucker of Madison, Indiana, Ann Marie (Shaun) Scott of Manchester, Ohio, and Michael (Andrea) Tucker of Louisville, Kentucky; five grandchildren, Brooke Tucker, Bethany Tucker, Makenna Scott, Jack Tucker, and Scarlett Tucker; one sister, Carolyn Hughes; one nephew Matthew (Mary) Hughes of Vanceburg, Kentucky and numerous other family and friends that will sadly miss him.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Saturday, December 3, 2022 at Tollesboro Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 11918 Ky 57, Tollesboro, Kentucky with Brother Phil Cropper officiating. Entombment will follow in Hillcrest Garden of Memories.

Friends may visit after 11 a.m. until the service hour, Saturday, December 3, 2022 at Tollesboro Funeral Home.

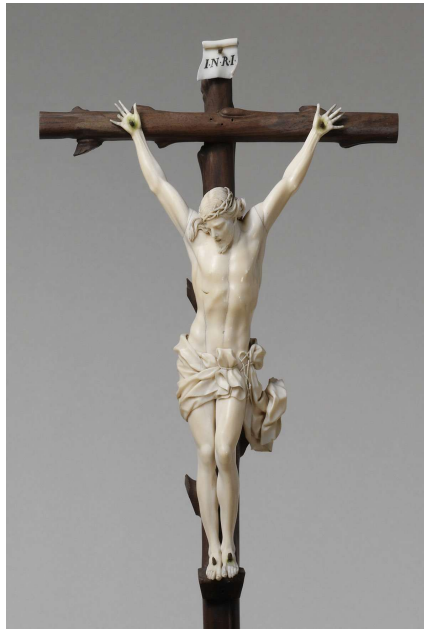
Tollesboro Fire Department will serve as pallbearers. Tollesboro Funeral Home and Cremation Services is caring for all arrangements for Mr. Larry Gene Tucker.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Tollesboro Fire Department, Tollesboro Lions Club, or Concord Christian Church.

IN MEMORIAM



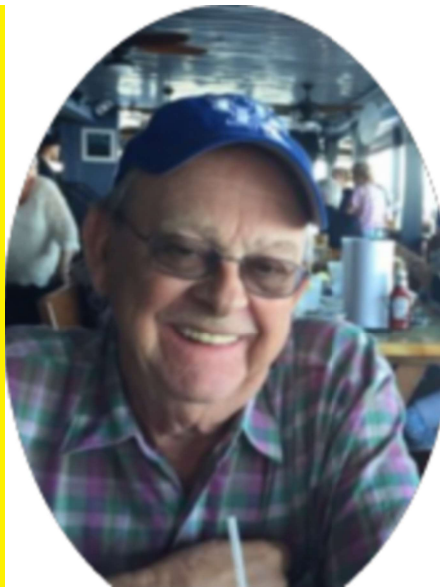
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TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB LOSES ANOTHER LONG-TERM MEMBER

The Tollesboro Lions Club was saddened to hear that Darrel Dixon, a long-time member of the Club, passed away Friday, December 9th, 2022. This is the second long-term member that the Club has lost in less than a two-week period (Lion Larry Tucker, a 55 year member of the organization, passed away November 27th).

Darrel had been a member of the Tollesboro Lions Club for over 40 years, was Instrumental in sponsoring a number of the current members and was an involved member who - at the time of his passing - was a two year Administrator. However, he served the Club in several capacities, having served many terms alternating between the Lion Tamer and the Tail Twister, and also as a Club Director. Always ready to provide his opinion, seconding many motions in meetings over the years, and always ready to provide a comment for a good laugh: Darrel was a welcome member of the Club who will be missed by all.



Darrell & Loretta Dixon at the Tollesboro Lions Club Awards Banquet, March, 2018



DARRELL DIXON, 1943-2022 Obituary --- Tollesboro Funeral Home

Mr. Darrell Boyd Dixon, age 79, of Tollesboro, Kentucky passed away Friday, December 9, 2022 at the Maysville, Nursing and Rehabilitation Center surrounded by his loving family.

He was born March 14, 1943, in Lewis County, Kentucky, to the late Esten (Eck) and Frances Tully Dixon.

Darrell was a member of the Tollesboro Christian Church; a active member of the Tollesboro Lion's Club for 50 years; an employee of Emerson Electric for 40 years; co-owner of the G & D Restaurant in Tollesboro for several years; a Head Start bus driver for the past 10 years. He really loved his Head Start children and gave most of them nicknames. Darrell was a seasoned traveler and an avid camper. He loved doing word searches and was a fierce Rook player. He enjoyed announcing races and watching all sports.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his infant daughter, Katrina Dixon; one brother in law, Norman Mineer.

He is survived by his loving wife of 22 years, Loretta Hord Dixon; one son, Troy Dixon of Tollesboro, Kentucky; one daughter, Melissa Henderson and her husband, Shawn of Tollesboro, Kentucky; one stepdaughter, Kim Centers and her husband Joey of Berea, Kentucky; grandchildren, Hannah, Rachel and Sarah Henderson of Tollesboro, Kentucky, Jared Dixon and his wife Kelli, Taylor Dixon, Whitnee Broaddus (John) of Lexington, Kentucky, Bethanee Rogers and her husband, Andrew and Jayden Centers of Berea; five great-grandchildren, Preston, Blakeley and Sutton Dixon of Lexington, Kentucky, Lilee and Laine Rogers of Berea; one sister, Joyce Mineer of Wallingford, Kentucky; the mother of his children, Kathleen Dixon, along with several nieces and nephew who will sadly miss him.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m., Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at Tollesboro Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 11918 KY 57, Tollesboro, Kentucky with Brother Rex

McGinnis officiating. Burial will follow in the Ebenezer Cemetery in Lewis County.

Friends may visit after 10 a.m., December 14, 2022 and until the service hour at the Tollesboro Funeral Home.

Shawn Henderson, Jared Dixon, John Fетters, Jim Meadows, Mark Mineer and Jayden Centers will serve as pallbearers.

Gerald Meadows, Kirby Wright, Steve Petersen, John Kilgore, Gary Breeze, Daymond Thomas and Gary Mason will serve as honorary pallbearers.

Tollesboro Funeral Home and Cremation Services are caring for all arrangements for Mr. Darrell Dixon.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Tollesboro Christian Church and Tollesboro Lion Club.

IN MEMORIAM



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LONGTIME SUPPORTER & HORSE SHOW PARTICIPANT, FATHER OF LIONS CLUB MEMBER PASSES

The Tollesboro Lions Club would like to offer their condolences to Shane Wallingford and family on the passing of his father, Johnny Wallingford, December 23rd, 2023. While not a member of the Tollesboro Lions Club, Johnny was a long-time supporter of the Tollesboro Lions Club and showed horses at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fair for many years. His passing comes on the heels of the passing of two long-term Lions Club members, Larry Tucker and Darrell Dixon, who combined, held membership in the Tollesboro Lions Club for over 100 years.



OBITUARY, JOHN C. "JOHNNY" WALLINGFORD 1943 – 2022

John Clinton Wallingford, age 79, of Cabin Creek Road, Tollesboro, Kentucky passed away peacefully on Friday, December 23, 2022, at his residence.

John was born November 2, 1943, the last of eleven children to William Gaines and Mamie Martin Wallingford.

John was a 38-year employee of Emerson Power Transmission in Maysville, Kentucky. He was a farmer and landowner who enjoyed the outdoors. His passions included showing walking horses, rabbit hunting, listening to bluegrass music and spending time with his friends and neighbors in search of a good time with plenty of laughter. His love and passion was pursuing his grandchildren's events, which defined the twilight of his life.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his oldest son, Travis C. Wallingford; four brothers Charles, Walter, Leo and Kenneth Wallingford; six sisters Mary, Nannie, Edna, Ida, Alice, and JoAnn.

John is survived by his wife of 58 years Linda A. Hughes Wallingford; one son Shane Kimberly Wallingford of Tollesboro, Kentucky; three grandchildren Seth, Bryce, and Jenna Wallingford of Tollesboro, Kentucky; John is also survived by many nieces and nephews, cousins and extended family who will sadly miss him.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m., Thursday, December 29, 2022, at the Tollesboro Christian Church in Tollesboro, Kentucky with Brother Mike Rice and Brother Rex McGinnis officiating. Burial will follow in the Hillcrest Garden of Memories Cemetery in Mason County, Kentucky.

Friends may visit after 11 a.m. until the service hour on Thursday, December 29, 2022 at Tollesboro Christian Church in Tollesboro, Kentucky.

Harry Tully, Rob Johnson, Kevin Burton, Wesley Wallingford, Seth Wallingford and Bryce Wallingford will serve as Pallbearers. Marty Wallingford, Kelly Wallingford, Scotty Wallingford, Matthew Hughes, Mike Parker, Randy Parker, Terah Tracy and Jim Bill Tracy will serve as Honorary Pallbearers.

Tollesboro Funeral Home in Tollesboro, Kentucky is caring for all arrangements for Mr. John C. Wallingford.

In Loving Memory



*Riderless Walking Horse
In Memory of Johnny Wallingford
In Honor of all the Years he Participated in
and Supported the
Tollesboro Lions Club Fair Horse Show*

TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB

FIRST MEETING OF 2023

The Tollesboro Lions Club met Monday, January 9th, for their first meeting of 2023 with 16 members and 2 guests present. President Craig Stanfield opened the meeting with a moment of silence in deference to the recent loss of members Larry Tucker (passed away Nov. 27th) and Darrell Dixon (passed away Dec. 9th) and the father of member Shane Wallingford, Johnny Wallingford (passed away Dec. 23rd) who was a long-time supporter and who showed horses at the Tollesboro Lions Club many, many years. Following the moment of silence, Craig welcomed back members Ritchie Cunningham, Clinton Applegate and Denny Hornback, all of whom had experienced health issues recently. Craig then led the group in Prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by member Charles Kendall, after which the group broke for dinner.

Following dinner, Lion Craig read Thank You cards that had been mailed to the Club from the families of Larry Tucker and Darrell Dixon. The minutes from the November meeting and the December Christmas Party were then read by Secretary Phil Cropper; the minutes were approved as read. Treasurer Steve Pedersen mentioned some recent financial activity and made a report about continued statewide contributions to Eastern Kentucky flood victims. President Craig Stanfield mentioned that the Club had provided memorial throws for funeral services in memory of Larry Tucker, Darrell Dixon, and Johnny Wallingford. He then announced donations to the Club from the Eyecare Group in memory of Larry Tucker, from Tony and Angela Sweeney in memory of Darrell Dixon, and \$790 in donations for continued Eastern Kentucky flood victims that he was able to raise from the Mason County Men's Club and the Ringgold Lodge Independent Order of Odd Fellows (individuals who contributed to this included Barbara Boone and Larry Poe, Bill and Dorinda Leet, David and Carolyn Collins, Mike and Vieda Stitt, Tony and Angela Sweeney, Gary and Jo Ann Bowers, and Craig and Beverly Stanfield). Craig also reported that he had submitted the events/projects of the Club from July 1, 2022 through the end of 2022 (first half fiscal year) to Lions Club International for consideration for the newly established Lions International Marketing Award. He also informed Fair Chairman Lee Thomas that the Bluegrass Mule and Pony Pullers Association had reached out for inclusion in this year's fair.

Next, under New Business, Phillip Bussell of Family Tradition Motorsports was introduced to the Club as he is considered for hosting this year's Demolition Derby event during the Fair. He is already conducting the event for Ewing, Germantown, and Carlisle. After discussions, questions and answers, the Club dismissed Mr. Bussell for private consultations. Based upon a recommendation by Fair Chairman Lee Thomas and member T. J. Palmer, and after consideration by the membership, a motion was made by Lion Clinton Applegate, seconded by Lion Charlie Kendall to approve Mr. Bussell's proposal for this year's fair Demolition Derby Event. The motion passed unanimously.

