

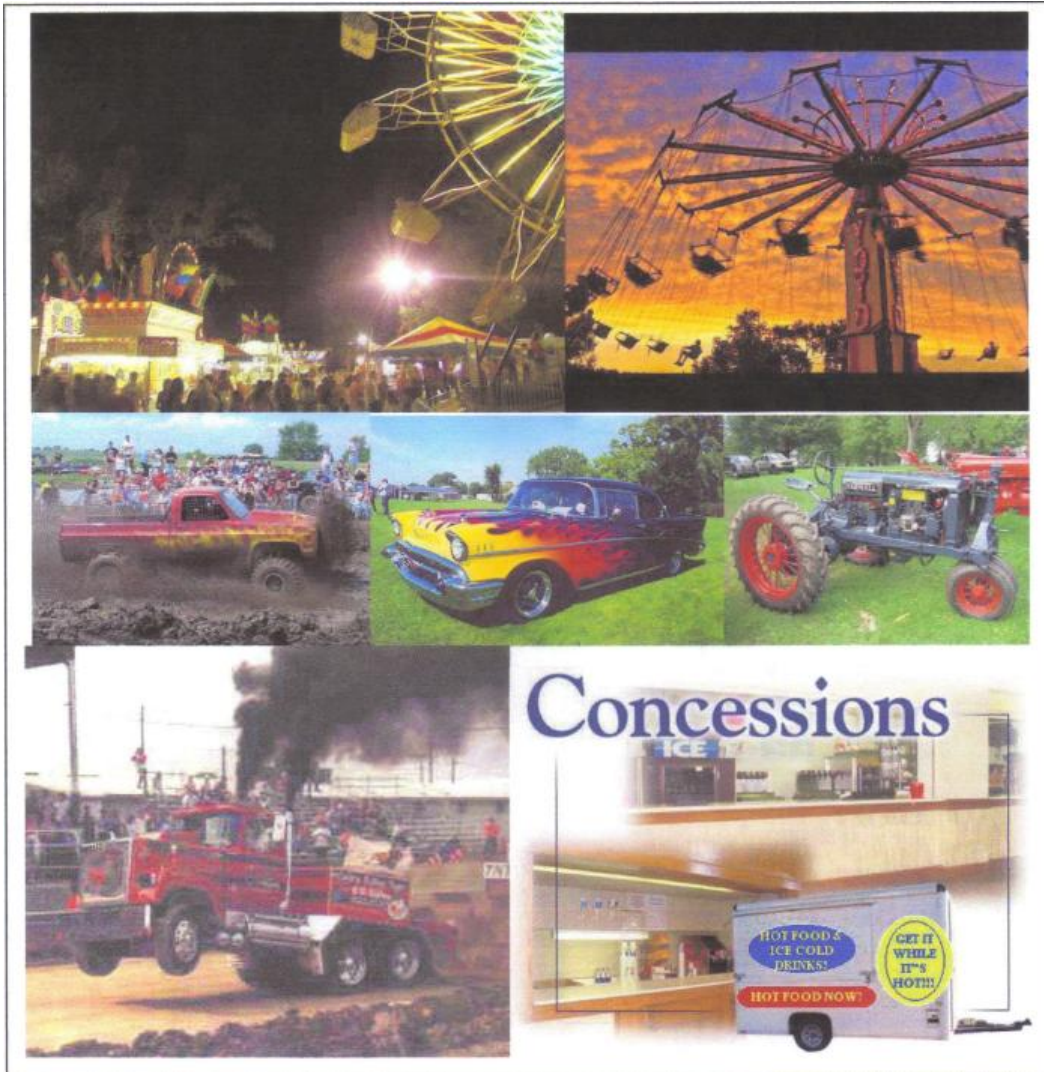
**EVENTS, PROJECTS, PLANNINGS**  
**& PRESS RELEASES**  
**OF THE**  
**TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2025**  
**YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024**  
**ENDING JUNE 30, 2025**



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## **2024 TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIR**

The 2024 Tollesboro Lions Club Fair will be July 12<sup>th</sup> through July 20<sup>th</sup>, with the Horse Show being held July 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. The individual events will be listed once the Schedule has been completed.



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# TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB

## 2024 FALL TRADE DAYS EVENT

The third Trade Days Event, the FALL TRADE DAYS, will take place September 5th through 8th.

The TRADE DAYS Events are Flea Market type events, offering arts and crafts, baked and home-made goods, new items, antiques, tools, guns, knives, and other items. Weekend rate is just \$30 without electric connections, of \$45 with electric connections. Admission is free, parking is free. Events open on Thursday at 9 am until dark, on Friday and Saturday from 8 am until dark, and on Sunday vendors are encouraged to continue to setup.

For additional information or to reserve vendor space, contact Richard "Skeeter" Shaw (606) 356-8043 or (606) 798-6134.



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#### TRADE DAYS 2024 EVENT SCHEDULE

SPRING TRADE DAYS MAY 2-5  
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Following dinner, with 14 members present, Lions Club President Craig Stanfield opened the business portion of the meeting. He asked Secretary Phil Cropper to read the minutes from the last meeting; they were approved as read. Treasurer Steve Pedersen then provided the group with a rundown of the Club's finances.

Under Old Business, President Stanfield reminded the members that the next meeting, April 22nd, was to be a Celebration of the Club's 70th Anniversary and that the meeting was to be a Ladies Night where members were encouraged to invite their spouses or significant others to attend, with a special meal planned. During the business portion of the next meeting, the Scholarship Committee would report on scholarship applications received and recommendations for scholarship presentations to local graduates intending to further their education (the scholarship applications are available for download from the Tollesboro Lions Club website, [www.tollesborolions.com](http://www.tollesborolions.com) and are due to be turned in/received by 5 pm, April 19th, so that the Committee could review them and make recommendations at the April 22nd meeting).

President Stanfield next reported on the success of several recent events, the Arbor Day Tree Giveaway, the Easter Egg Hunt, and the Archery Tournament. He mentioned that as he arrived at the meeting, that the ballfield was in use as was the Playground. He then reported a number of upcoming events in and around Tollesboro, and indicated that he had posted upcoming events on the Tollesboro Lions Club website that could be downloaded (these events included events conducted by the Tollesboro Lions Club, other Lions Clubs within the area, as well as events conducted by other groups and organizations).

When discussing Upcoming Events, the President also informed the Club there had been a recent "double-booking" of the Fairgrounds (the Club had approved the use of the grounds for the Eastern Kentucky Walking and Racking Horse Association Horse Show on June 8th; somehow a Cruise-In Car Show had been inadvertently scheduled for the same date). Upon learning of the double-booking, he had acted quickly to change the date of the Car Show, arranging it be moved to June 15th, with some input from other members. The June 15th date suited the host, the Orangeburg Volunteer Fire Department, who were able to make immediate changes to their plans so as to not disrupt the event. He asked the Club to formally approve his actions, and a motion was immediately made and seconded to approve the event booking, which was approved by the Club unanimously.

It was also mentioned that the Maysville Lions Club Radio Auction was going on the week of June 8th - June 13th. District Governor/Tollesboro Lions Club Treasurer Steve Pedersen indicated that he intended to visit the event immediately following the meeting, and President Stanfield indicated that he had been listening to the Radio Auction as he pulled up to the Clubhouse. Members were encouraged to support the event.

While discussing Old Business/Upcoming Events, Treasurer Pedersen indicated that the Club had retained the right to sell concessions during the June 8th Horse Show and it was his opinion that the Club should operate the Concessions themselves rather than leasing out the right to one or more vendors. He indicated that he would be happy to be in charge of the Concession sales, but would need at least 3 members to assist, and would work with setting up some type of schedule closer to the event.

Lion Pedersen also mentioned that he had attended the funeral of Marilyn Archey, wife of Greenup County Lion and past District Governor Jim Archey. The Club had presented Jim with a funeral quilt with the Lions Club emblem and comforting words embroidered upon it (Tabby Tully Liles Take-It-Personal Gifts prepared and delivered the quilt) and Lion Archey was most appreciative.



Lion Alan Henderson and Lion Zach Tully discussed that forms had been constructed for a concrete pad upon which the newly purchased bleachers would be placed; the concrete needed to be laid as soon as weather permitted. They also suggested a work date be arranged to complete the assembly of the new bleachers. As Lion Lee Thomas was not present (Lion Thomas has a loader that will be utilized to lift the sections in place for assembly), the date was not scheduled during the meeting but would be set up soon.

Under New Business, the Lions Club Leader Dog/Leader Pup program was mentioned, a project of the Michigan Lions Clubs. A \$500 donation would allow a Club to sponsor partial training for a Leader Dog. Leader Dogs are utilized by the blind/sight impaired, and sight preservation is a main Lions Club International project (a collaboration began in 1925 - just shy of 100 years ago - when Helen Keller addressed and appealed to Lions Clubs at their annual convention). Lion Steve Pedersen, the District Governor, asked that the Club table any action as Kentucky Lions have a similar program that he would prefer the Club support. His motion to table action on this project was seconded and approved (this item will be brought up next meeting).

Also under New Business, Lion Jim Meadows indicated that the Archery Tournament had been successful and that there was talk to fund (by donations) construction of an open 24' x 40' Shelter House to be erected at the site of the Archery Tournament. He made a motion to approve the structure provided the funding was obtained; his motion was immediately seconded and approved unanimously.

Being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and the members dismissed.



# **NEW BUILDING PLACED ON THE TOLLESBORO FAIRGROUNDS**

**A new building was placed on the grounds of the Tollesboro Community Park/Fairgrounds Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. The building is an 8' x 12' structure and it's intended use shall be to provide shelter from wind or rain for those taking up gate/attendance monies when events are held at the Fairgrounds, both during the Annual Tollesboro Lions Club Fair as well as other events held on the grounds during other periods during the year. The structure has a 4' covered porch, an entry door and two windows (the structure shall be placed where the windows face the entry gate, so that parties inside may watch to see when assistance is needed by either other members of the Club taking up admission monies, or when a vehicle shows up whereby admittance must be paid). This building replaces an open structure that was in use; however this structure permits those inside to count or separate monies without worrying about windy conditions, while keeping the parties inside dry. The building will likely be electrified at some time in the future to provide for lighting and perhaps an air conditioning unit.**

**The building has been placed on the grounds in a temporary location as the Club plans to widen the existing entrance and make other interior roadway/access improvements before placing the structure in it's permanent location.**



# **ZONE CHAIRMAN VISITS MAYSVILLE LIONS CLUB**

On the heels of (another) successful Maysville Lions Club Radio Auction, the Maysville Lions Club met Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at the Maysville Lions Club Clubhouse for their regularly scheduled meeting (the Maysville Lions Club meets the first and third Thursday of each month; the 72<sup>nd</sup> Maysville Lions Club Radio Auction --- the Club's largest annual fund-raiser --- was April 8<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup>). Earlier in the day, Tollesboro Lions Club President/Zone Chairman Craig Stanfield went to the Clubhouse to pay for his purchases made during the Radio Auction Event; he has showed up on Monday with no one was present, and was going Wednesday but didn't make it in time, so he jokingly informed the clerks who were there to take his money for his purchases and Bucks-For-Luck that if he had missed them today he was going to show up at their meeting. They invited him to attend, so he made the trip back to the meeting later that same evening.

There were 17 members and guests present at the meeting (of those present, three were NEW MEMBERS!). The meeting opened with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The Club then presented an Honorary Membership to Taryn Mains! Then everyone was treated to a great meal (steak, baked potato, salad, and a cake for dessert) which was provided by the membership.

After dinner, the business meeting was opened. The minutes from the last meeting were presented and approved as read. The Treasurer was absent, so no financial report was provided. The recent Radio Auction Event was discussed, exceeding the goal set by the Club prior to the event, discussing the new phone system (which worked flawlessly), a couple of dead periods of the radio system (weather related), and the results (the Auction raised approximately \$42,250 provided all pledges and bids are honored; the Club had set a goal of \$40,000; last year's event raised approximately \$43,000. All in all, very consistent!).

Next, it was mentioned that Officer Nominations and Elections would be soon and for members to consider advancing or becoming officers.

It was mentioned that the Playground Equipment had been removed from Beechwood Park by the City of Maysville. It was then noted that the City had recently been the recipient of monies from a resident or former resident to improve all the City playgrounds and that new equipment should be in place soon.

It was noted that some building maintenance was needed, some gutter repair and installation of gutter guards.

It was noted that, due to the high cost of charcoal, a change-over to the grill upon which the dinner is cooked each meeting - from charcoal to propane - would result in significant savings, potentially paying for itself in one year. The estimated cost to change over was estimated to be \$400. A motion was made and seconded to change to propane, at a cost not to exceed \$500; motion was approved.

The Zone Chairman, Tollesboro Lions Club President Craig Stanfield, then informed the group that the Vanceburg Lions Club had agreed to host the next Zone Meeting, to be held in Vanceburg, May 16<sup>th</sup>, at the Black Oak Fire Department. All Lions Club members were invited and encouraged to attend, but the Vanceburg Lions Club would appreciate an estimated number of attendees so that adequate food would be prepared. This meeting would be the same night that the Maysville Lions Club would normally meet (the Maysville Lions Club and the Vanceburg Lions Club both meet on the first and third Thursday of each month and the Vanceburg Lions Club opted to host the meeting on their regular meeting night).

The Maysville Lions Club members discussed whether to meet at the Zone Meeting, or to move their meeting to the following week. A motion was made to hold their meeting at the Zone Meeting, however died lack of a second. A motion was then made to change the next meeting to May 23<sup>rd</sup> to provide an ample opportunity for membership to attend the Zone Meeting. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.





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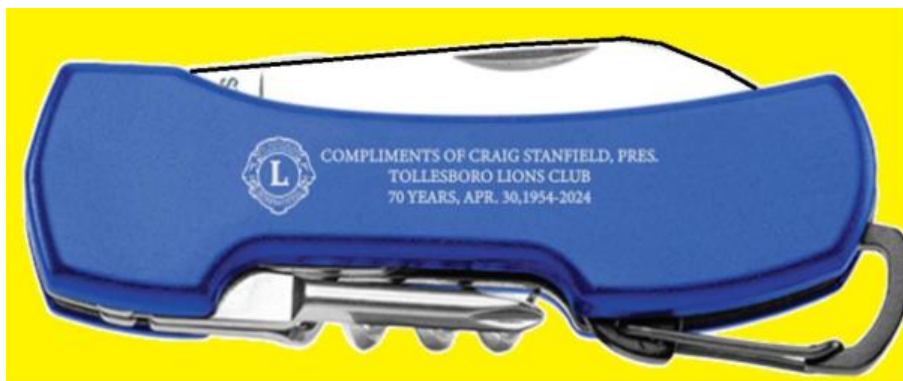
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*Photos from the Tollesboro Lions Club 70th Anniversary Celebration: Top left: Past District Governor Jim Archey presents Lion Paul Hampton with a 25 Year Service Chevron; Top, Right: Lion Archey presents Ritchie Cunningham, Jr. a 15 Year Service Chevron. Bottom: A photo showing several of the attendees.*

# **BRIEF HISTORY OF THE TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB**

## **FOR 70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

***(Used at the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Event)***

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According to a History of the First 30 Years of the Tollesboro Lions Club by W. B. Grant, the Tollesboro Lions Club immediately began to make community service a priority, as in 1954, the Club sold light bulbs and raffled a calf in order to support street lights in the community. This fact is backed up by a Lewis County Herald newspaper article dated Oct. 7, 1954.

In early 1957, the Tollesboro Lions Club had raised \$810 of a \$1,000 commitment made by the Club in the winter in order to support the Tollesboro Volunteer Fire Department so as to provide for improved equipment.

In August of 1957, the Club lost it's first Charter Member upon the sudden passing of young 44 year old Henry Calvert due to a heart attack.

In 1958 the Tollesboro Lions Club purchased a Trap Throwing System and held trapshoots at the club. Began to conduct youth eye-screening in the schools. AND IN 1958 the Tollesboro Lions Club decided to conduct a Fall Festival, which is what became the first Tollesboro Lions Club Fair. The first fair was a one day event held October 4, 1958 conducted at the Tollesboro High School. According to Grant's History of the Tollesboro Lions Club, this event made \$2,000!

Later that year, Buddy Grant (a Charter member, past President, and past Zone Chairman) was elected as District Governor.

1960 – The Tollesboro Lions Club incorporated to become the Tollesboro Lions Club, Inc. by the provision of Articles of Incorporation provided to Henry H. Carter, Secretary of State of Kentucky, as a non-stock, non-profit corporation, # 0051491, certified by certificate dated the 19th

day of May, 1960.

After incorporating, the Tollesboro Lions Club made their first real estate purchase, an 8 acres of land from Jack N Barbour and Wilma Barbour.

Later that same year (1960), the Fall Festival, the third Annual Event, was for the first time referred to as a Fair, became a two day event, and for the first time included an Open Horse Show (prior events were open to Lewis County residents only).

In 1961, the Tollesboro Lions Club hosted a \$10 / plate country ham dinner with Governor Bert Combs in attendance.

Also in 1961, Lion W. B. "Buddy" Grant was recognized by National Lions Club President Finis Davis with a President's Award.

In 1962, the Tollesboro Lions Club held it's first "all-night" tractor pull (a Tug-Pull) and constructed the Shelter House at a cost of \$850 (the "Shelter House" was eventually partially boxed-in and served as a combination Shelter House/Clubhouse; it was later fully enclosed and became the Clubhouse we are meeting in today).

In 1964 the Clubhouse was constructed, at a cost of \$10,500 of which \$9,000 was financed.

In 1965 The Club held a Pancake Breakfast for a new fund-raiser. Lion W. B. "Buddy" Grant was elected as a 2 Year Trustee to the Lions Club Eye Foundation in Louisville.

1966 The club built a ballfield on the Clubhouse Grounds. Promoted water and natural gas services for the community. In 1967, it was "lit".

1968 – The Tollesboro Lions Club purchased 19 acres of land from deed of Maurice Willim Master Commissioner of Lewis County Circuit Court by deed dated the 14th day of October, 1968. According to Grant's History of the First 30 Years of the Tollesboro Lions Club, the Club gave \$25,500 for this tract of land, purchased at public auction, improved with a home, barn, and tobacco base.

1969 - The Tollesboro Lions Club sold 2.27 acres of land upon which was situated a home, this property being a portion of that property purchased in 1968, to Steven E. Harris and Patricia A. Harris, for \$10,500. The purchase of the property in 1968 included a tobacco base, and the Club members raised the tobacco as an additional fund-raiser.

1970 - The Tollesboro Lions Club built a Horse-Show Ring, complete fencing and lighting. Constructed seating of wood plank on concrete block structures 1971.

1972 - Erected a small playground consisting of used swings and a slide on the fairgrounds. The swings and slide were donated to the Club from from a Maysville City School.

1976 Built a tennis court for additional outdoor recreation on the fairgrounds. 1977 Added fencing to the tennis court. Still raised tobacco and held fair.

1978 - The Tollesboro Lions Club conveyed 3.66 acres of land to the City of Tollesboro, KY being a portion of the property acquired by the Tollesboro Lions Club by deed recorded in Deed Book 111 page 297 Lewis County Court Clerk Records, this conveyance by deed dated the 24th day of April, 1978, said deed recorded in Deed Book 131 page 497 Lewis County Court Clerk Records. The City of Tollesboro acquired a United States Department of the Interior National Park Service Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant in the amount of \$14,812.46 to improve the Tollesboro Ballfield situated upon the property donated to the City of Tollesboro by the Tollesboro Lions Club, Inc. Details: ID & Element 501 - XXX Type: C; Grant Title: TOLLESBORO BALLFIELD; Grant Sponsor: CITY OF TOLLESBORO; Grant Amount: \$14,812.46; Status: C; Date Approved: 3/10/1978; Expiration Date 6/30/1981; Congressional District: 4. NOTE: It was previously reported that the ballfield was constructed in 1966 and lit in 1967 by the Tollesboro Lions Club. *Thus the ballfield was on the grounds prior to deeding this area to the City of Tollesboro. It was likely at this time, while owned by the City of Tollesboro, that the fencing, batting cage, dugouts, possibly even the outhouse and potentially additional electric services and lighting, were added, but this is only supposition as I have not found a record of what the grant monies were actually used for.*

1979 Celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the Tollesboro Lions Club. The highlight of the year



was the payoff of all existing debt! It was at this time that Grant first wrote his history of the Tollesboro Lions Club, to celebrate the Club's 25th Anniversary. The history was updated prior to the 30th Anniversary Celebration in 1984. 1980 The Annual Fair is extended to a week-long event! We decided that we had enough to do, so we began to lease our tobacco base.

1982 New lighting and re-wiring was performed at the Ballfield (we had a transformer catch on fire and had our own fireworks display one evening, unintentionally!!!).

1987 – The City of Tollesboro, Kentucky, subject to a Proposed Plan By the City of Tollesboro, Kentucky for the Equitable Disposition of All Assets and Discharge of All Obligations of the City, conveyed to the Tollesboro Lions Club the 3.66 acres which was conveyed to the City of Tollesboro by the Tollesboro Lions Club, Inc. by deed dated the 24th day of April, 1978.

1993 We created a gravel walking track around the fairgrounds for use of the public as a safe place to walk, run or jog, get outdoors and exercise.

1994 We remodeled our Lions Club Clubhouse.

SOMETIME IN THE LATE 1990s WE EXTENDED OUR FAIR TO RUN FROM A FRIDAY-SATURDAY, A PARADE ON SUNDAY, THEN A WEEKLONG MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY FAIR. THIS FORMAT HAS BEEN IN PLACE EVERY YEAR SINCE IT WAS FIRST IMPLEMENTED, PERMITTING THE FAIR TO HAVE TWO WEEKENDS.

1996 – The Tollesboro Lions Club, Inc. agreed to purchase the Tollesboro High School, sale and purchase completed in 1997. The purchase price was \$95,000. FROM 1997 through 2008 (at which time we conveyed the Tollesboro High School property to the Tollesboro Junior/Senior High School), the Tollesboro Lions Club, Inc. donated the use of the Tollesboro High School property for use as a private Christian School. Sometime after 1997, but also through 2008, the Tollesboro Lions Club, Inc. donated the use of a portion of the Tollesboro High School Property to the Lend-A-Helping-Hand-Food Pantry and Clothing Bank, a use that continues through present day.

1999 The Tollesboro Lions Club was featured in the official Lions Club International magazine, The Lion.

2006 - The Tollesboro Lions Club expended in excess of \$30,000 on improvements to the Fairgrounds, including structural improvements to the Livestock Barn, purchase of portable bleachers to accommodate 600 persons, erection of a two-story announcer's booth to use for speed events and tug pulls, the placement of new fencing and concrete barriers for crowd control and safety measures. In addition, improvements made by the Lewis County Fiscal Court improved Lions Club Lane, widening the roadway and improving access to the Fairgrounds.

2007 - CONDUCTING OUR 50th ANNUAL FAIR THIS YEAR! Landscaping was conducted at the entrance along KY 10. Additional improvements made to the buildings on the Fairgrounds. The interior of the Floral Hall was completely remodeled; improvements were made to the interior of the two-story elevated announcer's booth; permanent scales were put in place at the Tractor Pull area.

2008 – The Tollesboro Lions Club, Inc. donated \$5,000 towards a sight saving stem cell procedure that a Mason County was planning to undergo in China (this type of surgery is not performed or available in the United States).

2009 – We went online with our first website! This website was provided for free through Office Live. When this website went defunct, we created our current website, [www.tollesborolions.com](http://www.tollesborolions.com). 2009 - The Tollesboro Lions Club, Inc. entered into a lease/purchase agreement for the acquisition of 3.423 acre tract of land extending our land holdings to KY 9 and increasing our road frontage on Lions Club Lane as well as improving the overall visibility of the property. At the same time, we were provided with a \$75,000 50/50 matching grant (indicating that minimum investment would be \$150,000). With this as a launching pad, our Club ventured to make the most extensive improvements at one time ever created on our grounds. We far exceeded the \$150,000 minimum project cost, expending \$182,000 on improvements to the Fairgrounds (however we likely got close to \$225,000 in value when considering the cost of our labor, donated or

reduced cost labor, donated materials, donated hauling of materials, etc.); this required us to borrow \$75,000. Improvements made to our grounds in 2009 include: A). Permanent Restroom Facilities (a \$90,000 cost. This facility matched a facility put in place at the Germantown Fairgrounds in Mason County, KY and they provided us with a set of blueprints to submit to the State and to the contractors to insure that they would comply with all legal requirements. The provision of the blueprints saved us a substantial cost, probably in excess of \$5,000, possibly considerably more). B). Purchase and erection of a large set of permanent bleachers providing seating for over 600 persons (cost in excess of \$40,000 not including the costs of setting them up or constructing them. We set these on 18 32' long concrete berms each of which weighed 17,000 lbs., that were considered as State Surplus Property and which were donated to the Club by the Kentucky Department of Highways, however we had to pick them up and transport them). C). Reconstructed our Horse Show Ring/Arena, enlarging it and replacing the existing wooden fence with vinyl fencing. D). The acquisition of the 3.422 acres that extended our fairgrounds to the "AA" Hwy permitted us to construct a new "speed-pull" track, creating a much safer facility for the speed truck/tractor events. E). Made significant improvements to our water, electrical, sewage, and lighting services on the premises. F). Installed a lighted sign along the "AA" Hwy. (the pole was donated to the Club). G). Constructed a new 40' x 120' pavillion on the Fairgrounds to permit additional events such as music events, small remote control cars events, archery events, and auctions. H). Made additional improvements to the Livestock Showbarn to better provide for FFA and 4-H Youth Livestock shows. I). Renovated our two-story elevated announcer's booth to permit it to be used for events on both sides of the structure (as, due to the acquisition of the 3.422 acres, we now have a speed-pull track on the south side and a tug-pull track on the north side of this building), while permitting the main level to provide for a concession stand (this by removing the staircase that formerly was situated within the main level of the building, and placing the stairway to the upper level on the outside of the building to create more space and allowing for serving windows on both the north and south side of the structure as we would now have events on both sides of the building).

2011 - We were fortunate to be a recipient of a \$40,000 grant through the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, State Aid to Local Agricultural Fairs Program that permitted us to add a second set of permanent bleachers, adding over 500 additional seats. The total cost of this project was in excess of \$55,000 (we had estimated the costs to be \$40,000 with the erection of the bleachers to be by the members of the Club; however our total investment/costs raised considerably as, due to the number of accommodations in seating the two bleachers provided, we were required to provide handicapped parking and seating areas. This in itself would not have been costly except that it required us to provide for blacktop parking areas and concrete ramps that we had not planned for. However we were able to accommodate these requirements and pay for the additional costs out of monies raised by the 2011 Fair).

2015 We lost our last Charter Member who maintained continuous membership in the organization since signing the charter April 30, 1954 upon the passing of 93 year old Samuel M. "Mack" Wright, who maintained membership in the Tollesboro Lions Club from the date of signing the Charter until his death in 2015.

2016 – We received a grant from Buffalo Trace Area Development District (BTADD) which was presented at their Annual Meeting which was held on the grounds of the Tollesboro Lions Club (Craig Stanfield, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the Tollesboro Lions Club in 2016 was also finishing his term as Chairman of the BTADD being Craig Stanfield) which was matched by the Club to permit 1,000 linear feet of the walking track to be resurfaced.

2017 – Lewis County Farm Bureau donated \$15,000 (which the Club matched) to renovate the Livestock Show Barn, resulting in a large addition (the show ring) as well as a storage garage. The Floral Hall also underwent significant improvement after a person drove a car into it (crashing through the doors and causing significant damage).

**2018 – In March, we held an Awards Banquet, bestowing honors on a huge number of our members in recognition of services provided to the Club and community. The most significant project was the Playground installation, an over \$60,000 project (over \$70,000 when adding in the cost of chainlink fencing), most of which was covered by a number of grants (the Club prepped the site, the Playground equipment ---- in excess of \$30,000 --- was provided by a grant through the Extension Office, benches provided by individuals and the Extension Office, and with installation ---- \$15,000 ---- provided by the Lewis County Farm Bureau. The Playground Grand Opening Ceremony (Oct., 2018) included Rocky Adkins (Ky House of Representatives, Minority Floor Leader), Michelle Keller (Justice Kentucky State Supreme Court), and a host of dignitaries (NOTE: In 2019, the Playground project was a finalist in the Governor's Beautify the Bluegrass competition). Later in 2018, we hosted our first Christmas Parade (which has since become an Annual Event).**

**2019 – In 2019, we unveiled the Club's FIRST, OFFICIAL Lions Club Pin. The pin features the outline of the State of Kentucky in a field of Kentucky blue (symbolic of the blue and white official colors of the Tollesboro High School when the school served the community until it's closure in 2004) outlined in gold, with a gold "star" showing the approximate location of Tollesboro, with a silhouette in gold of a Walking Horse in action (symbolizing the Horse Show which has been an integral part of our fair through it's inception in 8as well as the importance of the Horse to Kentucky tourism and agriculture), with a small Lions Club emblem, and the words "SERVING SINCE 1954" and "TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB", to include the name of our club and referring to the Lions Club motto and the year that the Tollesboro Lions Club was first chartered to begin service to our community!**

**We also donated 100 trees obtained from the Division of Forestry to the public at large for Arbor Day (this was our first tree give-a-way project, a project that has grown significantly since).**

**We received an International Paper grant for \$5,000 which we used to further pave portions of the walking track.**

**We were visited by 39 Tollesboro Elementary School first-graders, sponsored a coloring contest of Lions Club and Lion cartoons for them to color, and honored winners with cash prizes (\$25 total).**

**Finished the Year with the second Annual Christmas Parade and with a Christmas Party at Caproni's with the Moron Brothers bringing their own style of humor and song to the party!**