Lion Steve Pedersen then suggested that a posthumous Melvin Jones Fellowship Award be ordered for recently departed member Darrell Dixon (the award had been ordered for Lion Larry Tucker back in September, but has yet to arrive for presentation), with the plan to present to Darrell's wife and family at a future meeting, to coincide with the presentation

of the award to Larry Tucker's family. Seconded by Lion Charlie Kendall. These two members together have been members for a combined 100+ years. The motion passed unanimously.

Next, it was suggested that the Tollesboro Lions Club offer the use of their grounds for an event for 13 year old Mackenzie Forman, suffering from leukemia. A mud-sling event was hosted on her behalf last year, and due to some complications, another fund-raiser would be necessary. The Club approved the event under the same conditions as last year, said event to be held in March or April, with a firm date to be set soon.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.



TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB

HOSTS FEBRUARY MEETING

The Tollesboro Lions Club met Monday, February 13, 2023 for their regularly scheduled meeting. With 17 members in attendance, President Craig Stanfield welcomed the group and asked Lion Steve Pedersen to lead the group in prayer, followed by Lion Charles Kendall leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance, after which the group broke to enjoy dinner.

After dinner, the business meeting began with Secretary Phil Cropper reading the minutes from the last meeting, followed by Treasurer Steve Pedersen providing the financial report. President Craig Stanfield then read to the group Thank You cards from the Neon Lions Club for providing food, clothing, and other products to those communities in Eastern Kentucky that had been devastated by flooding, as well as a Thank You card from the Family of Johnny Wallingford. While going over communications, the Club was asked to offer support to the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation. Lion Steve Pedersen suggested that we donate \$1,000 to the KLEF to purchase Finis Davis Fellowships to posthumously present to Brenda Tucker and Loretta Hord in memory of Larry Tucker and Darrel Dixon, two recently departed Lions Club members, who together had served the Club for 100 years (the Club had approved purchase of Melvin Jones Fellowships for each of these members the last meeting). This was seconded and approved unanimously.

Lion Jim Meadows reported that the 3-D Archery Tournament at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fair would be Monday, July 17th, with a request to conduct an additional 3-D Archery Tournament at the Fairgrounds August 26th. This event was approved.

Lion Denny Hornback made a motion to paint the brick portions of the exterior of the Horse Show Ring (rather than covering it up each year, a savings of time and energy). This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Lion Craig Stanfield mentioned that Little League had asked to use the ballfield again this year, a motion made and seconded and passed unanimously. Lion Shane Wallingford mentioned that the ballfield needed a brick dust treatment and offered to pay half the cost if the Club would pay half. This was approved by the Club.

Next, Craig reported that he had been approached about the possibility of conducting a Community Easter Egg Hunt on the fairgrounds, with a proposed date of April 1st. Tabby Tully and Carol Cunningham, wives of members of the Club, had offered to conduct the event, with Kyra Bane, Vanessa May and Becky Walker also offering assistance. This event was approved unanimously.

Carol Cunningham asked the the Club approve the use of the grounds for the David Iery Foundation Log Jam Bluegrass Festival. This will be the fourth annual event which in the past had been conducted on a hill off Quicks Run Road. They have been having crowds of 250 to 500 persons attend, but thought that by locating the event at the Fairgrounds, that a larger crowd could be accommodated. They have their own event insurance, and the Club would not have to do anything. A motion was made and approved for this use of the fairgrounds.

Lion Clinton Applegate brought up the need for the purchase and installation of a large fan for the Showring of the Livestock Barn. After discussion, it was decided that, although in favor of the purchase, it would be necessary to look into the cost of the installation; so this

consideration was tabled for the next meeting with members offering to look into cost estimates.

Next, Lion Steve Pedersen informed the group that he had just returned from Chicago where he had attended District Governor Training.

Next, he informed the group that it was time to replace the coolers and a deep freeze in the Concession Stand, and that these units would have to be replaced before the fair. He indicated that he had located a used two-door cooler and a motion was made to purchase the used cooler and a new large deep freezer for the Concession stand; motion seconded and approved.

Next, Lion Steve Pedersen reported that he (as District Vice President) and Chuck Carlson had delivered food to Eastern Kentucky to support flood victims. They would be making an additional trip this week to provide non-perishable food items to Whitesburg and Jenkins. He also indicated that the state Lions Clubs, both districts 43-K and 43-Y were making donations of non-perishable food items for provision to Eastern Kentucky to offer further assistance to flood victims there. It was brought up that the public at large would probably contribute to such a food-drive if we could advertise and promote such, and provide for a place for canned and non-perishable items to be dropped off, to which Lion Jim Meadows offered the use of Rip's Farm Supply as a drop-off point. Lion Craig offered to write up an article to post in the newspaper, Carol Cunningham offered to prepare a handbill for Lion Lee Thomas to post on the Lion's Club website.

Next, Lion Lee Thomas brought it to the Club's attention that a Giving Box had been installed at the Tollesboro Volunteer Fire Department by a local church organization. He indicated that he had seen many persons taking advantage of this service in the community, and that there existed a need within the community to support this use for our local persons in need. He further expanded as to what a blessing the Food Pantry has been to local needy families (the food pantry is operated at the Tollesboro High School, owned by Lion Craig Stanfield, with the use of the building donated to the Lend-A-Helping-Hand Food Pantry).

Lion Lee (who organizes the Club's Facebook page) then mentioned that the Tollesboro Elementary School would be offering lunch from the Fairgrounds tomorrow, and that they would be doing this once a month through May as a fund-raiser for the Tollesboro PTO. He then mentioned that he (as Fair Chairman) had traveled to Louisville to investigate additional events to add to the fair. This brought up considerable discussions on how to best utilize the fairgrounds to maximize the events that the group could host.

Following these discussions, President Stanfield invited new members Shane Wallingford and Zach Tully to approach the podium and he presented each with their new member packets and member certificates. Zach was sponsored by Craig Stanfield who received a sponsor pin; Shane was hosted by Steve Pedersen who also received a sponsor pin.

As no other business was brought before the board, the meeting adjourned.



At the conclusion of the February 13th, 2023 meeting of the Tollesboro Lions Club, President Craig A. Stanfield (center) presented membership packets and certificates to new members Shane Wallingford (left) and Zach Tully (right).



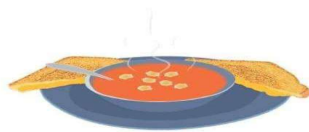
TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB **COLLECTING FOOD DONATIONS** **FOR EASTERN KENTUCKY FLOOD-VICTIMS**

The Tollesboro Lions Club will be making another trip to Eastern Kentucky to deliver food to Flood-Victims in the near future. Any individual or group who would like to donate to this worthy cause may donate to this project. Non-perishable food items donated for this project may be dropped off at Rip's Farm Center in Tollesboro during normal business hours. Persons wishing to donate money or who need items to be picked up, may contact Steve Pedersen, Club Treasurer, who will coordinate pickup (Steve may be reached at 606-301-1904. The Club recently purchased just over \$2100 worth of food products for flood victims in Whitesburg, the costs of which was provided by donations from Lions Club members. These items will be boxed and delivered to serve and benefit 36 families that have been displaced and currently living in campers in a camper park organized by FEMA.

TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB SITE OF FUND-RAISER FOR TOLLESBORO ELEMENTARY PTO

The Tollesboro Elementary School hosted a fund-raiser at the Tollesboro Lions Club for the benefit of the Tollesboro Elementary School PTO February 14, 2023. The event consisted of soup lunch (choice between chili or potato soup), served with peanut butter or pimento cheese sandwich, with dessert and drink all for \$8, available from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. Meals to those who could not afford them were offered for free.

**Tollesboro Lions Club
February PTO MEAL
February 14th, 10:30AM-1:30PM
Pickup Only**



**Choice of soup (CHILI or POTATO Soup),
Choice of sandwich (PEANUT BUTTER or
PIMENTO CHEESE) drink and a FREE
dessert with meal purchase.**

\$8.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB SITE OF BENEFIT FOR MACKENZIE FORMAN APRIL 1st, 2023

Mackenzie is a 13 Year Old Leukemia Patient

The Tollesboro Lions Club will host a benefit for 13 year old Mackenzie Forman, Saturday, April 1st., 2023. Mackenzie is a 13 year old diagnosed with Leukemia. The event will be a Mud Sling. Gates will open at noon and registration closes at 2:15 PM. Admission \$10 / person. There will be a number of classes including Super Stock, Pro-Street, Hot Stock, Pure Stock, 4/6 Cylinder, and County Only, a 2-Wheel Drive Only, and a Diesel Class. For additional details, contact Zac Truesdell (606) 306-3425 or David Harless (513) 926-1183.

Mackenzie Forman Benefit Mud Sling

Saturday April 1st Gates open at 12:00



Ok race fans and fanatics! We need your help...BRING...YOUR...TRUCKS, Cars, and SUV's!!! Tollesboro Lions Club is Hosting a dirt drag on Saturday April 1st. Yes, you can enter your daily driver! There are several different classes, and each class has **Guaranteed money**. This is a benefit mud sling to support Kenzie Forman and her family. Kenzie is 13 years old and was diagnosed with Leukemia and has a very long battle ahead of her. 100% of ALL proceeds from the entire event will benefit

the Forman family. There will be several raffles, good food and a good time. **LET'S HAVE SOME FUN, SLING SOME MUD AND SUPPORT A VERY SPECIAL FAMILY.**

Admission \$10 per person
Driver entry \$40 Super Stock entry \$50
Registration the day of the event. Registration closes at 2:15pm

Super stock 1st \$400 2nd \$300 3rd \$100
Pro street 1st \$300 2nd \$200 3rd \$100
Hot stock 1st \$250 2nd \$150 3rd \$75
Pure street 1st \$200 2nd \$100 3rd \$50
4/6 cylinder 1st 200\$ 2nd \$100 3rd \$50
County only (daily drivers) 1st \$100 2nd \$75 3rd \$40

100% payback for the following
Any 2-wheel drive
Diesel



Location

Lions Club Road, Tollesboro Ky, 41189

Contact information

For track rules or general info contact Zac Truesdell 606-306-3425
For donation or to become a sponsor Contact David Harless 513-926-1183

TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB

TO HOST COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

APRIL 1, 2023

The Tollesboro Lions Club will be the site of a community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 1, 2023. Organizers of the event include Kyra Bane, Vanessa May, Becky Walker, Carol Cunningham and Tabby Liles at noon. The event will divide children participants into two age groups. There is no charge for this event. For additional information, contact Kyra Bane 606-748-9336 or Tabby Liles 912-856-4687.





JOIN US FOR AN
EASTER EGG HUNT

STARTS AT NOON
SENSORY HOUR 11:00 AM TO NOON

**APRIL
1ST
NOON**

**TOLLESBORO
LIONS CLUB LIONS CLUB LANE
TOLLESBORO, KY**

Call Ritchie Cunningham 606-202-1503 or Tyler Liles 912-856-4687

TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB WILL OFFER BASEBALL DIAMOND FOR LITTLE LEAGUE; COMMITTS TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO BALLFIELD

At their February meeting, the Tollesboro Lions Club Park voted unanimously to again permit the use of the baseball diamond at the Fairgrounds to be used to support local Little League teams. The field was utilized last year and has been used for many years in the past, although interest had waned until recently. Also at the February meeting, the Tollesboro Lions Club approved the purchase of brick dust for use on the field, with 1/2 of the costs provided by Shane Wallingford/JSB Industries and hauling provided by Jim Meadows/Rip's Farm Center.



TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB MEMBERS ATTEND

DISTRICT 43-Y QUARTERLY CABINET

MEETING;

TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB MEMBER

HONORED

On Saturday, February 25, 2023, at the Montgomery County Health & Civic Center in Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, the Quarterly Cabinet Meeting of District 43-Y Kentucky Lions Clubs was conducted, meeting beginning at 10 AM. The Tollesboro Lions Club had two members in attendance, Steve Pedersen currently serving as First District Vice Governor, who attended in person; and Tollesboro Lions Club President Craig Stanfield attending via ZOOM. There were 48 Lions Club members present live at the meeting, with an additional 11 attending via ZOOM, with numerous (at least 16) clubs represented throughout District 43-Y.

Tollesboro Lions Club member/First District Vice Governor Steve Pedersen called the meeting to order and welcomed the group (Steve chaired the meeting in the absence of the District Governor who could not appear in person due to health issues, but did attend by ZOOM). The meeting opened with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by approval of minutes from the last meeting and a Treasurer's Report. Past International Director Tom Matney gave a few brief remarks, followed by a Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation presentation by Lions Carol Hollander and Past District Governor Mac Ferguson. This was followed by a presentation "Autopsy Of A Deceased Lions Club", discussing declining Lions Club numbers worldwide, a common thread among most Service and Fraternal Organizations throughout the country. This was followed by an election for nominations for International Director, with Past District Governor Lion Guy Hollander elected as District 43Y's candidate for the position. Following this election, the group broke for lunch.

After lunch, the voting results were formally announced, the International President's Certificate of Appreciation award was presented to Lion Steve Pedersen (First District Governor, Tollesboro Lions Club Treasurer) for disaster relief efforts to Eastern Kentucky Flood Victims by Past International Director Tom Matney.

Following the award presentation, a presentation by Lion Carl Webster on "Building A Successful Lions Club" discussing success stories of the largest Lions Clubs in America and how they entice and then retain members. This was followed by a few items of business, after which the benediction was offered and the meeting adjourned.

The next cabinet meeting which will include district elections will be May 21st in Lexington.

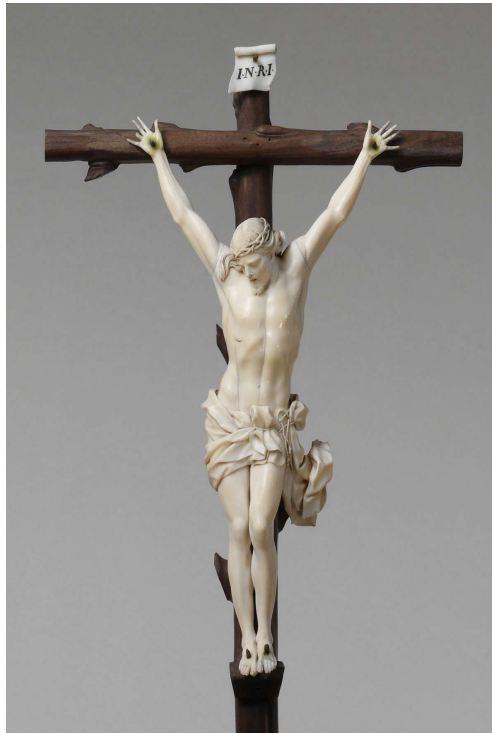


TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB MEMBER **HONORED AT LIONS CLUB DISTRICT 43-Y** **CABINET MEETING**

The International President's Certificate of Appreciation award was presented to Lion Steve Pedersen (First District Governor, Tollesboro Lions Club Treasurer) for participation in disaster relief efforts to Eastern Kentucky Flood Victims by Past International Director Tom Matney. Steve has made many trips to Eastern Kentucky delivering items donated to the relief efforts, with the Tollesboro Lions Club contributing significant financial support to disaster relief efforts to Eastern Kentucky coupled with financial support provided by individuals, churches, organizations and businesses not just within the Tollesboro community, but with support offered by county, state, and even out of state partners providing contributions providing aid in the form of blankets, coats, food, clothing, dinners, gift cards, and even heaters and generators to those in need in Eastern Kentucky. The Tollesboro Lions Club is currently hosting a food drive that the public at large is encouraged to assist with; donations of non-perishable food items may be dropped off at Rip's Farm Center in Tollesboro for distribution to Eastern Kentucky.



District 43-Y First Vice President and Tollesboro Lions Club Treasurer Steve Pedersen (right) is shown receiving the International President's Certificate of Appreciation for his work with the disaster relief in Eastern Kentucky. The award was presented by Past International Director Tom Matney (left) during the District 43Y Cabinet Meeting, Feb. 25, 2023 at Mt. Sterling, KY.



TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB LOSES **ANOTHER LONG-TERM MEMBER**

With great sadness, the Tollesboro Lions Club must now deal with the loss of another long-time member. CLINTON APPLGATE passed away March 2, 2023, after having been diagnosed last year with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). Clinton's passing is just months behind the recent passing of two other long-term members of the Tollesboro Lions Club, Larry Tucker and Darrell Dixon, who passed in late November and early December, 2022, respectively.

Clinton was a Tollesboro native, a Tollesboro High School graduate, and a Tollesboro resident. Clinton joined the Tollesboro Lions Club in 1990 and was an active member, even after his diagnosis and being present (and bringing up an item of business!) at the most recent meeting of the Tollesboro Lions Club, conducted on Valentine's Day, February 14th. He was also the Club's First Vice President and Membership Chairperson at the time of his passing.

During his nearly 33 years of service to the Tollesboro Lions Club, he has been the face of the Tollesboro Lions Club Tug Tractor Pulls (both during the Annual Fair and those individual events conducted at various times throughout the past 32 plus years), as well as the most visible member at the Livestock Shows each year at the Fair. As the Tollesboro Lions Club Fair does not offer a sale in addition to their livestock show, he was also active in supporting youth as a part of the Lewis County Livestock Boosters, present each year at the Germantown Fair at the Annual Show & Sale, spending monies from local groups and businesses so as to insure that Lewis County youth showing livestock received premium sales prices for their livestock.

As a Club Member, he has served 5 consecutive terms as Club President, has served several terms as the Fair Chairman and Co-Chairman, was the 2022 TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIR PARADE GRAND MARSHALL. On a higher level, Clinton is the current Zone Chairman, serving his 3rd term in that capacity.

On Sunday, July 17th, 2022, following the Tollesboro Lions Club Parade, the Tollesboro Lions Club hosted a Community Rally for Clinton Applegate at the Tollesboro Lions Club. Put together under short notice after determining his diagnosis, but to take place as part of the Annual Fair, the Rally consisted of dinner and ice cream followed by a live auction. Without actively seeking donations from businesses, over 150 items were donated to the cause from individuals and businesses, showing Clinton how much he is loved and respected by the community, which resulted in the highest grossing benefit auction ever conducted on the grounds of the Tollesboro Lions Club (far exceeding by more than double that of any other benefit so conducted)!

Clinton was honored for his service to the Tollesboro Lions Club by the Club presenting him with the Melvin Jones Fellowship (an award named after the Founder of Lions Club International and the highest recognition offered by Lions Club International) and with the Finis Davis Fellowship (an award named after and to honor Kentucky's only International Lions Club President who served in 1960-1961, said honor the highest recognition offered by the Kentucky Lions Foundation). Clinton was also recently honored by the Buffalo Trace Area Development District (BTADD) as the most recent recipient of the BTADD/Lewis County Community Leadership Award.

Clinton's dedication to the Tollesboro Lions Club has been significant. He will always remain in our Hearts, our Thoughts, and our Prayers, and his passing leaves a heavy burden on the organization that will be felt. He will be missed.



Clinton and Nickie Applegate at the Tollesboro Lions Club Awards Banquet, March 26, 2018.



ALL SMILES!!! TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB MEMBERS CLINTON APPELATE (FRONT/RIGHT) AND STEVE PEDERSEN (LEFT) REPRESENTING THE TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB AT A CABINET MEETING.

CLINTON KEITH APPEGATE, 1957 – 2023 Obituary, Boone-Nickell Funeral Home



Clinton Applegate (on right) receiving the Buffalo Trace Community Service Award for Lewis County during the October 19, 2022 meeting of the Buffalo Trace Area Development District Board of Directors. Presenting the award is Lewis County Judge Executive Craig Stanfield, Vice Chair of the BTADD Board of Directors and President of the Tollesboro Lions Club, an organization of which Clinton is a long-term member.



Friends, family, and the community of Tollesboro mourn the loss of Clinton Keith Applegate on Thursday, March 2, 2023. Clinton died peacefully at home after a courageous battle with ALS.

Clinton was born in Maysville on October 23, 1957, a son of Billy Gene Applegate and the late Donna Lou Tully Applegate.

He grew up in the Pine Valley community of Lewis County and graduated from Tollesboro High School. Clinton was a dairy, beef, and tobacco farmer, and fence builder. He was known to leave many young men in the dust in the tobacco patch come cutting time and on the softball field. He was always surrounded by family, friends, and neighbors, whether it was swimming at the family pond on Sunday afternoons in the summer or tubing down the hills of Pine Valley in the winter. He enjoyed his annual hunting trip out west.

After marrying his high school sweetheart, Nickie Thomas in 1979 and becoming a father to Trevor Howard and Travis Hinton, he tried to instill his love of farming, hard work ethic, and generosity in his sons. Summers were spent touring the local dairy shows with his boys and cattle in tow, the end goal being a week's vacation spent in the livestock barn at the Kentucky State Fair. He loved that week spent with friends and fellow dairy farmers. Another love of Clinton's was the Tollesboro Lions Club. He was a Lions Club member for 33 years and held numerous positions including President and Fair Board Chairman. He spent many all-nighters working tractor pulls, sometimes not getting home until morning milking time. He was also a past president for the Lewis County 4-H Council.

Clinton was a member of Tollesboro Christian Church and was blessed with a church family that loved him.

Clinton leaves behind his farming partner and his brother, Darrin Applegate. He is also survived by his wife, Nickie Thomas Applegate; his two sons, Trevor Howard Applegate and Travis Hinton Applegate; and his father, Billy Gene Applegate.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Donna Lou Tully Applegate.

Services will be at 1:00 p.m. Monday, March 6, 2023, at Tollesboro Christian Church with Bro. John Byard, Steve Pederson, and Bro. Phil Cropper officiating.

Clinton will be laid to rest in Mount Carmel Cemetery.

Pallbearers include Steve Pederson, Jim Lightner, Jim Meadows, Lee Thomas, Mark Conrad, and Frank Mawk. Honorary pallbearers include the members of the Tollesboro Lions Club.

Visitation will after 10:00 a.m. Monday at Tollesboro Christian Church, 3684 West KY 10 at Tollesboro.

In place of flowers, please consider a donation in memory of Clinton to the Tollesboro Lions Club (PO Box 123, Tollesboro, KY 41189) and Tollesboro Christian Church.

Boone-Nickell Funeral Home in Flemingsburg is caring for Clinton and his family.

Clinton
Applegate



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.

One of our ALL NIGHT TUG TRACTOR PULLS, this from the 2018 Tollesboro Lions Club Fair, Saturday Night's Event, ended at 6:30 AM Sunday Morning (and this was early compared to some events! The longest lasted until 1:30 PM Sunday Morning!!!)..