**2020 – COVID! While there were restrictions on meetings (we did practice social distancing and made heavy use of alcohol-based hand-cleaners), the Tollesboro Lions Club navigated through the Covid-19 Pandemic fairly adroitly! We had to cancel a few meetings, but continued to meet fairly regularly. We purchased a 5.818 acre tract of land for \$45,000 (and only a short time after our purchase, were the recipient of funds to refund our purchase price from the Estate of Betty Ripato). With regards to the Fairgrounds, we hosted a Dairy Product Promotion, hosted an Emergency Disaster Services (EDS) Training Drill, hosted the District Dairy Cow Show, hosted the Annual Farm Bureau meeting, and hosted weekly Unity and Prayer meetings on the grounds (non-denominational, with at least 10 churches participating). The biggest impact that Covid had on the Club was in regards to the Fair, which was largely abbreviated or consisted of smaller, more spaced-out events (lacking the carnival, with smaller crowds to encourage social distancing). We were able to hold our Horse-Show, two Tug Tractor Pulls, and two Mud Slings.**

**Also, we applied for (and received) a grant through the Kentucky Department of Agriculture Division of Fairs to attempt to secure an 75-25 grant to provide for additional improvements to the Fairgrounds, including electrical upgrades, LED lighting upgrades/replacement, paving, and other site improvements, a \$25,000 grant for a \$30,000 project (improvements were completed in 2021).**

**2021 – The Club helped to sponsor the creation of videos through “History In Your Own Backyard”, whereby two Lewis County sites and one Fleming County site (some of the sponsors were from Fleming County) visited and videos produced that were posted online and provided to**

**schools, museums, libraries, etc., to educate the public of historical sites and events within the area. This was spear-headed by Tollesboro Lions Club President Craig Stanfield (one of the sponsors, a self-professed “history-nut” and collector of local memorabilia, who narrated two of the videos); the Tollesboro Lions Club was made a sponsor without cost. The sites chosen were Fleming County's Goddard Covered Bridge and Tollesboro's Cabin Creek Covered Bridge. The third subject was an event, that being Tollesboro as the birthplace of Lucille Voorhees, Parker Wright Markey who became the owner of Calumet Farm, and Tollesboro's connection to horse-racing as well as being a Calumet Farm racehorse.**

**The Club was approached about use of the ballfield (the ballfield had been largely abandoned), resulting in significant improvements made to the ballfield on the grounds to permit it's use.**

**The Club was the recipient of a grant to further improve the Playground with a poured-in-place rubber surface installation, adding an additional \$70,000+ investment (almost entirely funded through grant!) in the Playground (this investment brings the total cost of the Playground to approximately \$150,000!!!).**

**The announcer's stand between the Tug Pull and Speed-Pull tracks was improved, nearly doubling in size, and a new elevated announcer's booth was constructed at the Mud Sling/Demolition Derby Track. Other infrastructure and blacktop improvements were made to the Fairgrounds as well.**

**The Annual Fair had record-breaking attendance virtually every day (people were just happy to be able to get out and about after the restrictions the prior year due to the Covid Pandemic).**

**2022 – Zone Chairman and 5 term past President Clinton Applegate was diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) and the Club hosted a fund-raiser for him (dinner, Poker Run, and Auction) that exceeded any single day fund-raising event ever on the grounds (there were several fund-raisers held on the grounds to raise funds for individuals suffering from health issues). The Club placed US Flags throughout the town (mostly along KY 10, but a few on KY 57 and on Fairgrounds Road; this has become an annual event). The Fair was a huge event again, and there were a large number of events conducted on the Fairgrounds, many of which benefited other organizations. Western Kentucky was hit with a devastating tornado and the Club contributed funds to help those impacted by the disaster. Later in the year, Eastern Kentucky was hit with catastrophic flooding and the Club made significant contributions to support the recovery (and this is continuing through the current day). The Club approved a rather significant expenditure to improve the large pavilion by adding garage doors to the southern exposure to permit the building to be more functional (approved in 2022, but the installation was in 2023). The Club lost two long-term members: Larry Tucker, a 55+ year member passed away Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>; Darrel Dixon (a 50 year member) passed away December 9.**

**2023 – Early in 2023, the Club lost long-time supporter (and father of Shane Wallingford, Tollesboro Lions Club member) Johnny Wallingford. Then March 2, Clinton Applegate (a 5 term President, Zone Chairman, and 32 year member) succumbed to ALS (less than 4 months earlier, the Club lost a 55 year and 50 year members, Larry Tucker and Darrel Dixon).**

**On April 1<sup>st</sup>, the Club was rockin', with a Mud Sling to benefit a 13 year old cancer victim, an Easter Egg Hunt, live music, and an Arbor Day Tree Give-a-way.**

**Numerous other fund-raisers were held to benefit those suffering from health issues, and other events continued to be held on the grounds to benefit other organizations.**

**On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Lions Club suffered another tragic blow with the death of Philip Konopka. Philip was not a member of the Club, but was an integral part of the Fair, in particular the Livestock Shows. Philip was the Lewis County Extension Agent. He was killed in an automobile accident (not of his fault). He and Clinton Applegate were the main operators of all of the youth livestock shows at the Fair, and their passing will be a huge impact during the upcoming Fair.**

**The Club contributed to seven scholarships, the most recipients and the most money the Club had every provided to graduates (this was due to generous support from individuals who provided**



the monies for 4 of the \$500 scholarship awards).

The Peoples Bank of Kentucky provided funding (\$7,000) for a new multi-purpose building to be placed on the grounds.

Lion Steve Pedersen was elected as the District Governor AND was presented with the Lions International President's Award.

Huge improvements were made to the Demolition Derby/Mud Sling Track (this involved replacing water lines, new poles, electrical and lighting improvements, so that the track could be widened, with additional safety barriers/concrete berms installed).

Additional improvements also were made to the Pavilion. A railing was installed at the stage area and the back room was improved to where it was more than storage (heated, cooled, lit, a great multi-function area).

The Fair was a great success. Everything was going well UNTIL...

Two minors caused significant damage to the fairgrounds. They gained access to the men's restrooms and caused absolute havoc! They broke into the announcer's booth by the Mud Sling/Demo Derby Track and destroyed the speaker systems, painted on the walls, and caused other damage. They attempted to access the storage area behind the stage of the Pavilion (but were caught on video) and THEY SET FIRE TO A LOADER OWNED BY A LIONS CLUB MEMBER which caught fire to the carport which it was parked under, causing significant damage to the roof of the carport and destroying the electrical wiring (*NOT TO MENTION A COMPLETE LOSS TO THE LOADER!*). *NOTE: The minors were identified and caught, with restitution ordered. To date, ½ of the monies have been paid to the Club.*

2024 – It's still early in the year, but nevertheless we have been busy! The Club gave away 315 trees for Arbor Day. An Easter Egg Hunt was conducted. A fund-raiser was held for the Tollesboro Elementary School PTO. We continue to support rebuilding of Eastern Kentucky, donating \$2500 towards the Journey To Recovery Project. We also donated funds to several local organizations. And we are meeting to celebrate our 70<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY!

**THE TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB HAS PROVIDED TWO DISTRICT GOVERNORS:** Buddy Grant & Steve Pedersen, both of whom were President's Award recipients.

**THE TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB HAS PROVIDED** Several Zone Chairman

**THE TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB HAS 8 MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS:**

Buddy Grant, Steve Pedersen, Craig Stanfield, Paul Hampton, Jim Meadows, Clinton Applegate. Posthumous: Larry Tucker, Darrel Dixon. Non-member Honor: Glen Cole

**THE TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB HAS 3 FINIS DAVIS FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS:** Steve Pedersen, Craig Stanfield, Clinton Applegate

# **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB 2024 SCHOLARSHIP** **RECIPIENTS CHOSEN**

The Tollesboro Lions Club met Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm at their Clubhouse on the grounds of the Tollesboro Fairgrounds for their regularly scheduled meeting. However, this was no regular meeting. This meeting members met to **CELEBRATE the 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CLUB'S FOUNDING!**

During the business portion of the meeting, the Scholarship Committee -- which met earlier in the evening -- presented their recommendations to the Club for Scholarships from the applications received. The Committee had received 17 scholarship applications from local 2024 graduates intending to further their education. The Scholarship Committee had met to select and make recommendations to the Club about graduates to receive scholarship assistance to further their education. The Club had approved the offering of up to three recipients the sum of \$500 each to further their studies; however they dead-locked on 4 deserving individuals (all 17 applicants were deserving, and the Club would have loved to present all of them with funds to further their education, but only has a limited amount of money to present to area youth). In the end, four individuals were selected, as a member of the Club offered to donate an amount sufficient to cover the fourth recipient. The 2024 Tollesboro Lions Club scholarship recipients were Hannah Miller, Makenna Scott, Amirah Qassis, and Molly Lewis. Makenna Scott will also receive the Larry Tucker Memorial Scholarship, selected individually by the Scholarship provider.

## **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB MEMBERS WORK ON** **FAIRGROUNDS**

Several members of the Tollesboro Lions Club met at the Fairgrounds on a pretty sunny day to pour and prepare a concrete pad for placement of newly purchased bleachers to be placed on the grounds at the site of the Mud Sling/Demolition Derby Track. The guys made short order of the job. Present at the jobsite were Alan Henderson, Denny Hornback, Daymond Thomas, Charles Kendall, and Lee Thomas. Six photos were provided during the project by Lion Lee Thomas showing the members present; however the ONLY one in all the photos working was Alan Henderson! But at least he had an audience! But I can't say much. They didn't even call me to come up....



# **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB HONORS A 39 YEAR MEMBER OF MAYS LICK CLUB**

A long-time member of the Mays Lick Lions Club passed away recently. Wayne Cropper had been a member of the Mays Lick Lions Club for 39 years. In recognition of his years of service, the Tollesboro Lions Club ordered a Funeral Quilt to present to the family on behalf of the Tollesboro Lions Club. The Funeral Quilt was created by Tabby Tully Liles' Take-It-Personal Gifts. She did a wonderful job.





# SPRING TRADE DAYS 2024 IS LARGEST EVER!

The 2024 Spring Trade Days Event was the largest Trade Days Event that the Club had ever held! A huge number of vendors were present necessitating a relocation from the AA Hwy frontage to a more northerly location which permitted additional vendors to connect to electricity. The weather was decent for most of the weekend event as well, with a few vendors even staying through Sunday.



# **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB MEMBER GUEST SPEAKER AT THE MASON COUNTY MEN'S CLUB MEETING**

The Mason County Men's Club met Wednesday, May 8th at 9 am at the French Quarter Inn with 28 in attendance (26 members and 2 guests, both of whom joined the Club, these new members being Steve Pedersen and Jim Sandlin). President Ron Bailey opened the meeting with welcome remarks, then asked for the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer by Pastor Jim Dougans. This was followed by a presentation by President Bailey honoring Immediate Past Secretary Harry Mann for his long-time service to the group as it's Secretary. President Bailey then asked the group for updates on those members who were suffering health issues, with reports presented by members in attendance. President Bailey then mentioned the upcoming weekend event at Federal Hill in Old Washington, encouraging the membership to attend. Then Treasurer Richard Konopka reported on the Club's finances and new Secretary Tim Teegarden presented the minutes of last month's meeting. President Bailey then asked Vice President Craig Stanfield to introduce the guest speaker, Steve Pedersen, to the group, after which the group broke for breakfast.

Following a wonderful buffet style breakfast which included bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, scrambled eggs and more, Vice President Stanfield reintroduced Steve Pedersen (who joined the organization that day) as the guest speaker. Steve Pedersen is the Treasurer for the Tollesboro Lions Club (as well as a Past President) and the current Lions Club District 43-Y District Governor. Steve discussed Lions Clubs efforts to support the recovery and relief efforts to Eastern Kentucky victims of catastrophic flooding that occurred in July of 2022, with relief and recovery efforts still taking place to this day. The flooding occurred July 25th to 30th, with rainfall at times in excess of 4 inches per hour resulting in the complete destruction of over 9,000 homes (as well as businesses, churches, schools, industrial and other property types), significant roadway and infrastructure damage, and leading to 39 deaths. To aid in the recovery and relief efforts (which are still ongoing and which will continue for a significant period of time), Kentucky Lions, aided by Lions Clubs throughout the country, provided heaters; propane tanks; hoses, and propane; tents (for temporary shelters); clothing; socks; blankets; coats; gloves; and gift cards to those impacted by the flooding, many/most of whom lost everything they had. Lions Clubs personally fed the afflicted on three occasions, serving 900 persons, 1300 persons, and 1500 persons respectively (the last meal was a Thanksgiving meal where turkey and the works was provided to anyone who was in need, permitting those in need to eat on-site or take meals to where they were residing. Later, \$25,000 was raised and was utilized to provide groceries for a family for a month (500 boxes, \$50 worth of food-stuffs provided in each box). More recently, \$16,000 was raised and provided to 16 families to aid them in acquiring needed personal items to those fortunate enough to have moved into permanent housing. Steve touched on a few personal interactions with some of those who were affected by the flooding and how appreciative they were for the relief efforts provided, whether it was just the provision of a meal or some of the more significant provisions. Following Steve's presentation, President Bailey presented him with a Mason County Men's Club coffee cup, and the meeting adjourned.





**SCENES FROM THE MAY 8TH MEETING OF THE MASON COUNTY MEN'S CLUB. TOP LEFT: PRES. RON BAILEY MAKES A PRESENTATION TO PAST SECRETARY HARRY MANN FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CLUB. LARGE PHOTO: GUEST SPEAKER STEVE PEDERSEN MAKES HIS PRESENTATION TO THE GROUP. BOTTOM LEFT: PRES. BAILEY PRESENTING GUEST SPEAKER WITH A MASON COUNTY MEN'S CLUB COFFEE MUG IN APPRECIATION OF HIS PRESENTATION.**



# **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB MEETS MAY 13TH**

The Tollesboro Lions Club met Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, for their regularly scheduled first meeting in May. The Club met at 7 pm at the Clubhouse on the Fairgrounds. There were 11 members present (which is to be expected on a nice sunny day in May, with several members taking advantage of the beautiful weather to plant crops).

President Craig Stanfield opened the meeting with Prayer; Lion Daymond Thomas then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. The group then enjoyed dinner prepared by Skeeter and Sonia Shaw.

Following the meal, Lion Secretary Phil Cropper read the minutes from the April 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting. Lion Treasurer Steven Pedersen then provided a financial report. Both reports were approved as read.

Part of the minutes of the last meeting included details about those students who were awarded scholarship from the Club. President Stanfield suggested that scholarship recipients and their families be invited to the first meeting in June to make scholarship presentations; this suggestion was approved.

President Stanfield then asked the group to make a donation to Comprehend as he had been asked to be a celebrity server at an upcoming Comprehend dinner event. A motion was made, seconded, and approved.

It was reported that the Trade Days Event was the largest that the Club had ever hosted, and that the Summer Trade Days was scheduled for June 20<sup>th</sup> through June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Next, Lion Pedersen suggested that all the monies raised by the Club from operating the Food Booth at the Eastern Kentucky Walking and Racking Horse Association Horse Show June 8<sup>th</sup> go to support Lighthouse Farms. Motion made, seconded, and passed.

Next, the Club voted to support Leader Dogs For The Blind, a Lions Club International project that originated in 1939 to train and provide leader dogs for the blind. Lions Club International has a long-standing commitment to improving the lives of the visually impaired and preventing avoidable blindness, for 99 years – dating to 1925 --- when Helen Keller attended the Lions Club International Convention and challenged Lions to become “knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness”. The group voted to donate \$500 to this worthy project.

Next, the group was informed about an organization that wanted to have a two-day concert fund-raising event on the Fairgrounds by a non-profit to raise monies to support low income/fixed income housing. With no one present to discuss the details, Lion Pedersen was provided with the contact number for the party who approached a member to contact the person to discuss details and work out dates.

Being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn.

# **VANCEBURG LIONS CLUB HOSTS ZONE MEETING**

The Vanceburg Lions Club was the host of a Zone Meeting, Thursday evening, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Zone Chairman Craig Stanfield, of the Tollesboro Lions Club, asked the Vanceburg Lions Club to consider hosting the Zone Meeting when he attended the Club's meeting March 21<sup>st</sup>, which the Club then agreed to host.

The Vanceburg Club hosted the meeting at the Black Oak Fire Department. Vanceburg Lions Club President Roger Brown opened the meeting, with Prayer by Lion Mike Eddington and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Lion Cary Cagle. President Brown then broke the meeting for an **ABSOLUTELY WONDERFUL** meal prepared by Lion Bill Tom Stone and his wife, with the desserts prepared by Shirley Cagle. The meal consisted of smoked ribs and/or chicken leg/thigh quarters, huge baked potatoes, green beans, with an assortment of desserts, with water or tea offered as beverages.

Following the meal, President Brown introduced the following guests in attendance: Florence Lions Club Past President/Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation Past President Chuck Carlson; current District Governor and Treasurer of the Tollesboro Lions Club Steven Pedersen; and current Zone Chairman/Tollesboro Lions Club President Craig Stanfield. Zone Chairman Stanfield then opened the Zone Meeting, thanking the Vanceburg Lions Club for hosting the meeting and for providing a wonderful meal, inviting those in attendance to show their appreciation to the Club and to those who prepared the meal, as well as thanking those present for their attendance. Twenty-seven Lions Club member were in attendance, representing 6 Lions Clubs, and with 5 of the 6 Clubs within the Zone present (the only Club in the Zone not represented was the Lewisburg-Mill Creek Lions Club). Vanceburg, the host club and meeting on their regularly scheduled meeting night, had 10 members present; Orangeburg had 7 members present; Mays Lick had 4 members in attendance; Maysville had 3 members present; Tollesboro had 2 members in attendance; with 1 member from the Florence Lions Club present. Chairman Stanfield then invited the Clubs to report on their activities.

The Maysville Lions Club was the first to report their activities. They reported the resounding success of their recent fund-raiser, the annual Lions Club Radio Auction, which ran from April 9<sup>th</sup> through April 13<sup>th</sup>, their largest fund-raiser. They reported that they had 7 new members join, had performed eye-screenings and provided eyeglasses for those in need, and would be participating in Maysville Uncorked and the Maysville Pig-Out.

The Orangeburg Lions Club was next to report their activities. They had been blessed with several new members joining their Club, had a Spaghetti Dinner planned, discussed their recent Pancake Breakfast activity, and were currently accepting applications from area youth for the provision of Scholarship in the near future. They also planned to develop a Walking Track on property they own on Stonelick Road and were working to secure Playground Equipment for placement on the site. They were also attempting to coordinate with the State Highway to utilize the Park-N-Drive located next to their Park site, for parking for the planned Park/Walking Track. They were also in early planning stages for their annual Fall Festival Soup Supper and Auction, their largest annual fund-raiser, said auction conducted by the Zone Chairman. They will consider hosting a June Zone Meeting, an item that they will bring up at their next meeting Monday.

The Mays Lick Lions Club was next up, and they reported the recent loss of two long-time members, Jack Collins and Wayne Cropper (*Jack Collins had been a member for 19 years and Wayne Cropper had been a member of the Club for 38 years*). They also reported the addition of one new member. They planned on planting trees in the Mays Lick James Roff Memorial Centennial Park in memory of their recently departed members.

The host club, the Vanceburg Lions Club was next to report their activities. Besides being the host of the evening's Zone Meeting, they had presented three \$400 scholarships to Lewis County High School graduates, would be raffling two handguns at the Fourth of July event, and would be hosting a Softball Tournament and a Golf Tournament. They had 10 new members join this year, with one new member (who was present at the meeting) joining within the last month.

**Zone Chairman Stanfield then reported on Tollesboro's activities. The Club celebrated it's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in April with a Ladies Night Dinner Event; had provided five \$500 scholarships for four 2024 graduates (one student was awarded a Tollesboro Lions Club Scholarship and the Larry Tucker Memorial Scholarship); had donated \$500 to the Lions Club Leader Dogs, made a donation to Comprehend; and hosted the recent Spring Trade Days event. Upcoming events that the Tollesboro Club would be hosting include: The Eastern Kentucky Walking and Racking Horse Show June 8<sup>th</sup> (during which the Tollesboro Lions Club will provide concessions, the proceeds from which are earmarked to support Lighthouse Farm); the Orangeburg Volunteer Fire Department Car Show June 15<sup>th</sup>; the Summer Trade Days Event will take place June 20th through June 23<sup>rd</sup>; the Log Jam Bluegrass Concert June 29<sup>th</sup>; and the Tollesboro Elementary School PTO Poker Run and Food Truck fund-raiser July 6<sup>th</sup>. The Annual Tollesboro Lions Club Fair will run from July 12<sup>th</sup> through July 20<sup>th</sup>, with the Horse Show July 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.**

**Chairman Stanfield then once again thanked the Vanceburg Lions Club for hosting the meeting and for providing such a fine meal, and thanked again all those in attendance representing almost all the Clubs in the Zone. He then invited Chuck Carlson to speak.**

**Chuck mentioned the upcoming USA-CANADA Forum. He also mentioned that anyone wanting Lions Club shirts, hats, or other items could place an order and he would deliver the items to Clubs to save on shipping.**

**District Governor Pedersen thanked the Clubs in attendance for their support during his term, especially for donations to support Eastern Kentucky Flood Victims Recovery efforts continuing through present day (he was especially thankful that he far exceeded his recent \$12,000 goal for continued recover/relief efforts, with the total amount raised \$16,500). He also announced a \$10,000 grant that the District had received notification of earlier that same day, from Lions Club International for continued relief/recovery efforts. He further mentioned that almost all of the Clubs in the Zone were either eligible --- or extremely close to being eligible --- for the Lions Club Excellence Award (last year ONLY 5 Clubs in Kentucky District 43Y received the Lions Club Excellence Award, two of which --- Orangeburg and Tollesboro --- are within the Zone).**

**Under last minute comments, Zone Chairman Stanfield asked the Clubs (or individuals) to consider making a donation to Comprehend as he was asked to be a celebrity server at an upcoming dinner event, June 14th. He asked the Clubs to consider making the donation to Comprehend through him to aid him in raising funds to support the Comprehend fund-raiser.**

**Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.**



*Zone Chairman Craig Stanfield (at the podium) addresses Lions Club members from 5 of the 6 Clubs within the Zone present during the May 16<sup>th</sup> Zone Meeting. Left to right: Vanceburg Lions Club President Roger Brown, Tollesboro Lions Club members Chairman Stanfield and District Governor Steve Pedersen, and Florence Lions Club Past President/ Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation Past President Chuck Carlson.*



# **DAVID COLLINS, LONG-TIME MEMBER OF THE NOW DEFUNCT WASHINGTON LIONS CLUB, PASSES AWAY**



David Lawrence Collins, 80, passed away Saturday, May 18, 2024 at Meadowview Regional Hospital in Maysville, Kentucky. He was born in Robertson County on October 8, 1943 to the late Odie and Bessie Collins.

He was a devoted member of Maysville First Christian Church, where he served as an elder, board member and on various committees. He also was a forty seven year active member of the DeKalb Lodge #12, where he served as Noble Grand in 1986, was a Grand Patriot of the Grand Encampment of Kentucky and was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky IOOF from 2013-2014.

He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge, Maysville Men's Club, Washington Lions Club, a Kentucky Colonel and in the U.S. Army Reserves for six years. He retired from Dayton Power and Light Company after 31 years of service and was an award-winning Electrical Technology teacher at Mason County Area Technology Center after his retirement from DP&L.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Carolyn Yazell Collins; two daughters, Melissa (John) Brooks of Maysville, KY; Kristie (Rodney) Woodrum of Georgetown, KY; his three grandchildren, Joshua (Brenda) Brooks of Lexington, KY, Caitlin Brooks of Louisville, KY, and Aubrey Woodrum of

**Georgetown, KY; and sister Linda Hord of Maysville, KY. He is preceded in death by his siblings, Bobby Collins, Richard Collins, Delores Henson and Susie Cooper.**

**His visitation will be held at First Christian Church Wednesday, May 22, 2024 from 4-7pm. Funeral services will be held at First Christian Church Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 11am. Oddfellows rites will take place at the end of the visitation service. A private interment service will be held at Green Acres Cemetery.**

**Pallbearers are John Brooks, Rodney Woodrum, Joshua Brooks, Tim Greifenkamp, Darin Greifenkamp, Jody Thacker and Jerry Qualls. Honorary pallbearers are Caitlin Brooks, Aubrey Woodrum, Lisa Thacker, Charlie Thomas, Johnny Walker, Kenny Pickrell and Dewey Applegate.**

**Memorials may be made to Maysville First Christian Church general fund. Arrangements are entrusted to the Knox and Brothers Funeral Home.**

# **ORANGEBURG LIONS CLUB TO HOST ZONE**

## **MEETING, MON., JUNE 17TH**

The Orangeburg Lions Club will host the next Zone Meeting Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at their Lions Club Clubhouse located on the Day Pike at the intersection of Orangeburg Road and visible (just not accessible) from the “AA” Hwy (KY 9) between Maysville and Tollesboro. All Lions Clubs within the Zone (which includes Orangeburg, Tollesboro, Maysville, Vanceburg, Mays Lick and Lewisburg-Mill Creek) are invited to attend (however to insure that adequate food is provided to serve all attendees, members intending to attend should contact Zone Chairman Craig Stanfield at 606-301-3350 to RSVP so that he can turn in the numbers to Orangeburg). Each Club will be asked to inform other Clubs about upcoming projects and fund-raisers and are encouraged to apply for the Lions Club Excellence Award as well as to report their incoming officers for the 2024-2025 Year (which begins July 1, 2024 and runs through June 30, 2025). Zone Chairman Stanfield appreciates the Orangeburg Club for hosting this meeting, the last meeting that he will preside over as Zone Chairman (previous meetings were hosted by the Tollesboro Lions Club and the Vanceburg Lions Club).

## **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB**

### **MEETS MAY 27TH/MEMORIAL DAY**

The Tollesboro Lions Club met Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, for their regularly scheduled meeting. As the meeting fell on Memorial Day, and as attendance therefore was estimated to be limited (with many members out of town, or celebrating the holiday with family and friends), no dinner was provided.

Seven members attended the meeting. The meeting opened with Prayer by Lion Phil Cropper and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Lion Charles Kendall. There were 7 members in attendance. President Stanfield asked Secretary Phil Cropper to read the minutes from the last meeting, which were approved. As the Treasurer was not in attendance, no financial report was provided. President Stanfield informed the group that it was time to elect officers, however due to the few persons in attendance, no nominations were made, no action taken.

President Stanfield, as Zone Chairman, announced that the Vanceburg Lions Club had hosted a Zone Meeting May 16<sup>th</sup>, a meeting that was well-attended, with 5 of the 6 Clubs within the Zone represented. Next, he informed the group that the Orangeburg Lions Club would host the next Zone Meeting, said meeting to be held at the Orangeburg Lions Club on June 17<sup>th</sup>. He informed the group that David Collins, a long-time member of the now defunct Washington Lions Club, had passed away May 18<sup>th</sup>, with a moment of silence held in his memory.

Next, President Stanfield reminded those in attendance of upcoming events, the June 8<sup>th</sup> Eastern Kentucky Walking and Racking Horse Show, the next meeting June 10<sup>th</sup> at which Scholarship recipients would be presented their awards, the June 20-23 Summer Trade Days Event, and the June 29<sup>th</sup> Log Jam Bluegrass Concert (all of these events to be held on the grounds of the Tollesboro Lions Club).

Next, Lion Lee Thomas, the Fair Chairman, presented the Club with a tentative Fair Schedule and informed the group that final decisions will need to be made at the next meeting so that the Schedule could be printed. It was also announced that invoices for Elite Sponsors had been mailed out. There was some discussions about signage on fences and other visible areas during the Fair. IT was suggested that all event chairpersons contact Eric Bloomfield with regards to any trophies that needed to be acquired. There was also some discussion about trash collection and port-a-potties. Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

# **EASTERN KENTUCKY WALKING AND RACKING HORSE ASSOCIATION TO HOLD HORSE SHOW AT TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIRGROUNDS**

The Eastern Kentucky Walking and Racking Horse Association will host their annual Celebration Horse Show at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds Saturday, June 8th. This event, hosted by the Tollesboro Lions Club, will be the first time that the group's Horse Show will be held in Tollesboro.

The event will begin at 6 pm., and will include 32 Classes. **DOUBLE POINTS AWARDED TO MEMBERS OF THE EKWRHA.** Classes will include: 1). Lead Line; 2). Open Juvenile Trail Pleasure Walking (English or Western Attire, 3/8 or 3/4 inch shoe, tungsten prohibited); 3). Open Ladies and Men's Pleasure (English attire/tack or Western attire/tack, 1/2 or 2 shoe maximum); 4). Juvenile 17 & Under Specialty Walking Horse (no Stallions); 5). Trail Pleasure Racking (English or Western attire); 6). Juvenile Racking Horse 17 & Under (Action Device); 7). Plantation Pleasure Open Specialty Walking Horse (1/2 or 1 1/2 maximum shoe size); 8). Show Pleasure Open Specialty Walking Horse; 9). Amateur Racking (Action Device); 10). Open Juvenile Pleasure Horse/Pony (English attire/tack or Western attire/tack, 1/2 or 1" shoe max.); 11). Open Amateur Specialty Walking Horse; 12). Pleasure Racking (English Attire); 13). Amateur Country Pleasure Walking Horse (3/8 or 1" shoe maximum, tungsten prohibited); 14). Three Year Old Walking Horse; 15). Juvenile Trail Pleasure Racking (no shoe size requirements, English or Western attire); 16). All Day Pleasure (shoe size 3/8 & 3/4, no tungsten); 17). Juvenile Country Pleasure Racking. INTERMISSION: Stick Horse Class, Please Register! 18). Ladies Auxiliary Walking Horse; 19). Spotted Saddle Horse Trail Pleasure; 20). Juvenile Walking Pony; 21). Country Pleasure Racking; 22). Amateur Owned & Trained Specialty Walking Horse (no professional training in past 30 days); 23). Lite Shod Plantation; 24). Amateur 15.2 & Under Walking Horse; 25). Keg Shod Country Pleasure Walking Horse (stamped Keg shoe, tungsten prohibited); 26). Novice Rider Walking Horse (cannot have won at blue ribbon at a KY-HIO Show in last 3 years); 27). Open Spotted Saddle Horse; 28). Park Performance Walking Horse; 29). Trail Pleasure Walking (English or Western attire, tungsten prohibited); 30). Four Year Old Walking Horse; 31). Pleasure Horse Championship (shoe size 3/8 or 3/4, no tungsten); 32). Denzil Allen Memorial Walking Horse Championship (Specialty).