IN MEMORIAM



Lions Club Emblem
Draped in Black
In Memory of Deceased
Lions Club Member
On Purple Background
In Homage to
Eternal Life and
Resurrection

TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB SPRING TRADE DAYS

EVENT MAY 4th THROUGH MAY 6th, 2023

The first 2023 Tollesboro Lions Club Trade Days Event will be May 4th through May 6th, 2023. The Trade Days Event is a Flea-Market type event that is conducted upon the grounds of the Tollesboro Lions Club along the "AA" Hwy frontage. It has grown substantially in popularity and attendance over the past several years, with an ever growing number of vendors and prospective purchasers attending. For additional information or to reserve your space, contact Richard "Skeeter" Shaw at (606) 798-6134. The Tollesboro Lions Club typically hosts 3 Trade Day Events annually.

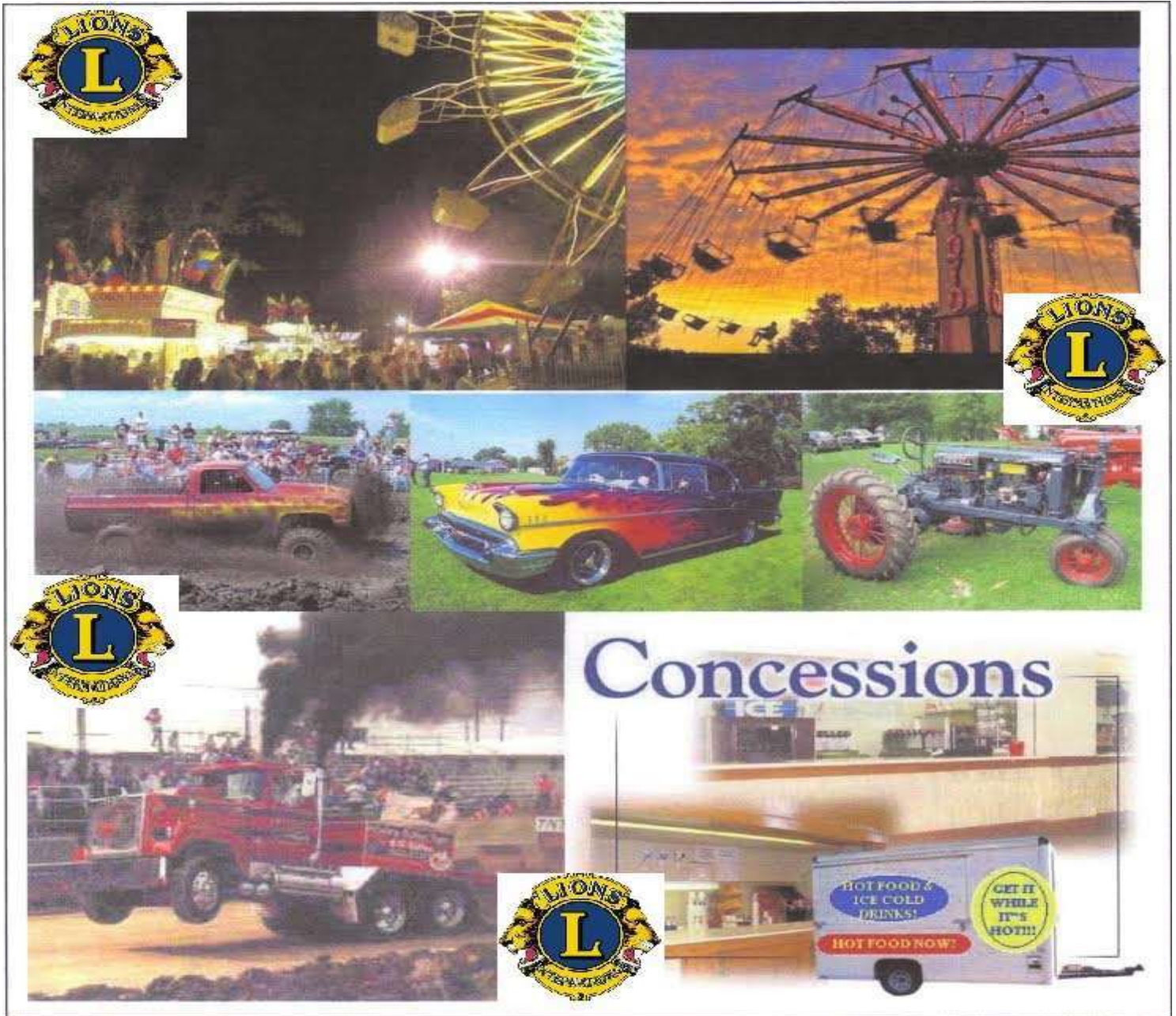


Above: View from the AA Hwy looking north showing vendors set up displaying their wares.
Below: View from the Fairgrounds looking south towards the AA Hwy of vendors set up displaying their merchandise.



2023 TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIR JULY 14TH THROUGH JULY 22ND

Make sure to put this on your calendar as this year looks to be an even better event-filled week than last year!!! Schedule will be posted when available, so check our website often (www.tollesborolions.com)!!!



DAVID IERY FOUNDATION LOG-JAM BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL TO BE AT THE TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB

The 4th Annual David Iery Foundation Log-Jam Bluegrass Festival will be expanded to include two days of events and will be hosted this year at the Tollesboro Lions Club, Friday, August 18th and Saturday, August 19th, roughly noon to 10 pm each day, with breaks for dinner each day, and with 6 performers scheduled for each day of the event. While this is the fourth year of this event, this year brings several changes to the event. For the first time, the event has been to include 2 days (past events were always one-day affairs). It is also the first time that the event has been presented off the hill on "Quick's Run Mountain". And lastly, this is the first time the event has been held at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds.

This year's line up includes (on Friday): The Spencer Boys; The Bluegrass Hillbillies; Elijah Boggs & Mountain Echoes; Lincoln Mash & Heather Alley; Seth Mulder & Midnight Run; and The Cowbillies. Saturday's lineup includes: The Willis Twins; Three Rivers Bluegrass; Laurel Riverline; Tommy Webb Band; Tony Holt & Wildwood Valley Boys; and Don Rigsby. For additional information, contact Myron Iery at 606-202-3753.



When?
August 18th & 19th, 2023
97 Lions Club Lane Tollesboro, KY

PRE SALE TICKETS
AVAILABLE

***FRIDAY \$30**
***SATURDAY \$30**
***2 DAY PASS \$50**

LIMITED vendor crafts
available for set up

****\$40 for a 20x20 spot**

Contact:
Myriah Shepherd
(606)202-3436
Myron Iery
(606)202-3753



CAMPER HOOKUPS
AVAILABLE

*** PREMIUM \$70**
FREE WATER & ELECTRIC HOOKUPS
WHILE SPOTS LAST
*** BASIC \$40**

Friday, August 18th and Saturday, August 19th

12:50 pm to 1:35 pm	The Spencers Boys	12:00 pm to 12:45 pm	The Willis Twins
1:40 pm to 2:25 pm	The Bluegrass Hillbillies	12:50 pm to 1:35 pm	Three Rivers Bluegrass
2:30 pm to 3:15 pm	Elijah Boggs & Mountain Echoes	1:40 pm to 2:25 pm	Laurel Riverline
3:20 pm to 4:05 pm	Lincoln Mash & Heather Alley	2:30 pm to 3:15 pm	Tommy Webb Band
4:10 pm to 4:55 pm	Seth Mulder & Midnight Run	3:20 pm to 4:05 pm	Tony Holt & Wildwood Valley Boys
5:30 pm to 6:15 pm	Dinner Break	4:10 pm to 4:55 pm	Don Rigsby
6:20 pm to 7:05 pm	The Spencers Boys	5:30 pm to 6:15 pm	Dinner Break
7:10 pm to 7:55 pm	The Bluegrass Hillbillies	6:20 pm to 7:05 pm	The Willis Twins
8:00 pm to 8:45 pm	The Cowbillies	7:10 pm to 7:55 pm	Three River Bluegrass
8:50 pm to 9:35 pm	Elijah Boggs & Mountain Echoes	8:00 pm to 8:45 pm	Laurel Riverline
9:40 pm to 10:05 pm	Lincoln Mash & Heather Alley	8:50 pm to 9:35 pm	Tommy Webb Band
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			Don Rigsby



Tollesboro Fairgrounds, 97 Lions Club Lane, Tollesboro, KY
For Tickets and/or More Info, Call Myron 606-202-3753.

Tickets: Friday \$30, Saturday \$30 or Two Day Pass Only \$50.00

TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB

SITE OF PTO FUND-RAISER

The Tollesboro Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) is having a fund-raiser dinner Tuesday, March 14, 2023 from the grounds of the Tollesboro Lions Club. The dinner consists of a chili dog, chips, cole-slaw, dessert and drink for JUST \$8! It can be picked up from the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds from 10:30 to 1:30 PM.

Tollesboro Lions Club
March PTO MEAL
March 14th, 10:30AM-1:30PM



Chili dog (cheese, diced onion, ketchup, mustard available) with choice of plain or bbq Grippos chips, cole slaw, drink and free dessert with meal purchase.

\$8.00

Thank you for your support!



TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB

HAS MARCH MEETING

The Tollesboro Lions Club met Monday, March 13, 2023 at the Tollesboro Lions Club Clubhouse at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds for their regular monthly meeting. Seventeen members were present. President Craig Stanfield called the meeting to order, with Lion Steve Pedersen leading the group in prayer and Lion Charles Kendall leading the Pledge of Allegiance. The group then broke for a wonderful meal prepared by Skeeter and Sonia Shaw.

Following dinner, the business meeting began. In the Secretary's absence, President Stanfield read the press release from the February 14th meeting in lieu of the minutes, which was approved as read. Treasurer Steve Pedersen informed the group of the Club's finances and informed those who were not aware that the garage doors had been installed on the Pavilion (the south side, to cut down on wind and to make the Pavilion a more user-friendly/functional structure), at a cost of \$15,000. Steve also informed the group that the Melvin Jones Fellowship awards had arrived to be posthumously presented to the families of Larry Tucker and Darrell Dixon, and that the Finis Davis Fellowship awards should be in within the next 2 weeks; he suggested that the families of Larry Tucker and Darrell Dixon be invited to the next meeting for the presentation of these awards. Steve also reminded the members of the Food Drive for Eastern Kentucky Flood-Victims, AND informed the group that Lewis County's Elementary schools together gathered 1,000 canned goods for the Club to deliver to Eastern Kentucky and that 148 boxes had been setup for delivery to Eastern Kentucky Flood Victims residing in a camper/trailer park (these persons having lost everything in the catastrophic flood). He also mentioned that there was a fund-raiser at the Tollesboro Christian Church this weekend consisting of a dinner and live auction (to be conducted by the President Stanfield) for "Hotrod" Ruark who recently underwent open heart surgery. It was also mentioned that a dinner would be available for pickup at the Lions Club Fairgrounds Tuesday, March 14th to raise monies for the Tollesboro Elementary School PTO (this meal consists of a chili dog, chips, cole slaw, dessert and drink for just \$8!!!). Steve also reminded the members of the Mud Sling Benefit for Makenzie Forman (13 year old Leukemia patient) and the Community Easter Egg Hunt, both scheduled for April 1st at the Fairgrounds. President Stanfield then added that there was also a Fund-Raising Auction to be conducted on the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds for Dwight Malone, a former member of the Tollesboro Lions Club, tentatively scheduled for the 15th of April, 2023.

Under old business, two items were tabled due to absences of members who were tasked to obtain additional information, these business items being a large fan for the livestock building and the purchase of an AED unit for the Clubhouse. The upcoming Fair schedule was brought up, but it was decided that since this would take considerable discussion, to bring it up after new business.