Entry fees: Class 1 - \$0; Premium Trophy & Ribbon to all; Classes 2 - 31 Entry Fee \$25, Premiums \$55, \$40, \$30, \$15, R; Class 32-34 Entry Fee \$60, Premiums \$200, \$150, \$100, \$50.

Show Manager: Dalton Howard; Affiliations: KY-HIO, Eastern Kentucky Walking and Racking Horse Association; Appalachian Walking and Racking Horse Association; Kentucky Walking Horse Association; Central Kentucky Racking Horse Association.



# ST. MARY'S MASONIC LODGE CRUISE-IN CAR SHOW

## (Tollesboro Lions Club members donates use of grounds and conducted auction for the event)

The St. Mary's Masonic Lodge of Tollesboro # 240 held a Car Show Saturday, June 1st at the former Tollesboro High School (the Stanfield Auction Center. The use of the grounds was donated to the Masonic Lodge by Tollesboro Lions Club member/President Craig Stanfield, who also conducted the auction on the Lodge's behalf). The purpose of the event was to raise funds for Scholarship and Backpack Projects for local children. In addition to the Cruise In Car Show, a Split The Pot was held (total proceeds were \$220, \$110 to the winner, Colton McCann, who donated his winnings to the event), and an auction. Food vendors were set up selling pulled pork and homemade donuts, and a disc jockey played music. The Shriners were also present. Craig Stanfield, who donated the use of the grounds for the event, acted as the auctioneer, and Eric Downs, Apprentice Auctioneer, clerked the auction.

Lots of cars were on hand, and a good sized crowd of people walked through to view the cars, which included a wide selection of different eras, different brands, and different styles.

This is the second annual cruise-in car show that St. Mary's Lodge of Tollesboro has utilized to raise funds for their projects to help local youth. This year's event was larger than last years, which was also held at the former Tollesboro High School property. The St. Mary's Masonic Lodge (formerly of Concord, KY, but a staple in Tollesboro for over a decade), meets monthly, the third Saturday of the month, at 7:30 pm at their Lodge located at 3544 W. KY 10, Tollesboro, KY. The St. Mary's Lodge would like to thank all of their supporters responsible for the success of this year's event!



# UPCOMING EVENTS IN AND AROUND TOLLESBORO

## (updated)

*The Tollesboro Lions Club has opted to report upcoming events in and around Tollesboro, basically an Event Calendar. (The events posted will include events sponsored by Lions Clubs within the area --- whether the Tollesboro Lions Club or a nearby Lions Club organization --- as well as other events sponsored by other groups/organizations, churches, schools, fire departments, etc. Events will be added as are reported or made aware. Older past events that were promoted will be left in the history to show the events that occurred within the area during the year; however the website postings will be updated regularly to include only events that either recently occurred or are upcoming).*

**MANY GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS HAVE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS. FOLLOWING ARE SOME OF THOSE ORGANIZATIONS.**

The Tollesboro Lions Club meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month (EXCEPT from November through March, when they only meet once a month, the second Monday of each month).

The Orangeburg Lions Club meets the first and third Monday of each month, at their Clubhouse, 6:30 pm.

The Lewisburg-Mill Creek Lions Club meets the first and third Tuesday of each month 7 pm at their Clubhouse in Lewisburg.

The Mays Lick Lions Club meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 7 pm. at their Clubhouse in Mays Lick.

The Vanceburg Lions Club meets the first and third Thursday of each month.

The Maysville Lions Club meets the first and third Thursday of each month 6:30 pm. at their Clubhouse in Maysville.

Tollesboro Lend-A-Helping-Hand Food Pantry gives away food the third Friday of each month.

All area churches meet at least on Sunday of each week.

The Mason County Men's Club meets the second Wednesday of each month at the French Quarter Inn in Maysville at 9 am for breakfast and meeting.

Dekalb Lodge # 12 Independent Order of Odd Fellows meets every Tuesday of each week at their Lodge building on Tucker Drive in Maysville at 7 pm.

Ringgold Lodge # 27 Independent Order of Odd Fellows meets every Wednesday of each week at their Lodge building on Lexington Street in Maysville at 7 pm.

The Pisgah Encampment # 9 Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the James J. Welch Canton #36 Independent Order of Odd Fellows meet monthly (schedule varies, 6 months at Dekalb Lodge following their regularly scheduled meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, and 6 months at Ringgold Lodge following their regularly scheduled meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of the month).

*A bunch of events are on the calendar to occur in (and around) Tollesboro in June AND July. These events include:*

**JUNE 6<sup>th</sup>:** The Tollesboro Christian Church will sponsor a Kentucky Blood Center Blood Drive at the Family Life Center from 1:30 until 6:30 pm.

**JUNE 8<sup>th</sup>:** The Eastern Kentucky Walking and Racking Horse Celebration Horse Show June 8th, 6 pm at the Tollesboro Lions Club.

**JUNE 10<sup>th</sup>:** The Tollesboro Lions Club meets June 10th at 7 pm at their Clubhouse on the grounds of the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds. At this meeting, Scholarship recipients and their families are invited to attend for Scholarship presentations. This year the Tollesboro Lions Club offered four \$500 scholarships to local graduates for higher education. The 2024 Tollesboro Lions Club scholarship recipients were Hannah Miller, Makenna Scott, Amirah Qassis, and Molly Lewis. Makenna Scott will also receive the Larry Tucker Memorial Scholarship (Larry Tucker was a 50+ year member of the Tollesboro Lions Club), selected individually by the Scholarship provider.

**JUNE 15th:** The Orangeburg Volunteer Fire Department will host a Cruise-In Car Show at the Tollesboro Lions Club on Saturday, June 15th, beginning at 2 pm. Included with the Car Show will be a Corn-Hole Tournament.

**JUNE 15th:** The Tollesboro Lions Club will host a Mud Sling, Saturday, June 15th, at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds, Saturday evening, June 15th, 6:00 pm.

**JUNE 17th:** While not in Tollesboro, but close-by, and a Lions Club Event: The Orangeburg Lions Club will host the next Zone Meeting Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at their Lions Club Clubhouse located on the Day Pike at the intersection of Orangeburg Road and visible (just not accessible) from the “AA” Hwy (KY 9) between Maysville and Tollesboro. All Lions Clubs within the Zone (which includes Orangeburg, Tollesboro, Maysville, Vanceburg, Mays Lick and Lewisburg-Mill Creek) are invited to attend (however to insure that adequate food is provided to serve all attendees, members intending to attend should contact Zone Chairman Craig Stanfield at 606-301-3350 to RSVP so that he can turn in the numbers to Orangeburg).

**JUNE 20<sup>th</sup>:** Woodmen Life meets at 6 pm. at the Dixie Cafe in Tollesboro.

**JUNE 21<sup>st</sup> through June 25:** The Lions Clubs International Convention 2024 is scheduled to take place from June 21 to 25, 2024 at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Center in Melbourne, Australia.

**JUNE 23rd:** The second Trade Days Event of the year, the SUMMER TRADE DAYS, will take place June 20th through June 23rd at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds.

**JUNE 21st:** The Tollesboro Lend-A-Helping Hand Food Pantry will give away food the third Friday of each month, with June's event scheduled for June 21st. This is operated at the former Tollesboro High School.

**JUNE 24th:** The Tollesboro Lions Club meets June 24th at 7 pm at their Clubhouse on the grounds of the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds.

**JUNE 29th:** On June 29th, the Tollesboro Lions Club will host the Log Jam Bluegrass Concert, the 5th Annual Log Jam Event and the second event held at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds. This year's event will consist of only one day, Saturday, June 29th, and will begin at NOON. There are five very talented, well known Bluegrass Musical Groups scheduled to appear INCLUDING: HILLBILLY TRADITION; AUTHENTIC TRADITION; ELIJAH BOGGS AND THE MOUNTAIN ECHOES; THE WILLIS TWINS; and HAMMERTOWN. The event will feature live Bluegrass Music, home-cooked food, and children's activities! Tickets are \$30 at the gate! COME ON OUT AND KICK YOUR HEELS UP! For additional information, contact Myron Iery at 606-202-3753.

**JUNE 30 – Live Music at the City of Ewing.**

**JULY 3-6 – Ewing-Fleming County Fair.**

**JULY 4TH, INDEPENDENCE DAY!**

**JULY 5TH & 6TH – VANCEBURG JULY JUBILEE** with lots of events including music, fireworks, Parade, Cruise-In Car Show and much more!

**JULY 6th:** On July 6th, a Poker Run and Food Truck Event will be conducted at the Tollesboro Lions Club as a fund-raiser for the Tollesboro Elementary School PTO (Parent-Teacher Organization). NOTE: THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED!

**JULY 6th:** Also on July 6th, 4C Farm will host a Food, Fun, Fellowship And Fireworks Community Event at 4C Farm at 7130 KY 57, just north of Tollesboro. Meat and drinks provided, with attendees encouraged to bring a dish (alcohol prohibited!). Music will be provided by Servants of God, Jamie Collett, The Called, and Satisfied.

**July 8th:** The Tollesboro Lions Club meets July 8th at 7 pm at their Clubhouse on the grounds of the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds.

**JULY 12th through July 20th:** Beginning July 12th and running through July 20th, the 67th Annual Tollesboro Lions Club Fair will be in operation. The always popular annual Lions Club Fair Parade will

**be July 14th. The Fair will include carnival rides and a plethora of events and promises to be an attraction you won't want to miss!**

**JULY 22nd: The Tollesboro Lions Club meets July 22nd at 7 pm at their Clubhouse on the grounds of the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds.**

**JULY 26th & 27th: The Tollesboro Lions Club Fair Horse Show will be July 26th and July 27th.**

**AUGUST 3 – 10 – The 170<sup>th</sup> “Old Reliable” Germantown Fair.**

**AUGUST 10: The Independent Order of Odd Fellows Grand Lodge will be hosting an All-Degree Day on August 10<sup>th</sup> at the Clarion Hotel Meeting Center, in Lexington, Kentucky. Registration will be at 8:30am, meeting will begin promptly at 9am.**



# TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB HOSTS EASTERN KY WALKING & RACKING HORSE ASSN. CELEBRATION

The Tollesboro Lions Club was the host site of the Eastern Kentucky Walking and Racking Horse Association Annual Celebration, Saturday, June 8th, 2024. This is the first time that the Eastern Kentucky Walking and Racking Horse Association Celebration Horse Show was held at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds, with the most recent annual shows conducted at Prestonsburg and West Liberty, Kentucky.

The event began at 6 pm.; there were 32 classes. TRIPLE POINTS AWARDED TO MEMBERS OF THE EKWRHA. Classes included: 1). Lead Line; 2). Open Juvenile Trail Pleasure Walking (English or Western Attire, 3/8 or 3/4 inch shoe, tungsten prohibited); 3). Open Ladies and Men's Pleasure (English attire/tack or Western attire/tack, 1/2 or 2 shoe maximum); 4). Juvenile 17 & Under Specialty Walking Horse (no Stallions); 5). Trail Pleasure Racking (English or Western attire); 6). Juvenile Racking Horse 17 & Under (Action Device); 7). Plantation Pleasure Open Specialty Walking Horse (1/2 or 1 1/2 maximum shoe size); 8). Show Pleasure Open Specialty Walking Horse; 9). Amateur Racking (Action Device); 10). Open Juvenile Pleasure Horse/Pony (English attire/tack or Western attire/tack, 1/2 or 1" shoe max.); 11). Open Amateur Specialty Walking Horse; 12). Pleasure Racking (English Attire); 13). Amateur Country Pleasure Walking Horse (3/8 or 1" shoe maximum, tungsten prohibited); 14). Three Year Old Walking Horse; 15). Juvenile Trail Pleasure Racking (no shoe size requirements, English or Western attire); 16). All Day Pleasure (shoe size 3/8 & 3/4, no tungsten); 17). Juvenile Country Pleasure Racking. INTERMISSION: Stick Horse Class. 18). Ladies Auxiliary Walking Horse; 19). Spotted Saddle Horse Trail Pleasure; 20). Juvenile Walking Pony; 21). Country Pleasure Racking; 22). Amateur Owned & Trained Specialty Walking Horse (no professional training in past 30 days); 23). Lite Shod Plantation; 24). Amateur 15.2 & Under Walking Horse; 25). Keg Shod Country Pleasure Walking Horse (stamped Keg shoe, tungsten prohibited); 26). Novice Rider Walking Horse (cannot have won at blue ribbon at a KY-HIO Show in last 3 years); 27). Open Spotted Saddle Horse; 28). Park Performance Walking Horse; 29). Trail Pleasure Walking (English or Western attire, tungsten prohibited); 30). Four Year Old Walking Horse; 31). Pleasure Horse Championship (shoe size 3/8 or 3/4, no tungsten); 32). Denzil Allen Memorial Walking Horse Championship (Specialty).

The Tollesboro Lions Club provided concessions; the gross proceeds from the concessions (\$710) will be donated to Lighthouse Farms, a non-profit that works with adults with challenges or disabilities. Several members of the Tollesboro Lions Club worked in cooking and preparing pork tenderloin sandwiches, hamburgers, and hotdogs/chili-dogs (as well as pop, water, and chips) to serve those in attendance.



THE HANDBILL AND SCHEDULE OF CLASSES OF THE EASTERN KENTUCKY WALKING AND RACKING HORSE ASSOCIATION CELEBRATION HELD AT THE TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB, SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH AND VARIOUS SCENES FROM SOME OF THE CLASSES AS WELL AS THE TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB MEMBERS SERVING CONCESSIONS.









# **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB PRESENTS**

## **SCHOLARSHIPS AT FIRST JUNE MEETING**

The Tollesboro Lions Club met Monday, June 10th, 2024, for their first of two June meetings of the Club. Sixteen Lions Club members were present, with six guests, including two of four scholarship recipients and members of their family for the 2024 Tollesboro Lions Club Scholarship presentations. The meeting opened with Tollesboro Lions Club President Craig Stanfield welcoming the guests, then leading the group in prayer. Lion Charles Kendall then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. The group then broke for dinner, led by the guests and followed by the members.

Following dinner, Tollesboro Lions Club President/Zone Chairman Craig Stanfield and Tollesboro Lions Club Treasurer/District Governor Steve Pedersen presented the Scholarships to those in attendance, with member/Club Administrator Lion John Redmond acted as photographer. The first scholarship was presented to Molly Lewis accompanied by her mother. Next, Brenda Tucker presented the Larry Tucker Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship was funded by Brenda in memory of her husband, Larry Tucker, who was a 55 year member of the Club, a member at the time of his passing in Nov., 2022. Brenda presented this scholarship to her grand-daughter, Makenna Scott. This was followed by the presentation of a Tollesboro Lions Club scholarship presented to Makenna Scott as well. Following the presentation of scholarships, the guests were dismissed, and the business part of the meeting began.

The meeting opened with the reading of the minutes from last meeting by Secretary Phil Cropper. This was followed by a Financial report by Treasurer Steven Pedersen.

The past weekend's Horse Show was then mentioned to benefit those who were not able to attend. Included in the report was a statement that the concessions raised \$710 which the Club donated to Lighthouse Farms. Lighthouse Farm works with special needs adults, preparing them for Special Olympics; they utilize the Walking Track of the Tollesboro Lions Club Community Park.

Zone Chairman Craig Stanfield notified the Club that the Orangeburg Lions Club would host a Zone Meeting June 17th at their Club at 6:30 pm; all Clubs within the Zone (there are six clubs within the Zone, including Lions Clubs in Maysville, Mays Lick, Lewisburg-Mill Creek, Vanceburg, and Tollesboro, in addition to the host Club, Orangeburg) had reported at least some level of attendance. All members of all Clubs within the Zone are invited to attend (four members of the Tollesboro Lions Club indicated that they would attend); Lion Chuck Carlson of the Independence Lions Club would be in attendance offering Lions Club merchandise (hats, shirts, jackets, etc.) available for purchase.

Next, the Club discussed upcoming events at the Tollesboro Lions Club for the month of June. This weekend, June 15th, the Club would be hosting an event held by the Orangeburg Volunteer Fire Department consisting of a Cruise-In Car Show and Corn Hole Competition, followed by a Tollesboro Lions Club Mud Sling. The Club would be responsible for operating the gate and concessions during the event and members were encouraged to participate. On the following weekend, June 20th through 22nd, the Summer Trade Days Event would be the place to be. June 24th will be the next meeting of the Tollesboro Lions Club. Then June 29th, the Log Jam Bluegrass Concert would be held on the Fairgrounds including music by HILLBILLY TRADITION; AUTHENTIC TRADITION; ELIJAH BOGGS AND THE MOUNTAIN ECHOES; THE WILLIS TWINS; and HAMMERTOWN.

Next, First Vice President/Fair Chairman Lee Thomas discussed the 2024 Tollesboro Lions Club Fair. This year, the annual Fair will run from July 12th through July 20th PLUS July 26th and 27th (the Horse Show will take place the week after the Fair, extending the Fair from 9 days to 11 days). The group went over the current Fair Schedule, new events, and discussed changes since last year's event.

Following the discussion of the Fair, the next item of business was the election of officers. With regards to the Election of Officers: A motion was made to reinstate the current officers, subject to the following changes: First Vice President changed from Lee Thomas to Shane Wallingford. Club Administrator changed from John Redmond to Steve Pedersen. This made the slate as follows: President Craig



**Stanfield; First Vice President Shane Wallingford; Second Vice President Jim Meadows; Third Vice President Trevor Applegate; Secretary Phil Cropper; Treasurer Steve Pedersen; Membership Chairperson Travis Applegate; Club Administrator Steve Pedersen; LCIF Coordinator Zach Truesdell; Service Chairperson Steve Pedersen; Marketing Communications Chairperson Craig Stanfield; 2 Year Directors Paul Hampton and Mike Setters; 1 Year Directors Denny Hornback and Daymond Thomas; Tail Twister Charles Kendall; Lion Tamer David Hampton; Immediate Past President Craig Stanfield. This motion was seconded. Under discussion, the President asked for additional nominations three times, and the slate was unanimously approved.**

**Treasurer/District Governor Steve Pedersen then mentioned to the Club, specifically to Fair Chairman Lee Thomas, that it was imperative that the final schedule of events for the Fair be completed this week and submitted to the newspapers. He also informed the Club that he would not be the "go-between"/liason with the newspaper as he would be leaving town to represent Kentucky at the Lions Club International Convention in Melbourne, Australia. The Lions Clubs International Convention 2024 is scheduled to take place from June 21 to 25, 2024 at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Center in Melbourne, Australia. Steve, the Tollesboro Lions Club's second District Governor (the first being Buddy Grant who was the District Governor in 1958), will be the first Tollesboro Lions Club member to attend the International Convention. Following Steve's announcement, President Stanfield suggested that the Club offer some financial assistance to aid Steve in his travels. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved for the Club to provide a \$750 stipend to assist Lion Pedersen in his travels.**

**Being no further business, the meeting adjourned with members asked to assist in some minor cleanup of the grounds (picking up trash receptacles located around the Fairgrounds to a central location so that they could be picked up by the sanitation company and collect and store excess materials from the construction of bleachers).**

# **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB MEMBER TO ATTEND INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA**

Treasurer/District Governor Steve Pedersen will be traveling to Melbourne, Australia to represent Kentucky at the Lions Club International Convention in Melbourne, Australia. The Lions Clubs International Convention 2024 is scheduled to take place from June 21 to 25, 2024 at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Center in Melbourne, Australia. Steve, the Tollesboro Lions Club's second District Governor (the first being Buddy Grant who was the District Governor in 1958), will be the first Tollesboro Lions Club member to attend the International Convention.

# **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 2024-2025**

The Tollesboro Lions Club elected the 2024-2025 officers at their June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. The term of office begins July 1, 2024 and runs through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The following officers were elected: President Craig Stanfield; First Vice President Shane Wallingford; Second Vice President Jim Meadows; Third Vice President Trevor Applegate; Secretary Phil Cropper; Treasurer Steve Pedersen; Membership Chairperson Travis Applegate; Club Administrator Steve Pedersen; LCIF Coordinator Zach Truesdell; Service Chairperson Steve Pedersen; Marketing Communications Chairperson Craig Stanfield; 2 Year Directors Paul Hampton and Mike Setters; 1 Year Directors Denny Hornback and Daymond Thomas; Tail Twister Charles Kendall; Lion Tamer David Hampton; Immediate Past President Craig Stanfield.

# TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB PRESENTED WITH FLAGS

Several members of the Tollesboro Lions Club met with short notice Friday, FLAG DAY, June 14th, at the Tollesboro Lions Club. WoodmenLife/Woodmen of the World representative Shirley Williams contacted the Club President Craig Stanfield Thursday evening and informed the Club that she could donate flags, an American Flag 5' x 8' and a 3' x 5' Kentucky Flag, to the Club and would like to make the presentation Friday in recognition of Flag Day. Craig thanked her for thinking of the Club and agreed to meet her Friday morning, and contacted several members of the Club Friday morning to have representation. Although several members had pressing matters and could not be present, several members said that they would be present or attempt to be present. At the appointed time (9:30 am), six Lions Club members were present. They opted to wait a few minutes to see if additional members would show up (2 members had indicated that they would attempt to be present), but at 9:45 am, with some of the members present having other business to attend to, those present accepted the presentation and had photos taken. Members present included Allan Henderson, Denny Hornback, Daymond Thomas, Charles Kendall, Terrell McCall, and Craig Stanfield, with Woodmen representative Shirley Williams making the presentation. Craig opted to take the photographs, and took photos of the presentation of each flag. The Tollesboro Lions Club appreciates Woodmen Life for making the flag donations, which will be prominently displayed during this year's Tollesboro Lions Club Fair. This year's fair will be July 12th through July 20th PLUS July 26th and 27th. (yes, this year's Fair will include THREE WEEKENDS with the Horse Show being held the weekend of July 26th and 27th!) and will be full of events. The Fair Schedule will be out next week.



Above: Meeting at the Tollesboro Lions Club Clubhouse, June 14th (Flag Day, an appropriate day for Flag Presentations), is Shirley Williams (second from left in photo featuring the US Flag and first on the left in photo featuring the KY Flag) representing Woodmen Life/Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Company, making a presentation of a 5' x 8' American Flag and a 3'x 5' Commonwealth of Kentucky Flag to members of the Tollesboro Lions Club including Allan Henderson, Denny Hornback, Daymond Thomas, Terrell McCall, and Charles Kendall (the photo was taken by member Craig Stanfield). In the background is the Tribute Wall featuring photos of recently departed members of the Tollesboro Lions Club, Larry Tucker, Darrel Dixon, and Clinton Applegate (as well as Philip Konopka who, although not a member, featured prominently during the annual Tollesboro Lions Club Fair, heavily involved in the Livestock Shows).



# TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB MUD SLING AND UPCOMING EVENTS

The Tollesboro Lions Club hosted a Mud Sling Saturday, June 15th at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds. The event was well-attended, and the event included 6 classes with 40 contestants. The largest class was the Stock Class which had 16 entries. The 4 and 6 Cylinder Class followed with 8 entries. The Hot Stock Class had 5 entries, while the Street Stock and Pro Street Classes each had 4 entries, with the Super Stock class the smallest class with 3 entries. The Tollesboro Lions Club operated the concession stand offering hamburgers and cheeseburgers, hot dogs and chili dogs, tenderloin sandwiches, drinks, and chips. The Tollesboro Lions Club collected gate money, and a good crowd was on hand to view the event from the new bleachers the Club had recently installed at the site of the Mud Sling/Demolition Derby Track/Pit. Overall, the event was considered a resounding success, a precursor to the Tollesboro Lions Club Fair which begins July 12th and runs through July 20th, with "part two" being the following weekend (July 26th and 27th) hosting the annual Lions Club Fair Horse Show (this year's Fair will be the largest ever, including events running over 11 days). By the way, the Mud Sling was sponsored by B&K Stop & Shop of Flemingsburg, KY; Darrel Fannin Trucking, Drew Tully and Tully Transport. The Tollesboro Lions Club thanks them for their support!

There are some upcoming events to be conducted at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds the month of June: The SUMMER TRADE DAYS EVENT will take place next weekend, June 20th through June 23rd. The Log Jam Bluegrass Concert will be June 29th and will begin at NOON. There are five very talented, well known Bluegrass Musical Groups scheduled to appear INCLUDING: HILLBILLY TRADITION; AUTHENTIC TRADITION; ELIJAH BOGGS AND THE MOUNTAIN ECHOES; THE WILLIS TWINS; and HAMMERTOWN. The event will feature live Bluegrass Music, home cooked food, and children's activities!





# KENTUCKY LIONS CONTINUE TO OFFER ASSISTANCE TO EASTERN KENTUCKY FLOOD VICTIMS

Chuck Carlson (Past President of the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation and current member of the Board of Trustees of the LKEF) of the Florence Lions Club, Karen Nitschke (Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation Board of Trustees and District 43-Y Region 2 Trustee) of the Independence Lions Club, and Tollesboro Lions Club's Treasurer as well as District Governor Steven Pedersen traveled once again to Eastern Kentucky to offer assistance to flood victims as the areas continue to recover from catastrophic flooding. Armed with \$10,000 from a Lions Club International Foundation Grant, they proceeded to improve life by offering to purchase appliances and furniture for six families in Eastern Kentucky as they prepare and plan to relocate into permanent housing. With these grant monies, they purchased items for families in the Hindman, Hazard, Jackson and Neon Community Lions Club communities. It was such a rewarding service project knowing these six families are one step closer to moving in their new or remodeled homes. A great big shout out for all these dedicated Lions serving their communities.



# **ORANGEBURG LIONS CLUB HOSTS ZONE MEETING**

The Orangeburg Lions Club hosted a Zone Meeting for Zone Chairman Craig Stanfield, Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, at their Clubhouse on the Day Pike in Maysville at 6:30 pm with 31 members representing 5 of the 6 Lions Clubs within the Zone (the only Club not represented was Mays Lick).

Prior to the beginning of the meeting, Florence Lions Club member and Past President of the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation Chuck Carlson was on hand to offer Lions Club logo shirts, hats, and other items available for purchase to Lions Club members.

At 6:30 pm, President Shelby Trimble opened the meeting and asked Lion Dennis Truesdell to provide prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The group then broke for dinner, which was a wonderful meal that included pulled pork and lots of side items, plus an assortment of desserts. Zone Chairman Stanfield had to cut his attendance short due to a previously unscheduled and rather sudden appointment. Therefore he gave a (very brief) statement about the Tollesboro Lions Club's past weekend Mud Sling, this coming weekend's Summer Trade Days Event; next weekend's Log Jam Bluegrass Concert, and of course, the upcoming Tollesboro Lions Club Fair, July 12<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup> and July 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

He then introduced Chuck Carlson and Steve Pedersen (state officers), and announced that his term would end June 30<sup>th</sup> and that Angela Jett (of the Maysville Lions Club, present at the meeting) would take his position as Zone Chairman. He then thanked the Orangeburg Lions Club for hosting the meeting and providing the dinner and left District Governor Steve Pedersen to chair the meeting. A thank you to District Governor Steve Pedersen and to future Zone Chairman Angela Jett for taking notes for the completion of this press release.

Steve had a couple of presentations and a report to make. He awarded Orangeburg Lions Club President Shelby Trimble with the International President's Certificate of Appreciation for sponsoring 10 new members. The second presentation to be an additional International President's Certificate of Appreciation, to have been presented to Vanceburg Lions Club member Bill Tom Stone also for sponsoring a number of new members; however Bill Tom was not present for the presentation. Steve also announced that he, Chuck Carlson, and Karen Nitchke had traveled to Eastern Kentucky armed with a \$10,000 Lions Club International grant which was used to purchase appliances and furnishings for victims of the catastrophic flooding who had lost everything, purchasing these items to aid 6 families who were about to relocate into permanent housing (either new or renovated homes).

Lion Chuck Carlson of the Florence Lions Club and a Past President of the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation (KLEF) talked about he relief program, the upcoming Cabinet Meeting August 10<sup>th</sup> at the Florence Lins Club, the upcoming Forum September in Louisville, and Golf For Sight in Frankfort October 10<sup>th</sup> with a Live Auction benefiting KLEF.

Each Club was then invited to discuss recent successes and upcoming events. The Lewisburg-Mill Creek Lions Club hosts two Horse Shows as fund-raisers each year. Their May Show was a success and their Fall Show will be September 14<sup>th</sup>.

The Orangeburg Lions Club's main fund-raiser is their annual Fall Festival in October. They are applying for grants to build a park on property that was donated to the Club several years ago.

The Vanceburg Lions Club is hosting a raffle for a firearm to be given away July 6<sup>th</sup>. They have attracted a gain of 9 new members in the last year. They are also working in conjunction with the Lewis County Public Library to purchase more large print books to help vision-impaired (a Lions Club International project). They sponsored 4 scholarships. Upcoming fund-raisers include softball and basketball tournaments, and a golf scramble.