Under new business, Craig mentioned that the Club had qualified for the Club Excellence Award and that a patch had been sent to the Club from Lions Club International to place on our Club Banner. Craig also informed the Club that he had submitted an application for the Club to receive recognition for a new Marketing Award that Lions Club International had recently created. Craig also passed out Scholarship Applications. He then brought up for consideration a new member, Eric Bloomfield, sponsoring him, and who was immediately accepted into the Club as a member.

Next, the Tollesboro Lions Club Fair Schedule was then a hot topic, eliciting a lot of discussion as well as excitement, with Fair Chairman Lee Thomas presenting a full schedule of events including several new events. A reminder was also mentioned from last year following the fair about contacting the KDOT District 9 to see about placement of signage along the "AA" Hwy during the fair (warning of traffic slowing down and turning onto Lions Club Lane). The schedule was discussed for each day of the Fair, and was approved.

Being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn, which passed. Beginning April, the Club will return to twice monthly meetings, the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 pm, meaning the next two meetings of the Tollesboro Lions Club will be April 10th and April 24th.



*Chili Supper and
Auction*

HARVESTING FOR HOTROD

HotRod (Rodney Ruark) had open heart surgery with a triple bypass and a long stay at St. Joe Hospital. HotRod is a self-employed farmer and logger.

MARCH 17TH
MEAL: 5:30PM
AUCTION: 6:30PM
TOLLESBORO CHRISTIAN CHURCH

For more information contact:
Amanda Zornes: (606) 541-1749
or
Amy Ruark: (606) 782-0478

Donations may be dropped off at
Rip's Farm Center before the auction.

TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB

RECOGNIZED BY LIONS INTERNATIONAL

The Tollesboro Lions Club was recently recognized by Lions International as a recipient of the 2021-2022 Lions Excellence Award. This recognition is awarded to Club's that, in addition to outstanding community service, also has not only maintained the numbers of members in the Club, but were able to gain additional membership (even harder following the Covid-19 Pandemic, which tended to keep persons at home more and less out-going, especially with regards to joining an organization and being around more people that many may have felt comfortable with), while at the same time expanding their programs and activities and increasing their presence in the community through service projects throughout these difficult times, thus leading to this recognition by Lions International.



TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB TO GIVE AWAY **TREES FOR ARBOR DAY**

The Tollesboro Lions Club will give away trees to the public in recognition of Arbor Day. Arbor Day in Kentucky is officially April 7th, while nationally it is April 28th (this is to coincide with best dates to transplant trees by season/zone, which for Kentucky is April and May. However, this does not take into consideration "moon sign" variables to determine best tree planting dates by the phase of the moon: The New and First Quarter Moon Phases are generally considered the best moon phases in which to transplant; thus the latter part of the month of April is considered ideal if you want to rely on the Moon Phase Calendar for planting).

To obtain the trees, the Tollesboro Lions Club President Craig Stanfield reached out to Michael Carter, Forest Ranger, and Suzy Knott, Forester, both of the KY Division of Forestry. We received a much better selection of tree varieties this year, filling requests made by members of the public last year and since, with the Division of Forestry providing us with Burr Oak, Black Walnut, Chinese Chestnut trees, and potentially Persimmon trees for the Club to give to the public in recognition of Arbor Day. In addition, as the Division of Forestry could not provide Paw Paw trees (another requested variety), Craig reached out to Sheri Crabtree, MSc, Horticulture Research and Extension Associate Academic Affairs, of the Kentucky State University. KSU is well known nationally for their Paw-Paw tree program (have you ever tried Paw-Paw ice cream? Or Paw-Paw wine?), and we may have a few Paw-Paw trees to give away as well. Altogether, between 150 and 220 trees will be available free to the public to plant locally, improving the environment (and depending upon the demand April 1st, more trees - potentially additional varieties - may be obtained for the April 15th event, particularly with regards to Black Walnuts)!

This marks the third time that the Tollesboro Lions Club has offered free trees in recognition of Arbor Day, having previously offered free trees in 2019 and last year (2022).

The trees will be available at two upcoming events at the Tollesboro Lions Club, one before Kentucky's Arbor Day, and one after. Trees may be picked up at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds on April 1st at our Community Easter Egg Hunt/Mud Sling Benefit for Makenzie Forman. Additional trees will be available for pickup at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds on April 15th when we host a Benefit for Dwight Malone.

Tree planting is a project recommended by Lions Club International's "Initiative to Improve The Environment". While trees provide natural beauty to the areas in which they are planted, it is not just their inherent beauty that improves the environment. Oaks, walnuts and the Chinese Chestnut all produce nuts (acorns from oaks are one of the most beneficial nuts for providing energy to deer, squirrels, and other wildlife, especially during the winter months; walnuts and chestnuts may provide a food source to some animals, but are suited to human consumption). Most tree varieties will grow to become large trees, generally in excess of 40 feet in height, often exceeding 100 feet, and leaves scattered throughout the height provide for shady canopies in which many birds nest and as necessary to the survival of many other plants and animals. This shade also acts to cool the earth, providing an important defense against global warming. Also, once trees mature, they sometimes become homes for different wildlife; And oaks, walnuts, and chestnut are hardwood trees producing

timber which we use for a variety of purposes (fuel, building materials, furniture, manufacture of paper, etc.). Persimmons and Paw-Paw trees provide fruits suited to human consumption as well as for wildlife. However, the most important benefit to the environment of all trees is their ability to clean air, taking in carbon dioxide from the air that we exhale and converting it through the process of photosynthesis to oxygen which we inhale.

FUN TREE FACTS: The Mighty OAK (not any particular variety) is the Official National Tree. Kentucky's Official State Tree is the Tulip Poplar (however there was a time, from 1976 to 1994, that the Kentucky Coffee Tree was the Official Kentucky State Tree. A possible reason for it's replacement is that parts of the tree are toxic with instances known and proven where leaves, seeds, and seed pods falling from a Kentucky Coffee Tree into ponds have poisoned and killed cattle).



Tollesboro Lions Club President receiving trees March 30th, 2023 from Michael Carter, Forest Ranger, of the Kentucky Division of Forestry for the April 1st, 2023 Tree Giveaway in Celebration of Arbor Day. These trees included Black Walnuts, Chinese Chestnuts, and Burr Oak (Paw Paw trees will also be available, provided by Kentucky State University). Additional trees will be arriving prior to the April 15th Arbor Day Giveaway (the Tollesboro Lions Club this year will be "book-ending" Arbor Day Tree Giveaways, giving away trees April 1st and April 15th, weekends prior to and immediately following the April 7th Official Kentucky Arbor Day designation (nationally, Arbor Day is April 28th) as the Club had events planned for both dates (April 1st and April 15th). Additional tree varieties may be available for April 15th.

***Juglans nigra* (Black walnut)**
Walnut Family (Juglandaceae)

Introduction:

Black walnut is a common tree throughout Kentucky. At one time it was abundant, especially in mixed forests on fertile soils. Large trees over 100 feet tall were once common, but most of these have been cut to clear farm land or harvested for its valuable lumber.

Culture:

Black walnut grows best in fertile, moist soils. However, it will tolerate drier sites. It produces a tap root that makes it difficult to transplant.

Black walnut is often avoided in landscape situations because the tree's leaves and roots contain a compound called juglone. Many plants exhibit reduced growth or even death when exposed to small amounts of juglone. The competitive advantage of black walnut due to juglone is an example of allelopathy.

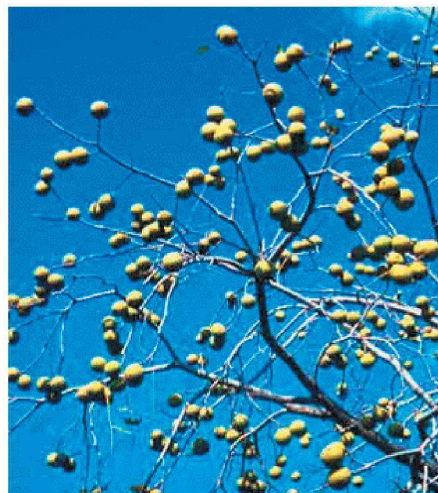
Additional information:

Black walnut is a valuable timber tree. The wood is prized for cabinet and furniture. Demand for the lumber is high and does not meet demand. Solid walnut furniture is uncommon today, with most pieces being made of walnut veneer.

Nuts are flavorful, but not as commonly available as English walnuts. In the wild, nuts are an important wildlife food.

Black walnut is a favorite host for mistletoe. Mistletoe is a plant parasite that lives in the tops of trees and takes water and nourishment from its host tree.

The National champion trees is Oregon and is over 130 feet tall. The Kentucky champion tree is in Nelson County and is 80 feet tall.



Botanical Characteristics:

Native habitat: Native along the entire east coast from Florida to New England. It grows as far west as Minnesota.

Growth habit: The tree produces an open, rounded crown.

Tree size: Common to see trees 60 feet tall, however, it can reach 150 feet tall.

Flower and fruit: Male flowers are catkins; female flowers lack petals and are formed in spikes. The fruit is a nut with a lemon-scented outer covering.

Leaf: Leaves are compound having approximately 16 leaflets with fine teeth along the margin.

Hardiness: Winter hardy to USDA Zone 4.

***Quercus macrocarpa* (Bur Oak)**
Beech Family (Fagaceae)

Introduction:

Bur oak is a member of the white oak group with lobed leaves. Considered the classic North American savanna tree, bur oak lacks some of the grace and beauty of white oak, but it is a much more adaptable tree. Bur oak offers large, beautiful leaves and acorns. During winter, it fully reveals its rough, gray bark.

Culture:

Although the bur oak is too large for most home landscapes, it is an excellent park tree. Native to rich bottom land, this oak is tough and adaptable. It is cold hardy, tolerates drought and grows best in full sun. It is more tolerant of urban conditions than most oaks.

Its well-developed tap root makes bur oak difficult to transplant. Because of its large leaf size, leaf litter may be a landscape problem.

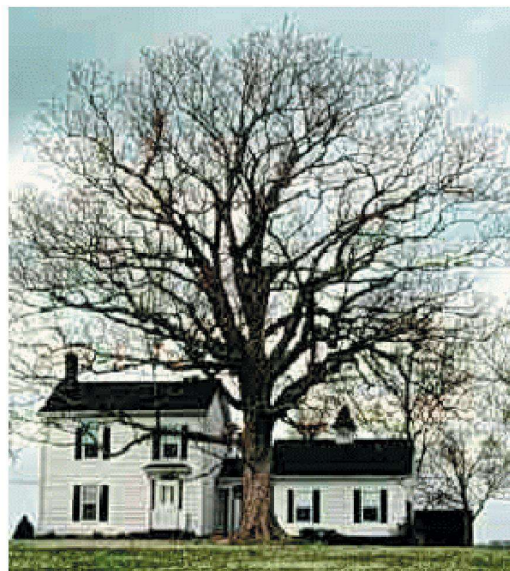
Although bur oak has no serious disease or insect problems, potential problems include obscure scale, two-lined chestnut borer, bacterial leaf scorch, oak horn gall and gypsy moth. In addition, as little as 1 inch of fill soil can kill an oak.

Additional information:

The species name, *macrocarpa*, is derived from the Greek words *macro*s (large) and *carpos* (fruit), referring to the bur oak's large acorn. The bur oak acquired its common name because of the resemblance of the fringed acorn cap to the bur of the chestnut fruit.

The massive root system of the bur oak is said to be a mirror reflection of the trunk and branch system above ground. With this extensive root system it is not surprising that the bur oak is the dominant tree of midwestern prairies, often considered the advancing pioneer species. Remaining trees are considered the most fire-resistant, having withstood the ravages of periodic prairie fires.