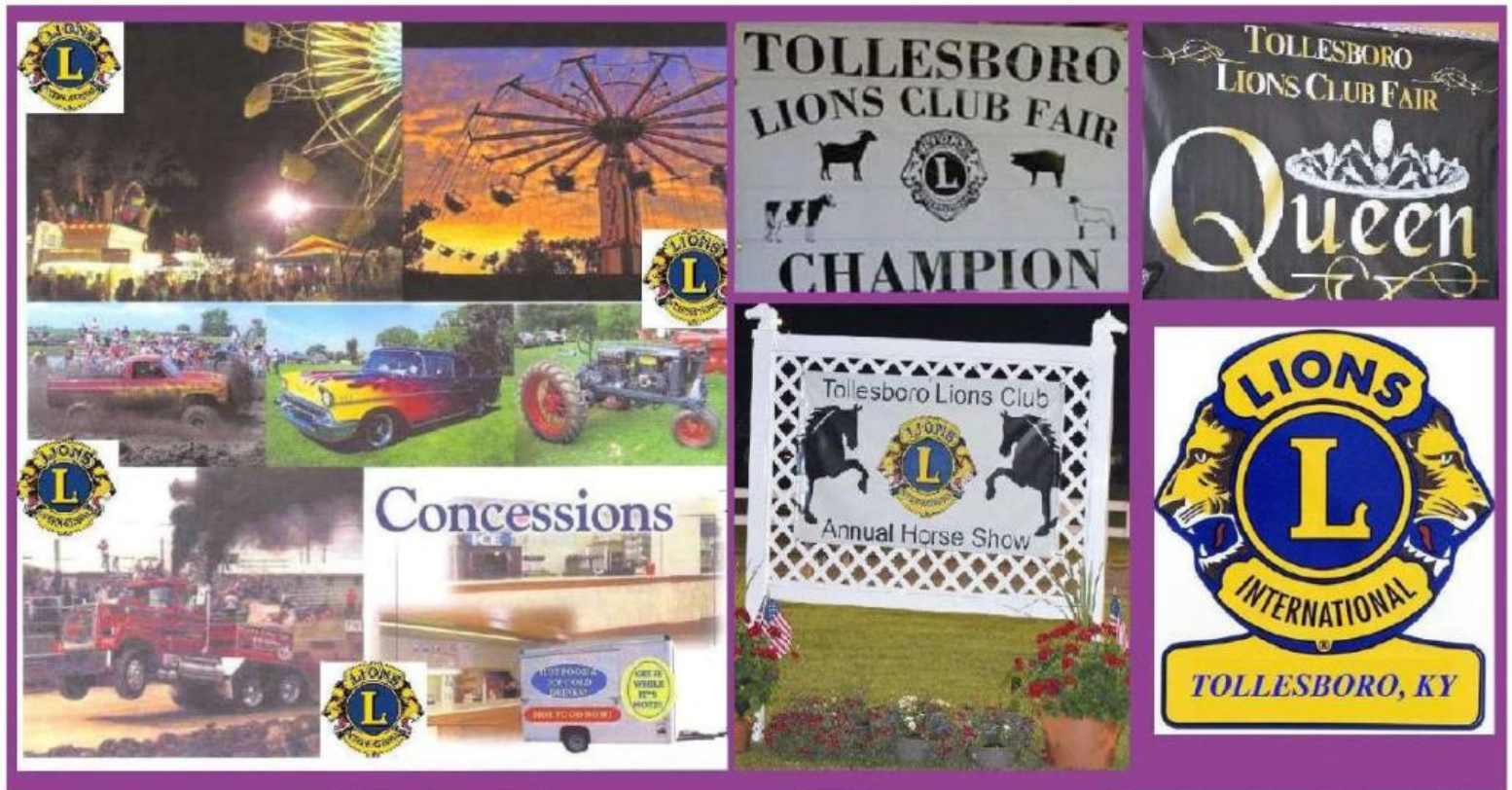
The Maysville Lions Club had a very successful Lions Club Radio Auction recently, their largest annual fund-raiser. They provided a scholarship to a student furthering their education. They will be conducting a fund-raiser in September and a Chili cook-off in October.

Being no further business or reports to discuss, the meeting adjourned.





# TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIR SCHEDULE



The Tollesboro Lions Club is happy to announce that the Fair Schedule has been completed and is ready for publication. This year's Fair promises to be an event-filled time, with this year's Fair extending for **11 DAYS AND INCLUDING 3 WEEKENDS!!!**

This year's Fair will be the 67th ANNUAL TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIR. The Fair will begin on July 12th, however this year, the Horse Show will be on July 26th and July 27th (the third weekend of the Fair, rather than the first), with the Fair extending through July 20th, and then recommencing and continuing the following weekend, July 26th and 27th, to incorporate the Horse Show into the Fair (thus this year's fair will run from July 12th through July 20th, with a short intermission before continuing July 26th and July 27th).

**FRIDAY, JULY 12TH:** There will be a Side-By-Side Rodeo (beginning at 7 pm).

**SATURDAY, JULY 13TH:** On the morning of Saturday, July 13th, beginning with registration at 8 am, with the event to begin at 8:30 AM, is the David Iery Foundation Run/Walk. With weigh-in beginning at 8 am, and event to **BEGIN AT 10 AM** Saturday Morning, will be the CLINTON APPLGATE MEMORIAL TUG TRACTOR PULL (*with a First Place trophy for heavy load in the 6000-9000 lb. class offered in Memory of Donald Gilbert*). On Saturday EVENING, the Mud Truck Drag Race will take place.

**SUNDAY, JULY 14th,** the ALWAYS POPULAR Parade/Bicycle Parade will take place. Everyone is invited to bring your float, car, truck, tractor, semi-truck, horse and buggy/wagon, bicycle, ATV, Side-By-Side, (basically whatever can make the trip! You can even walk if you feel up to it!) through the Parade, with line-up beginning at 1 pm, with Parade to begin at 2.

**MONDAY, JULY 15th** (and extending through July 20th), the CARNIVAL should be up and running! Events on Monday night include a 3-D Archery Tournament to begin at 6 pm; a Youth Sheep and Goat Show (weigh-in 6 pm., event 7 pm). a Cornhole Tournament (7 pm), and the Mechanical Bull Challenge (8 pm)!

**TUESDAY, JULY 16th:** Floral Hall entries accepted from noon until 6 pm). At 6 pm, the Baby Show (birth to 6 months); ATV/DIRT BIKE/SIDE-BY-SIDE Drag Racing (6:30 pm); the Hog Show (weigh-in 6



pm, show 7 pm); the Cutie Pie Contest (19 - 36 months) 7:30 pm; and the Mechanical Bull Challenge (8 pm)!

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 17th, FARM BUREAU NIGHT (a WHOLE CARLOAD admission is just \$20! Rides Included!): Dairy Show (5 pm); Boys Three-On-Three Basketball (6 pm); Garden Tractor Pull (6:30 pm); ATV/DIRT BIKE RACING (7 pm); Toddler Show (3-4 year olds, 7 pm); Little Miss & Mr. (couples only), 5-7 years of age (8 pm); Mechanical Bull Challenge (8 pm).**

**THURSDAY, JULY 18th: Special Needs Day (Special Needs person ride free from 11 until Noon, lunch provided by Lions Club noon until 1); Steer Show (weigh-in 5 pm, show 6 pm); Semi-Truck/Truck/Car Dirt Drag Racing (7 pm); Lions Queen Pageant (16-21 years of age, 7:30 pm); Beef Show (8 pm); Mechanical Bull Challenge (8 pm).**

**FRIDAY, JULY 19th: Pro-Pulling League (7 pm); Demolition Derby (7 pm); Miss Teen Pageant (13-15 years of age; 7 pm); Miss Pre-Teen Pageant (8-12 years of age; 8 pm); and the Mechanical Bull Challenge (8 pm).**

**SATURDAY, JULY 20th: Mud Sling (7 pm); Pro-Pulling League (7 pm); Mechanical Bull Challenge (8 pm).**

**FRIDAY, JULY 26th: Rocky Mountain Horse Show (7:30 pm)**

**SATURDAY, JULY 27th: Walking Horse Show (7:30 pm); Cow Bingo (9 pm).**

**GATE ENTRY: \$10 / person each night Friday July 12th through Tuesday, July 16th; WEDNESDAY, the FARM BUREAU \$20 / CAR-LOAD NIGHT (includes Carnival); Thursday \$10 / person; Friday July 19th and Saturday July 20th \$15 / person; and Friday July 26th and July 27th, \$5 / person each night (no Carnival). Free admission for Children 3 and under (ride bracelets are \$5 for children 3 and under). FREE PARKING!!!**

# COW BINGO RETURNS TO TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIR



## 2024 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, 27th, 2024



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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.

The always popular COW BINGO returns once again to the Tollesboro Lions Club 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 within an enclosure, 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! The cow will be "turned loose" the last day of the Fair, July 27th, so you have from now until then to purchase tickets. Rules and a rendition (a photo is worth a 1,000 words) on the sample ticket (attached to this article) further explain the process. You'd be surprised at some of the crowds that have gathered around to watch/wait for the cow to "do her thing". This event was held last year after a long absence and the cow chose the winner rather quickly. But about 20 years ago, the cow "took her own sweet time", taking several hours to "go", with a big crowd - around 50 persons coming and going - gathered around to watch the cow (luckily we had bleachers set up to accommodate the crowd). To make it fair (and so that the crowd doesn't attempt to influence the cow to move to a particular area), the "field" is digitally arranged, with no one knowing where their space on the "field" is located (we learned that aspect the first year), and spaces/tickets are totally random, mixed up and arranged to match the number of rows/spaces to accommodate the number of tickets sold.

Tickets can be purchased at Rip's Farm Center, Craig Stanfield Real Estate & Auction Service, or from any Lions Club member and will be available (until they are sold out) and during the Fair offered at some of the gates (Shane Wallingford will have tickets available on nights when he is working the gate or assisting with parking! He outsold ALL members last year!!). Chances are limited to 500 ticket sales. Buy your tickets today (get one for each member of the family, children, grandchildren, everyone who is important to you!). This event was conducted at last year's fair after a long absence. While the odds are maxed out at 1:500, last year only around 230 tickets were sold, meaning that odds were enhanced to 1:230). 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!".

# **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB MEETING JUNE 24TH**

The Tollesboro Lions Club met Monday, June 24th at 7 pm at their Clubhouse on the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds with \_\_\_\_ members present and 4 guests. President Craig Stanfield opened the meeting thanking the guests who consisted of two scholarship recipients each accompanied by a member of their family, the asked Secretary Phil Cropper to offer Prayer, and Lion Charles Kendall to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. The group then broke for dinner with the guests leading the way.

Following dinner, President Stanfield made scholarship presentations to Amira Quassis and Hannah Miller, each of whom received a Certificate and a check for \$500 to go towards their higher education plans. After the Scholarship presentations, the guests were permitted to leave before the start of the business meeting.

Secretary Phil Cropper then presented the minutes from the last meeting which were approved as read. No financial report was provided as Treasurer/District Governor Steve Pedersen was absent, representing Kentucky Lions at the International Convention in Australia.

President Stanfield then informed the group of the significant site improvements being made on the Fairgrounds which include: 1). Widening of the middle entrance on Fairgrounds Road. This is a significant undertaking, involving the removal of part of the fence, removing a significant amount of dirt and top soil, and leveling (and potentially paving). 2). Some leveling of a small ditch-line which involved laying culvert pipes, and leveling the grounds impacted (also a significant project including bringing in significant fill dirt). 3). A new shelter was constructed upon the grounds for use during archery tournament events. This structure is 24' x 40' and has a ceiling. 4). Electrification and water installation to the Peoples Bank of Ohio building that had been placed on the Fairgrounds last year, this building placed on the Fairgrounds to serve as a First Aid/Lost and Found structure. It was announced that this building will be manned by the Lewis County Ambulance Service and the Lewis County Health Department during the Fair, which requires electrification and plumbing services to permit lighting and placement of a window air conditioning structure, with the water installation permitting a sink for hand-washing, wound cleaning, etc. It was also announced that an AED unit will be placed in this building, provided by the Tollesboro Volunteer Fire Department. 5). A small building that the Club had recently placed on the grounds to be utilized by members during the fair to collect gate monies is also being electrified, again to permit lighting and a window air conditioning unit. President Stanfield also announced that 4-C Farms had graciously offered to pay for the costs of this structure and became a new Elite Sponsor. 6). A door opening had been created in the Floral Hall. The new door will be installed next week.

President Stanfield then discussed recent as well as upcoming events. Under recent events, it was discussed that the Summer Trade Days --- which had a HUGE number of vendors --- was impacted by the 90+ degree weather conditions this past weekend. The Mud Sling last weekend was successful, however the Orangeburg VFD Car Show and Cornhole Tournament was not very successful, impacted by competition (there were two car shows elsewhere the same day). The Eastern Kentucky Walking and Racking Horse Association Celebration Horse Show 2 weekends ago was a success. Under Upcoming Events: 1). The Log Jam Bluegrass Concert would be this weekend. 2). A Poker Run/Food Truck Event to support the Tollesboro Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) was planned for July 6th; however this event had been cancelled. 3). The Tollesboro Lions Club Fair schedule was available and had been submitted to local newspapers for publication.

Under New Business, the Club approved an Archery Tournament for August 24th. Fair Schedule cards were being printed and would be available to members next week. Cow Bingo tickets have been printed; while they were available at the meeting and could have been passed out to members, it was announced that it would be attempted to find a sponsor and if a sponsor was located, stickers would be obtained and placed on the back of each ticket before ticket sales would begin. ALSO: As there was to be a Cornhole Tournament at the Fair this year, it was decided to invest in new Cornhole Boards and Bags, as well as a Tournament Board (total cost \$841).

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.



2024 Lions Club Scholarship Recipients Amira Quassis and Hannah Miller presented Scholarship Certificates and checks for \$500 each by Tollesboro Lions Club President Craig Stanfield, while family look on. Other 2024 Tollesboro Lions Club Scholarship Recipients received their Certificates and checks at a prior meeting of the Tollesboro Lions Club.

## HOT WEATHER IMPACTS SUMMER TRADE DAYS EVENT

Lots of vendors were set up for the Summer Trade Days, but as all the days were in the 90+ degrees, vendors were probably somewhat disappointed in the crowds. Due to the blasting heat, vendors were scattered throughout the Fairgrounds, taking advantage of what ever shade that the grounds provided, with vendors set up in the Pavillions, the Livestock Barn, even the small amount of woods next to the Mud Sling/Demolition Derby Track (the vendors were spread-out so, that it was all but impossible to get a good photograph showing the large number of vendors set up. It was undoubtedly the largest number of vendors ever present on the grounds, however it was doubtful that it was the most successful in way of sales.



# LOG JAM CONCERT A SUCCESS!

The Log Jam Concert was a successful venture with a good crowd on hand to watch/listen to the Bluegrass Concert. The weather had an impact as it was DREADFULLY HOT during the event, only cooling off when a HEAVY RAIN fell a little after 7 PM DAMPENING spirits and souls of those present, which just made it more HUMID.