The root system of bur oak successfully competes with prairie grass roots as well as neighboring bur oaks. Intense root competition keeps bur oaks scattered apart from each other throughout the savanna. Bur oak seedlings cannot survive in the shade of a dense forest.



Botanical Characteristics:

Native habitat: Nova Scotia to Pennsylvania, west to Manitoba and Texas.

Growth habit: This tree has an irregular, open crown with coarse, broad-spreading limbs and a massive trunk.

Tree size: A slow-growing tree, it can reach 70 to 80 feet in height and width. This tree may live hundreds of years. It can exceed 100 feet in height.

Flower and fruit: Female flowers are inconspicuous. Pendulous male catkins are yellow-green. The 3/4 to 1½ -inch-long acorn is half covered by a fringed cap.

Leaf: Leaves are 4 to 12 inches long, lobed and shaped like a base fiddle. The beautiful leaf is glossy and smooth above while pale and hairy below. Fall color is a dull yellow to yellow-brown.

Hardiness: Winter hardy to USDA Zone 3.

***Quercus macrocarpa* (Bur Oak)**
Beech Family (Fagaceae)
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Additional information (continued):

Because the species is not reseeding itself as fast as individuals are dying, planting bur oak in the landscape is encouraged.

In Kentucky, bur oak was once common in the Bluegrass region and some stately trees remain standing. The national champion bur oak is in Paris, Ky.



Acorn fruit



Chinese Chestnuts

Cheryl Kaiser¹ and Matt Ernst²

Introduction

American chestnuts (*Castanea dentata*), once prominent in the eastern U.S. landscape, all but disappeared in the mid-1900s when chestnut blight eradicated nearly all of these popular trees. Blight-resistant varieties of Chinese chestnut (*Castanea mollissima*) and their hybrids are viable alternatives for commercial chestnut production.

Chestnuts are low in fat compared with other nuts and are receiving attention from the health food industry. These nuts are eaten roasted, boiled, or sautéed. Chestnuts may be incorporated into various recipes, such as stuffing, vegetable dishes, casseroles, and desserts. Dried chestnuts can be ground into flour as a substitute for wheat flour or corn meal.

Marketing

The most promising outlets for chestnuts include the domestic fresh (roasting) markets, upscale restaurants, and ethnic/specialty food groceries. Chestnuts can also be used to make gluten-free chestnut flour for sale as a specialty food. Specific fresh chestnut markets include restaurants, roadside stands, on-farm markets, farmers markets, retail groceries, and specialty food retailers. The University of Missouri Center for Agroforestry reported selling direct to consumers from on-farm stands and farmers markets, and selling direct to restaurants, as the most common marketing methods. Chestnut growers in the Eastern U.S. have also sold chestnut value-added products online.

Chestnuts are often considered a holiday food item, so growers could take advantage of this potential market by timing sales accordingly. Demand for chest-



nuts peaks from September through December, then declines dramatically. Proper post-harvest handling, including cold storage and marketing the chestnuts from refrigerated containers at retail, is essential for maintaining market quality. Because consumers are relatively unfamiliar with chestnuts, the producer will want to provide recipes and instructions for use and handling at the point of sale.

Market Outlook

Chestnuts have potential for production on marginal land in Kentucky. Local growers who can consistently supply high quality, good tasting, and weevil-free chestnuts have the advantage of freshness over imported chestnuts, which may be viewed by consumers as expensive or of lesser quality. However, many U.S. consumers are unfamiliar with chestnuts, and chestnut growers will need to be willing to educate and promote their crop to a new generation of consumers.

Michigan is the leading chestnut state with 360 bearing acres in 2017. California and Florida also have around



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300 bearing acres, with larger acreages per farm than Michigan. The number of states reporting 100 or more acres of chestnut trees for nuts increased from eight in 2012 to 13 in 2017, according to the 2017 Census of Agriculture. Iowa, Missouri, Ohio and Virginia tallied substantial new plantings since 2012.

Marketing channels for U.S.-grown chestnuts have mainly focused on niche, upscale foodservice and specialty food markets. Production for local sales, such as at farm festivals, is a possible way to add value to small-scale production. The agricultural cooperative Chestnut Growers, Inc., developed as a processing and marketing outlet in Michigan, as has the Route 9 Cooperative in Ohio, where its members could access a commercial-scale chestnut peeler for processing.

Production Considerations

Planting material and cultivar selection

Chestnut trees may be established from seeds, seedlings, or grafted trees. Planting grafted trees is preferred for consistency in yield, ripening, size, and quality of the nuts produced. While seedling trees are generally more readily available and less expensive to purchase, grafted trees come into bearing sooner than seedlings. Grafted trees should have a genetically similar rootstock to avoid delayed graft incompatibility several years after planting. Grafted tree survival is more likely when the rootstock is a seedling of the scion cultivar.

There are a number of Chinese chestnut cultivars and hybrids that are well adapted to Kentucky conditions. Nut characteristics, such as size, flavor, cracking quality, and storage life can vary among varieties. It is particularly important to choose selections resistant to chestnut blight, and cultivars that produce the largest nuts such as Qing. Most markets require large chestnuts. Chinese chestnuts are self-sterile, so two or more different cultivars are required for good pollination. Refer to Nut Tree Growing in Kentucky (ID-77) for recommended varieties. Custom grafted trees may have to be ordered a year in advance.

Site selection and planting

Chestnuts can be grown on land that is considered unsuitable for other crops, such as sandy or gravelly soils. Heavy, poorly drained sites should be avoided, as chestnuts are very susceptible to *Phytophthora* root rot. Chestnuts prefer soils that are somewhat acidic

(pH 5.5 to 6.5) and will not tolerate high pH soils. While trees are cold hardy when dormant, swelling buds are susceptible to frost damage in the spring. Do not plant in frost pockets or locations with poor air drainage.

Mature chestnuts require a final 40 feet by 50 feet spacing; however, it may take 20 or more years before trees actually fill this space. Some growers interplant chestnut seedlings at a closer spacing among grafted chestnuts. As the permanent grafted trees mature and come into full production, these filler trees are removed.

Trees are trained to a modified central leader shape, with only limited pruning needed on bearing trees. Young trees require protection against sunscald injury to their smooth bark with white spiral trunk guards. Supplemental watering helps promote tree growth and to reduce stress, especially in the first year. Once established, trees are relatively drought tolerant; however, irrigation will help bearing trees to produce larger nuts and improve nut fill.

Pest management

Eliminating undesirable vegetation prior to planting is essential for tree establishment. Weeds should be controlled within 3 feet of young trees. Weed control strategies include the use of herbicides and mowing between tree rows. Chestnut blight is still present in the U.S., but using blight-resistant varieties may reduce disease incidence. Potential insect problems include aphids, Japanese beetles, potato leafhoppers and chestnut weevil. Insecticide applications will be required annually for weevil control and as needed to control Japanese beetles. The Asian chestnut gall wasp (ACGW) is also present in Kentucky. Biological control through parasitoids is showing some control. There are no insecticides cleared for ACGW, but adult wasps are easily killed with sprays applied for Japanese beetle.

Young trees are very prone to damage by animal pests, such as rabbits, mice, squirrels and deer. These pests will need to be controlled to reduce nut losses. Placing plastic guards around each tree soon after planting will help deter feeding damage from voles or rabbits when population pressure is low. Deer fencing and tree shelters should be used until trees are large.

Harvest and storage

The first harvest for seedling chestnuts can be expected in five to six years. Grafted trees will begin to bear within three to five years, with larger yields beginning six to nine years after planting. Soil moisture is important prior to harvest because half the kernel growth takes place during the last two weeks before ripening.

Chestnuts are hand-picked off the ground once they have fallen from the tree. Daily harvesting is necessary to prevent the fallen nuts from drying out and to ensure that area wildlife does not steal or damage the crop. Alternatively, where deer or squirrel losses are severe, nuts in burs may be shaken from the tree once the burs begin to split. Chestnuts harvested too early will be smaller, softer in texture and hard to remove from burrs.

Harvested nuts are separated from any debris gathered at harvest and cleaned so they are free of dirt. Promptly refrigerate (32° F or slightly above) in ventilated plastic bags. Nuts should not be allowed to dry out. Curing and storing chestnuts is a fairly involved process, and interested individuals should consult the harvesting and storage article from Michigan State University listed in the Selected Resources at the end of this document.

Labor requirements

Based on 1,000 to 2,000 pounds produced per acre, labor needs are approximately 80 hours for establishment in the first two years, 25 hours for production, 70 hours per ton for hand harvest, and 16 hours per ton for packaging and grading.

Economic Considerations

Chestnuts require three to six years for establishment before any nuts may be harvested, and 10 years before yields are significant. This delay will mean a period without any cash income, presenting a significant financial and production risk. For this reason, many chestnut growers start with the crop as a hobby or source of generating farm income from underutilized land.

Initial investments for chestnuts include land preparation, the purchase of trees, deer fence installation and the installation of an irrigation system. Other costs may include a sprayer, a nut shaker, cleaning equipment, a grader, and cold storage. Significant costs may



be incurred protecting seedlings from animal pests. Substantial losses due to graft incompatibility may also occur if grafted trees are not selected carefully.

Establishment costs will vary depending on production systems and tree costs. Total establishment costs for 1 acre of chestnuts in Kentucky would likely range from \$4,500 to \$8,000 per acre for the first five years of grafted tree production. Estimates from Michigan calculate a five-year establishment cost at \$7,797, including a \$1,187 deer fence cost. Estimates for Kentucky production (2019), based on a price of \$2.50 per pound, show establishment costs recouped after seven to nine years. Annual returns to labor, land and management of \$1,000 to \$1,450 per acre of chestnuts could be realized after year 7.

Financial returns may increase as trees mature and produce substantially greater yields of nuts per acre. Higher prices will also generate greater profitability from chestnuts. Product quality (particularly, weevil-free) and market development are essential for profitable chestnut production. Potential chestnut producers can utilize a detailed financial projection tool, developed by the University of Missouri Center for Agroforestry, to estimate long term profitability.

Selected Resources

- Nut Tree Growing in Kentucky, ID-77 (University of Kentucky, 2007) <http://www2.ca.uky.edu/agcomm/pubs/id/id77/id77.pdf>
- Chestnuts (Michigan State University Extension) <http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/info/chestnuts>
- Chestnut Growers, Inc. <http://www.chestnutgrowersinc.com/>

- Chestnut Decision Support Tool (University of Missouri Center for Agroforestry, 2012) <http://www.centerforagroforestry.org/profit/> (under Specialty Crops: Chestnuts)
- Chestnuts (Agricultural Marketing Resource Center, 2018) <http://www.agmrc.org/commodities-products/nuts/chestnuts/>
- Commercial Chestnut Costs of Production and Comparative Analysis with Tart Cherry Production (Michigan State University, 2013) <https://www.canr.msu.edu/chestnuts/establishing-orchards/cost-of-production>
- Chestnut: American Chestnut (Northern Nut Growers Association, Inc., 2009) <https://nutgrowing.org/research-and-resources/types-of-nut-trees/chestnut-american-chestnut/>
- Growing Chinese Chestnuts in Missouri (University of Missouri Center for Agroforestry, 2012) 6.74 MB <http://www.centerforagroforestry.org/pubs/chestnut.pdf>

- Commercial Chinese Chestnut Production in Virginia (Virginia Tech, 2017) https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/dam/pubs_ext_vt_edu/ANR/ANR-279/ANR-279.pdf
- “Harvesting and Storage” (Michigan State University) https://www.canr.msu.edu/chestnuts/harvest_storage/
- Asian Chestnut Gall Wasp (ACGW) in Kentucky (UK Entomology) <https://entomology.ca.uky.edu/entfact/asian-chestnut-gall-wasp-acgw-kentucky>
- Route 9 Cooperative <http://www.route9cooperative.com>

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Diospyros virginiana (Common Persimmon) Ebony Family (Ebenaceae)

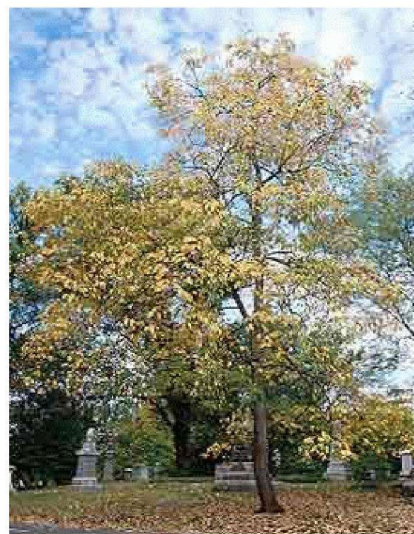
Introduction:

Common persimmon has distinctive thick, dark gray to black bark that is broken into scaly, square blocks. Because of its messy fruit, it is not among the better choices for the home landscape, but is an interesting native tree that is suited for use in parks, golf courses and naturalized areas.

Culture:

Common persimmon grows best in moist, well-drained, sandy soils but will perform well in dry soils with low fertility. It prefers full sun and adapts to a variety of pH situations. It is hardy in Zones 4 to 9.

This tree can develop a blackish leaf spot, although trees seem to vary considerably in susceptibility. In the South, it is susceptible to a vascular wilt. Tent caterpillars can also be a problem.



Additional information:

Common persimmon was introduced into the landscape in 1629. It is often found along fence rows and in abandoned fields. The tree suckers profusely and often forms naturalized stands.

Before ripening, persimmon's fruit is not edible. The fruit is not ripe until the skin is wrinkled. Fruit presents a litter problem, and attracts flies and opossums as well as raccoons, skunks, foxes, deer and songbirds. The plant is dioecious, so a male (fruitless) tree would be a much more acceptable landscape plant than the female.

Immature fruits contain a large amount of tannin and are astringent. They have been used to make tea for use in gargling for sore throats. The tea was also used to treat warts, cancers, heartburn, diarrhea and stomach aches.

Ripe persimmons are said to taste a great deal like dates. They are used to make cakes, puddings and beverages. Native Americans used the fruits to make bread, and also dried them. Cooking oil, with a flavor like that of peanut oil, can be extracted from the seeds.

Confederate soldiers boiled persimmon seeds as a coffee substitute during the Civil War. Persimmon wood is very hard and nearly black. It is used to make golf club heads, billiard cues and parquet flooring.

Diospyros means "fruit or wheat of the gods;" *virginiana* means "from Virginia." One common name, possum wood, was given to the tree because opossums love its fruit.

Botanical Characteristics:

Native habitat: Connecticut to Florida, and west to Texas and Kansas.

Growth habit: Slender, oval-rounded form; usually has a symmetrical outline.

Tree size: 35 to 60 feet tall, 20 to 35 feet wide.

Flower and fruit: Flowers are white to greenish white and are shaped like blueberry flowers. The tree blooms in late April. Fruit is a yellowish to pale orange berry that is 1 to 1½ inches across. Fruit, which is edible, ripens in September or October. It is delicious when ripe, but highly unpleasant before ripening.

Leaf: Alternate, simple leaves are 2 1/4 to 5½ inches long, and 3/4 to 2 inches wide. Leaves are dark green in summer but have little or no fall color other than occasional purple blotches.

Hardiness: Winter hardy to USDA Zone 4.

***Asimina triloba* (Pawpaw)**
Custard Apple Family (Annonaceae)

Introduction:

Pawpaw, found from New York to Florida and west to Texas, has a semi-tropical appearance and is known for its fruit, the largest berry (up to 5 inches long) produced by any tree native to the United States. The fruit is nutritious and has been used in cancer therapy. Its twigs and bark contain a natural insecticide.

Culture:

Pawpaw prefers fertile, moist soil that is slightly acidic, and will sometimes tolerate wet soil. It can be grown in sun or shade, exhibiting dense growth in sun and open growth in shade. Pawpaw grows quickly if mulched and watered during droughts; it is drought-sensitive when grown in sun. Seedlings should be planted in shade for the first year as they are sensitive to ultraviolet light.

Pawpaw is pest-free and hardy in zones 5 through 8. It can be trained to grow with multiple trunks and its limbs are break-resistant. Some pruning is needed to create clearance because of drooping branches. Mowing or pruning the suckers that emerge from the root system encourages sprouting, so they should be hand-pulled while still small.

Cultivars:

There are at least 45 cultivars of pawpaw selected for their fruit characteristics. The national germplasm repository for pawpaw is at Kentucky State University in Frankfort, KY. Selected cultivars include:

- ‘**Convis**’ - Large (up to 1 pound) fruits with yellow flesh.
- ‘**Davis**’ - An older, popular plant from Michigan introduced in 1961. The fruit are less than ½-pound with yellow flesh.
- ‘**Overleese**’ - Heavy producing plant with clusters of 1-pound fruits. Selected in Indiana.
- ‘**Sunflower**’ - Produces 8-ounce fruit with a butter-yellow flesh. Said to be self-fertile. Selected in Kansas.
- ‘**Wells**’ - This cultivar has fruit with green skin and orange flesh. Fruit are a little less than a pound. Collected in Indiana.



Botanical Characteristics:

Native habitat: Northern Florida to Western New York, northern shores of Lake Ontario, Southern Michigan to Southwestern Iowa, and west to Southeastern Nebraska, and eastern parts of Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

Growth habit: Round, upright pyramid, with moderate density and coarse texture.

Tree size: 15 to 20 feet tall, 15 to 20 feet wide; can grow to 30 to 40 feet tall in ideal locations. Growth rate is moderate.

Flower and fruit: Flowers are nearly 2 inches across, pale green before turning brown, then maroon or purple. Pawpaw blooms in spring before leafout. Fruit is a 3- to 5-inch-long berry that is green when young then becomes dark and wrinkled when ripe in October or November. Ripe fruit has a flesh like custard and tastes a lot like bananas.

Leaf: Alternate, simple, 4 to 10 inches long and 4 to 6 inches wide. Light green, turning yellow in fall.

Hardiness: Winter hardy to USDA Zone 5.

***Asimina triloba* (Pawpaw)**
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Additional information:

There has been great demand for pawpaw recently, not only because of its appealing ornamental characteristics and tasty fruit, but also because of its potential as a source of organic insecticide and for use in cancer therapy. An insecticide can be made from the tree's ground-up bark and twigs. Extract from pawpaw can overcome the ability of some cancer cells to reject chemotherapy.

On dormant stems, pointed buds are vegetative while flower buds are round and fuzzy.

Cross-pollination is needed to get good fruit set in pawpaw. Pawpaw fruit develops in clusters. Fruit with orange flesh is considered the tastiest.

The fruit attracts wildlife (especially raccoons, opossums, gray squirrels and birds). It also attracts the beautiful zebra swallowtail butterfly, giving added incentive for wildlife lovers to obtain the tree. It is an excellent source of vitamins A and C, and is high in unsaturated fats, proteins and carbohydrates. Pawpaws contain more potassium, phosphorus, magnesium and sulfur than apples, grapes or peaches.

The first reference to pawpaw came in writings of Hernando DeSoto's expedition to the Mississippi Valley in 1541. The fruit, a favorite food of American Indians, was used to feed DeSoto's conquistadors. Early North American settlers used the fruit to make jelly, and the tree's inner bark to string fish. Indians in Louisiana used the inner bark to weave a fiber cloth.

Although pawpaw is in great demand, it does have a disadvantage. Its fruit and foliage produce a great deal of litter. Planting only one tree can help alleviate the problem, as lack of cross-pollination leads to production of less fruit. Because they are broader at the tip than at the base the leaves droop, giving pawpaw a "sleepy" or tropical appearance. The genus *Asimina* includes the only temperate members of this family.

The tree, which is hard to transplant because of its wide root system, should be balled-and-burlapped and moved when it is less than 6 feet tall.



Leaf in autumn color



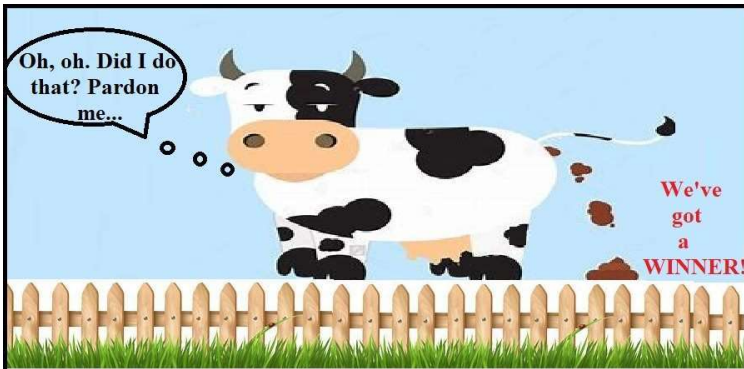
Flower



Ripe fruit with seeds

COW BINGO RETURNS TO THE TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIR

After several years absence from the Tollesboro Lions Club Fair, the always popular "Cow Bingo" makes a return to the fair! This is a game of chance where a \$10 ticket buys a spot within a fenced-in area where a cow is turned loose, and when she "turns loose" - which she ultimately will do, although a time frame is strictly up to the cow, she will "choose" a winner who will receive \$500! A fun but inexpensive game of chance where you can help support the Tollesboro Lions Club and perhaps win some money too! Tickets can be purchased at Rip's Farm Center, Craig Stanfield Real Estate, or from any Lions Club member! Buy your tickets today (get one for each member of the family, children, grandchildren, whoever is important to you!). You don't even have to be present to win! As someone said a few years ago "It's the only game I know where it pays to get *^*^*^ on!".



2023 Tollesboro Lions Club Fair



COW BINGO

\$10 Chance to WIN \$500!!!

The messy game of chance where a cow picks the winner (by doing "her business")!!!

To be given away Sat., July 22nd, 2023.



No.: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Time that winner will be determined is solely up to the cow! Only 1 winner will be awarded the prize. A judge that is "intimately familiar with the materials" (aka "he knows his *--*") will determine the winner. Judge's decision is final. No more than 500 tickets will be sold. Judge to be solely responsible for layout of the "field". Need not be present to win.

MULE & PONY PULL TO MAKE RE- APPEARANCE AT THE TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIR!

After an absence of a few years, the Mule and Pony Pull will take place at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fair again this year! An event that always draws interest, from the old as well as the young, watching how horses are trained to pull **COMPETITIVELY** for bragging rights (and I mean competitively: I have never seen any animal that truly wants to work like these gentle animals. I watched an event once where one horse didn't think the other was working to his fullest potential and the horse that hit the traces the hard reached over and bit the other horse to get him to start working harder! And the speed with which a team takes off when they hear that hook hit the coupler on the sled.... They know it's time to pull/take off.

And don't get your hand between the hook and the coupler or you will lose it or parts of it!).

As in the recent past, the event is overseen by the Bluegrass Pony and Mule Pullers Association, and as they have an event the night before, we expect a good showing! Make sure that you attend this event!



MECHANICAL BULL TO RETURN TO THE TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIR AFTER A LONG ABSENCE

A mechanical bull has not made an appearance at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fair for nearly 20 years (19 to be exact, as his last appearance was in 2004!). But he will make an appearance this year! Individuals can try their strength, balance, and LUCK to try to stay astride! And competitions: Brother against brother, friend against friend, challenge you buddies, friends, OR FOES, or THROW LUCK TO THE WIND AND CHALLENGE ANY AND EVERYONE!!

This mechanical creature can be tamed to a gentle “rocking” ride, or cranked up to a wicked, fast buck with a hairpin turn left or right!

But if you fall off, this one ain't BODACIOUS! Unlike a real bull....: 1). This one won't chase you around the ring. 2). He won't crush you by falling on you or head-butting you. 3). and Most Importantly: THIS ONE WON'T STICK A HORN INTO YOU!!!


Come on out and put your skills to to the test. Then challenge whomever you want to see who really has “top cowboy” potential!!



SCENES FROM THE PAST: From the 2004 Tollesboro Lions Club Fair, the last time that a mechanical bull made an appearance at the fair: Top left: Little Haleigh Hutchinson is a little apprehensive with this ride, needed a little assistance from Papa Craig. Top right: Wallis Stanfield shows proper bull-riding form! Bottom left: Dr. Darin "Lefty" Stanfield, DVM, gives the bull an exam from the top! Bottom right: Kasey Hutchinson, with her hand up, teaches the bull a "lesson" (she is a teacher).

BENEFIT FOR RODNEY “HOTROD” RUARK A HUGE SUCCESS!!!

On Friday, March 18, 2023, a dinner and live auction was conducted by the Tollesboro Christian Church to aid Rodney “Hotrod” Ruark, a local farmer and logger who had recent heart troubles resulting in open heart surgery. While the auction was not a Tollesboro Lions Club event, the auction was conducted by the Tollesboro Lions Club President Craig Stanfield. The event was a smashing success, with the dinner and auction proceeds adding up to \$18,400!!! The highlight of the auction was the donation of an AR .223 rifle , donated by Zach Tully Logging, which sold for the incredible price of \$5,000!!!

A photograph of Rodney "Hotrod" Ruark, a man wearing a blue t-shirt with a white logo, blue jeans, and a black baseball cap. He is standing outdoors with greenery in the background.

*Chili Supper and
Auction*

HARVESTING FOR HOTROD

HotRod (Rodney Ruark) had open heart surgery with a triple bypass and a long stay at St. Joe Hospital. HotRod is a self-employed farmer and logger.

MARCH 17TH
MEAL: 5:30PM
AUCTION: 6:30PM
TOLLESBORO CHRISTIAN CHURCH

For more information contact:
Amanda Zornes: (606) 541-1749
or
Amy Ruark: (606) 782-0478

Donations may be dropped off at
Rip's Farm Center before the auction.

TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Tollesboro Lions Club will offer three (3) \$500 scholarships to local students planning to enroll in higher education. Scholarship Applications must be completed and submitted to Philip N. Cropper by 5:00 PM., May 8, 2023. Scholarship applications may be downloaded from the Club's website at www.tollesborolions.com.

TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB SITE OF FUND-RAISER FOR TOLLESBORO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, RETURN OF AUNTIE ANNE'S PRETZELS!!!



Above: Tollesboro Elementary School students made signs to encourage the support of the Auntie Anne's Pretzel Truck appearance as a fund-raiser to support the Tollesboro Elementary School.

Y'all asked for it and Auntie Anne's is coming back to Tollesboro!

It's been awhile (since Oct. 28th, 2022) since the Auntie Anne's Pretzel truck last visited Tollesboro, but on Thursday, March 23rd, the Auntie Anne's Pretzel truck reappeared at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds as a Fund-Raiser for the Tollesboro Elementary School.

Come on out and purchase large soft pretzels, pretzel hot dogs, or buckets of pretzel nuggets to treat your taste buds while supporting the Tollesboro Elementary School.

The truck will be setup from noon until 6 pm. A wonderful way to add something to your lunch or dinner plans! Or just grab a mid-afternoon snack.

TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB

SITE OF FUND-RAISER FOR DWIGHT MALONE

The Tollesboro Lions Club will be sponsoring a benefit for Dwight Malone, local farmer and electrician, and former member of the Tollesboro Lions Club, who is undergoing treatment for testicular cancer, undergoing chemotherapy and facing surgery.

The event will consist of a Tractor Poker Run, a dinner, and a live auction. Registration for the Tractor Poker Run will begin at the fairgrounds at 2:30 PM, with the Tractor Poker Run beginning at 3 pm.

A dinner will be conducted April 15, 2023, beginning at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds at 4 pm, with live auction to follow. The auction will be conducted by Tollesboro Lions Club President Craig Stanfield.

Donations may be dropped off at Rip's Farm Center in Tollesboro or at Tire World in Maysville. For questions or additional information, contact Paula Faulkner (606) 564-8417 or Jennifer Meadows (606) 782-6417.



TRACTOR DRIVE POKER RUN, MEAL, & AUCTION

DRIVING FOR DWIGHT

SATURDAY - APRIL 15TH

TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB

REGISTRATION: 2:30 PM
TRACTOR POKER DRIVE: 3:00 PM
\$25/HAND - \$200 FOR WINNING HAND
MEAL: 4:00
AUCTION TO FOLLOW



DWIGHT HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH STAGE 2 TESTICULAR CANCER. HE IS CURRENTLY UNDERGOING CHEMO AND FACING SURGERY. DWIGHT IS A FARMER AND ELECTRICIAN FROM TOLLESBORO

DONATIONS MAY BE DROPPED OFF AT RIP'S FARM CENTER OR TIRE WORLD MAYSVILLE. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: PAULA FAULKNER: (606) 584-8417 OR JENNIFER MEADOWS AT (606) 782-6417

AUNTIE ANNE'S PRETZELS AT THE TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIRGROUNDS FUND-RAISER FOR TOLLESBORO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!!!



Above: Tollesboro Elementary School students made signs to encourage the support of the Auntie Anne's Pretzel Truck appearance as a fund-raiser to support the Tollesboro Elementary School.

On March 23rd, the Auntie Anne's Pretzel truck made an appearance at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds to sell their wonderful soft pretzel products. It had been a little while (Oct. 28th, 2022) since the Auntie Anne's Pretzel truck last visited Tollesboro. This event, like the event this past October, was conducted as a Fund-Raiser to support the Tollesboro Elementary School.

The truck was set up to sell large soft pretzels, pretzel hot dogs, or buckets of pretzel nuggets to treat your taste buds while supporting the Tollesboro Elementary School. The truck was setup from noon until 6 pm., making for a wonderful way to add something sweet or salty to your lunch or dinner plans, or to provide for a light mid-afternoon snack (I chose to snack about 4 pm., grabbing a pretzel dog and a regular large soft pretzel! BOTH were DELICIOUS!!! And as the wife had missed out, I made a second trip a little later in the afternoon so she could have something too!).



Just before closing time, a crowd of supporters await their turn to order some wonderful pretzel items!

LEWIS COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY INVITES RYAN QUARLES (CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR) TO MAKE APPEARANCE AT THE TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB

The Lewis County Republican Party has invited Ryan Quarles, current Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture and candidate for Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, to stop in Lewis County, Kentucky at the Tollesboro Lions Club. Commissioner Quarles will visit the Tollesboro Lions Club April 7th, at approximately 3 pm. While Lions Club are not permitted to endorse candidates for public office, the Club wants to acknowledge that the Tollesboro Lions Club was the recipient of a Kentucky Department of Agriculture Division of Fairs Grant in 2020 in the amount of \$25,000 that was used to assist in making several improvements to the fairgrounds. The grant permitted the following improvements: Extension of electric services including placement of poles for extending wiring and installing LED lighting; construct and improve a roadway to improve access to some newly acquired grounds (a combination of blacktop and gravel); repaving of a portion of the walking track; and construction of an elevated announcer's booth at the Mud Sling/Demolition Derby event site. At the time of the notification, Commissioner Quarles specifically indicated that the Tollesboro Lions Club Fair was given consideration due to how they have continued to make improvements to their fairgrounds on an annual basis, and that the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds was one of 7 fairgrounds that received Commissioner of Agriculture grant funds that year, with 24 fairs applying for grant funds. The Club therefore does appreciate Commissioner Quarles' consideration of the Club for grant funding and is happy that he will be on-site and able to view the fruits of the Club's labor that blossomed from the grant funding.



**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT
OF AGRICULTURE**

Dr. Ryan F. Quarles, Commissioner



SECOND ROUND OF ARBOR DAY TREE

GIVEAWAY APRIL 15TH!

The Tollesboro Lions Club has once again partnered with the Kentucky Division of Forestry and with Kentucky State University to provide trees to give-away to the public at large for Arbor Day. Tollesboro Lions Club President Craig Stanfield contacted Michael Carter, Forest Ranger, and Suzy Knott, Forester (both of the KY Division of Forestry) and Sheri Crabtree (MSc, Horticulture Research and Extension Associate Academic Affairs) of Kentucky State University, both of whom were happy to provide trees for the Club to give away to the public. This year, we received a much better selection of tree varieties, filling requests made by members of the public last year and since, with the Division of Forestry providing us with Burr Oak, Black Walnut, Chinese Chestnut trees, and potentially Persimmon trees (as well as possibly White Pine) and with Kentucky State University providing Paw Paw trees (double the number of trees donated last year, with this year's trees being much larger than those provided last year!), for the Club to give to the public in recognition of Arbor Day. Trees were available April 1st at events conducted at the Tollesboro Lions Club and will be available on April 15th as well when the Tollesboro Lions Club will host a fund-raiser for Dwight Malone. This marks the third year that the Tollesboro Lions Club has offered free trees in recognition of Arbor Day, having previously offered free trees in 2019 and 2022.

The Tollesboro Lions Club participates in Arbor Day Tree Giveaways as tree planting is a project recommended by Lions Club International's "Initiative to Improve The Environment". While trees provide natural beauty to the areas in which they are planted, it is not just their inherent beauty that improves the environment. Oaks, walnuts and the Chinese Chestnut produce nuts; Paw Paws and Persimmons produce fruits. The nuts and fruits from these trees provide important food sources for wildlife, most of which are also suited to human consumption. Most tree varieties will grow to become large trees, generally in excess of 40 feet in height, often exceeding 100 feet, and leaves scattered throughout the height provide for shady canopies in which many birds nest and as necessary to the survival of many other plants and animals. This shade also acts to cool the earth, providing an important defense against global warming. Also, once trees mature, they sometimes become homes for different wildlife. Oaks, walnuts, and chestnuts are hardwood trees producing timber which we use for a variety of purposes (fuel, building materials, furniture, manufacture of paper, etc.). However, the most important benefit trees add to the environment is their ability to clean air, taking in carbon dioxide from the air that we exhale and converting it through the process of photosynthesis to oxygen which we inhale.

Arbor Day this year in Kentucky is celebrated April 7th, although nationally it is celebrated April 28th. The two events at the Tollesboro Lions Club (April 1st and April 15th) coincide with events being conducted at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds, thus permitting the Club to give away trees on the weekend preceding Arbor Day as well as the weekend following Arbor Day. The tree selection this year (assuming that Persimmon and White Pine will be available) will "check off all the boxes" of tree varieties requested for planting locally, as Burr Oak, Black Walnut, Chinese Chestnut, Persimmon, and Paw Paw requests had been made since last year, with the White Pine request made after this year's

order had been placed. NOTE: If unable to attend the April 1st or April 15th events, or in order to reserve some trees prior to the event, or to see if there were any trees left over after the event, feel free to contact Craig Stanfield at 606-301-3350.



Tollesboro Lions Club President Craig Stanfield accepts the first donation of trees for 2023 Arbor Day Giveaway from Michael Carter, Forest Ranger of the Kentucky Division of Forestry. These trees will be given away to the public at the Tollesboro Lions Club April 1st, with additional trees to be delivered to give away at the Tollesboro Lions Club April 15th event.