# **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB PREPARES FOR 2024** **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIR, IT'S 67TH ANNUAL** **EVENT/FUND-RAISER**



***Some of the ongoing renovations taking place at the  
Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds in preparation for the  
2024 Tollesboro Lions Club Fair taking place July 12th  
through 20th and July 26th and July 27th.***



# **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB INSTALLS FLAGS** **THROUGH TOWN**

The Tollesboro Lions Club has installed flags throughout the town of Tollesboro prior to the Independence Day Celebration and the Annual Tollesboro Lions Club Fair (July 12th through 20th, and July 26th and 27th)! Lion Lee Thomas drove his lift through town, with Lion Charles Kendall in the bucket. Sixty flags were installed through town (most of the flags were placed along KY 10, with some at the intersections of KY 10 and KY 57, on the AA Hwy and on the Fairgrounds). This is the third year that the flags were placed, the flags paid for the first year they were hung, and with the job easier and quicker this year as the Club the flag mounts were already in place, thus the flags only had to be placed and tightened up. Also assisting were Craig Stanfield and Robin Barker, both of whom took photos and accompanied Lee and Charlie on the route so as to alert oncoming vehicles of the slow moving loader in the roadway on KY 10, KY 57. Lions Club Lane, and on the Fairgrounds.



*The Tollesboro Lions Club placed American Flags through the town of Tollesboro. Top left, The loader, driven by Lion Lee Thomas - with Lion Charles Kendall in the lift - makes it way through town installing flags. Bottom left: Charles Kendall is shown placing the flag in a mount. Above, right: God and Country represented by the Cornerstone Community Church and the American Flag installation at the intersection of KY 10 and KY 57 Tollesboro.*

# **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB IMPROVES BUILDINGS**

The Tollesboro Lions Club improved the Peoples Bank of Ohio Building, intended to be the “Lost & Found/First Aid” building, was improved substantially in advance of the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Tollesboro Lions Club Fair. The building has been wired for electricity, insulated, and walled in with T-1-11, with metal siding ordered to form a ceiling, and with lighting placed inside the structure. John Kilgore wired the building, and several members of the Club were present during the interior improvement (Lee Thomas, Daymond Thomas, Craig Stanfield, possibly others), however Alan Henderson did (almost) all the work.

The 4C Farm building, to be utilized to offer respite from heat/rain to those collecting gate entry monies, will also be improved, with electricity to be extended via a trench from the Peoples Bank of Ohio Building which will allow placement of an air conditioner and lighting.

**NOTE ALSO:** That the Tollesboro Volunteer Fire Department will donate an AED unit to be housed at the First Aid/Lost & Found building.





# TOLLESBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT DONATES AED UNIT TO THE TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB

The Tollesboro Lions Club has donated a n AED (automated external defibrillator, a device to “jump-start” one’s heart by delivering an electric shock to restore normal heart rhythm in the event of cardiac arrest) unit to the Tollesboro Lions Club for use during the Tollesboro Lions Club Fair. The unit will be placed in the Peopled Bank of Ohio building which will serve as a First Aid/Lost & Found location during the annual Fair event. This structure will be manned by Ambulance and First Responders during the Fair.



*FIRST AID*

*LOST &*  
*FOUND*

*AED*

*(Provided by Tollesboro*  
*Volunteer Fire*  
*Department)*



# **THE BARN AT 4-C FARMS SPONSORS BUILDING FOR TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB**

Darrion Clemons and Family, recently located in the Tollesboro Community, have made their presence known. Having built THE BARN AT 4-C FARM, an event center located on KY 57 north of Tollesboro, the site of weddings and other gatherings/events, including the July 6<sup>th</sup> FUN, FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & FIREWORKS event this past weekend, they have also opted to sponsor the new gate/entry building situated on the Fairgrounds. Their investment also included an Elite Sponsorship!

Visitors to the Fair entering the main gate on Fairgrounds Road will view the new building, with the 4-C brand/sign affixed thereto. This building was purchased and placed on the grounds to replace a small shed that had served the Club for years but the shed was damaged by either carnival rides leaving the Fairgrounds or by Horse Trailers as they left in the evening following the Horse Show (it was not the first time that the shed had been damaged, but this time the damage was more than could be repaired feasibly and thus the Club opted to acquire a new building). This structure will be utilized to permit those persons from the Club and community who collect entry/gate monies to get inside to escape the heat or to avoid the rain (depending upon the weather conditions). The placement of this building accompanied a significant widening of this entrance (which should improve conditions when horse trailers or carnival rides leave the Fairgrounds).

The Tollesboro Lions Club appreciates the investment of the Clemons Family and their confidence and recognition of the Tollesboro Lions Club Fair as an appropriate venture for their monies to benefit.



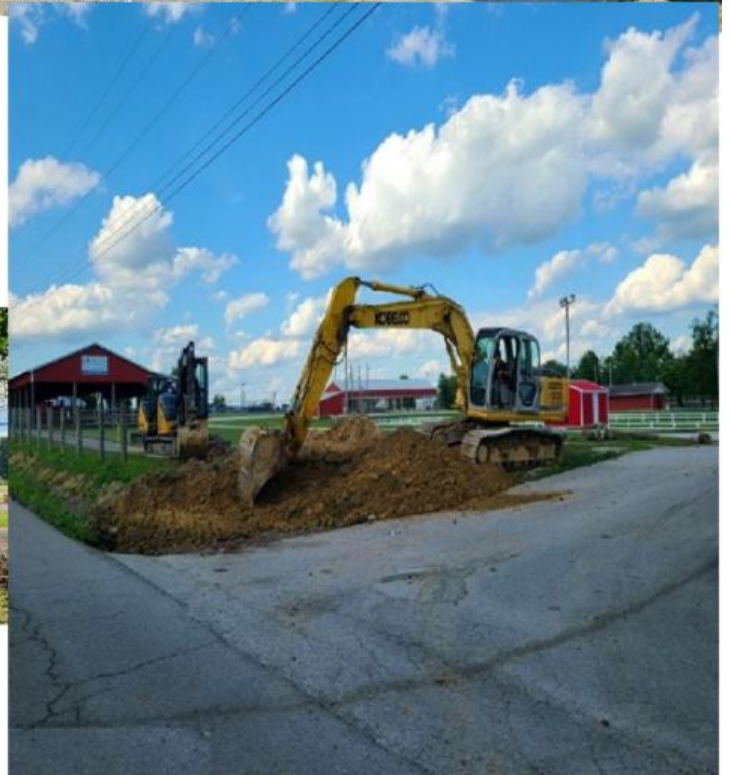
# **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIRGROUNDS**

## **CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS ON-GOING!!!**

The Tollesboro Lions Club is really putting lots of efforts into continuing projects on the grounds of the Tollesboro Community Park in advance of the rapidly approaching 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Tollesboro Lions Club Fair. Lots of improvements have been ongoing, with infrastructure improvements, structural improvements, and land/site improvements taking place. Some of the projects that are underway or recently finished include:

- 1). Widening of the main entrance on Fairgrounds Road. This is a much needed improvement that has been on the want-list for several year! The widening will improve entering and exiting the fairgrounds!
- 2). Placement of a new building at the entrance to provide for respite (sun protection/rain protection) from weather activities at the main gate on Fairgrounds Road. This building was sponsored by THE BARN AT 4-C FARM (the Clemons Family) who have placed their “brand”/signage on the building. An underground electrical service will be ran to the building to permit the building to have electric service for placement of an air conditioning unit and lighting.
- 3). Improvements made to the Peoples Bank of Ohio Building which will serve as a First-Aid/Lost & Found facility and which will be manned by the Ambulance Service/First Responders during the Fair. NOTE: An AED Unit will be placed in this building, provided by the Tollesboro Volunteer Fire Department.
- 4). Pipe and culverts have been placed in a ditch that extended through the Fairgrounds, permitting the area impacted by the ditch to provide for additional parking and event space.
- 5). Water and electrical infrastructure improvements have been made to the Fairgrounds.
- 6). A new shelter has been built on the Fairgrounds to permit some shade for the Archery Tournaments, an event that has grown significantly the past few years (this is an event that has a following that has permitted the Archery Tournament not only be conducted during the Fair, but at other times throughout the year as well). An electrical service was provided to this structure as well.
- 7). Three new sets of bleachers were purchased and constructed by members and placed upon the grounds at the site of the Mud Sling/Demolition Derby Pit. Two of these are 10 row bleachers which were placed on a concrete slab which was placed on the grounds specifically for their use; the third set was a 5 row set of bleachers.
- 8). Additional bleachers (roll-out) had been donated to the Tollesboro Lions Club and plans are in the works to place these inside existing structures for permanent placement.
- 9). Significant improvements were made to the Floral Hall including placement of a new set of glass doors that will permit natural lighting while permitting the door to be closed to permit the building to be air conditioned providing for an improved experience for exhibitors, viewers, and our personnel/volunteers.
- 10). The scales (for our Tug Tractor Pull events) were improved. Some welding was performed as a maintenance issue/repair, and then a new deck (lumber) was placed on the structure.
- 11). Three sets of roll-out bleachers (donated to the Club by Charlie Thompson of Independent Excavating) were placed in the main Pavilion (the First Guaranty Bank Building); the placement is temporary although may become permanent, as these 6-row bleacher systems roll-up to take up less room.
- 12). And: While not an improvement to the Fairgrounds (although several flags were placed on the Fairgrounds), the Club also recently placed flags throughout the Tollesboro community in honor of Independence Day and in advance of the Fair.









**IMPROVEMENTS TO FLORAL HALL:** Significant improvements were made to the Floral Hall including: A new set of glass personal access doors were installed to permit the structure to be air conditioned. These glass doors were placed on the front on the structure while still retaining the sliding doors (which were retained for security purposes) and will allow for natural light to flood the building (enhanced by the new LED light strips that were added) while holding in precious cooled air to enhance the experience of exhibitors, viewers, and our personnel/volunteers.



**New decking placed on the scales (some welding was performed as well).**



**3 sets of roll-out 6 row bleachers donated to the Tollesboro Lions Club by Charlie Thompson/Independent Excavating, placed (temporarily?) in the First Guaranty Bank Building/Pavilion.**





# **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB LAST MEETING BEFORE FAIR, JULY 8TH!**

The Tollesboro Lions Club met Monday, July 8th, at their Clubhouse on the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds, their last regular meeting before the fair.

Sixteen members were in attendance. President Craig Stanfield opened the meeting, offering prayer, followed by member John Redmond leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. The group was invited/encouraged to review Fairbook and Fair Schedules that had been passed around while enjoying dinner, and the group then broke for dinner.

Following dinner, Secretary Phil Cropper read the minutes from the last meeting. No financial report was provided.

Next, President Stanfield announced that the Lewis County Fiscal Court had approved that Fairgrounds Road be closed to two-way traffic (offering north-bound traffic only) from Wednesday July 17th through Saturday July 20th. This will make for much safer conditions during the busiest nights of the Fair, directing exiting traffic north to KY 10 then permitting traffic to be circuited to the AA Hwy by means of KY 10 and KY 57 or by way of KY 10 towards the Mason County line. President Stanfield also announced that he had contacted the Kentucky Department of Highways District 9 to see if the Highway Department would place signage along the "AA" HWY warning of congested traffic during the Fair (the Fair begins July 12th and runs through July 20th, then recommences July 26th and July 27, including therefore 3 weekends). Craig announced that he and Steve Pedersen had been interviewed by WFLE Radio (and that the radio station would be providing live remotes from the Fair during Fair Week). Next, Craig invited members to describe the on-going improvements for those members who had not been on the grounds recently. The Lions Club has made extensive improvements --- both to infrastructure and structural --- on the grounds that will enhance the use of the Fairgrounds for this year's Fair events.

Next, Treasurer Steve Pedersen brought to the attention of the membership Elite Sponsors who had not submitted payment this year (there were not many). The signs for Elite Sponsorship would be sent out for creation tomorrow, so it is imperative that members contact those businesses who had not committed to insure that they would continue their support by noon, Tuesday.

Next there were discussions relating to the Parade Grand Marshall (this year's choice had not yet confirmed, and --- as time is getting short --- alternatives were sought/considered). After some discussion, an alternate Grand Marshall was selected.

Additional improvements to the Fairgrounds would continue through the week, all expected to be completed prior to the beginning of the Fair Friday. Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

# LAST MINUTE FINISH TO NEWER STRUCTURE

Tollesboro Lions Club members, led by Alan Henderson, finished out the interior of the Peoples Bank of Ohio building before the Fair. The building was insulated, walled with T-1-11 siding, flooring installed, and a metal ceiling (insulated) installed. John Kilgore wired the building to provide for a breaker box and weatherhead, outlets and switches to provide for lighting and air conditioning and an outside light was added. A concrete slab that had been located elsewhere on the grounds was placed in front of the building to act as a stoop (gravel placed around it to hold it in place). This building will be utilized as a First Aid/Lost & Found structure during the Fair, and will be manned by personnel from the Health Department, Fire Department, First Responders, and potentially members of the Sheriff's Office during the Fair. A ditch will be put in place to permit electric to be extended from the Peoples Bank Building to the 4-C Farm building to permit it to be lighted and cooled as well (this building to provide for a respite for those working to collect gate/entry monies during the fair).

Security cameras were also attached to the exterior of the building and a television placed in the structure to watch video produced by the cameras.





**Above: Employees of the Peoples Bank of Ohio pose in front of the Peoples Bank Building. The Peoples Bank of Ohio provided the funding for the placement of the building on the Fairgrounds. The Tollesboro Lions Club finished out the building on their own. The building will be utilized as a Lost & Found/First Aid structure and will be manned by the Lewis County Health Department, the Lewis County Ambulance Service, First Responders and Sheriff's Office personnel.**



# **FIRST NIGHT OF FAIR RAINED OUT**

Friday night, July 12<sup>th</sup>, was going along just fine with a heavy storm suddenly (and this event WAS NOT in the weather forecast) forced the Side-By-Side Rodeo to be canceled.

## **SATURDAY TUG TRACTOR PULL IS HUGE!!!**

With 106 entries in the first class (3500 lb. To 6000 lb. tractors) and 94 entries in the second class (6000 lb to 9000 lb. tractors) – and this with a limit of 4 drivers maximum per tractor – the CLINTON APPLGATE MEMORIAL TUG TRACTOR PULL WAS A HUGE EVENT!!! With the event starting at 10 AM and lasting way into the morning hours, you had to be a dedicated participant to hitch your tractor to the sled and pull it – with lots of weight added – down the track for 10' with only two hooks per round! The end result had an 11,500 lb. sled for Class 1, a class that lasted until about 8 pm (Class 2 started on a separate sled on the opposite side of the track, meaning that there were two sleds operating at the same time, with two track officials (one to each sled) with whistles ready to stop the driver whenever the driver failed to keep pulling or in the event that a participant drove outside the established boundary (out-of-bounds). NOTE: There were 28 entries in the “Jackpot Class” an in-between weight (4500 lbs.; NOTE: These entries are included in the 106 entry number for Class I).

Winners of Class I are as follows:

First Place Percentage: CLINTON APPLGATE MEMORIAL TUG TRACTOR PULL, SAT. JULY 13, 2024 - Class 1: 1st % - JOHN ROBERT YOUNG, ALLIS CHALMERS CA. 2nd % - SHANE SAUNDERS D14 ALLIS CHALMERS. 3rd % - TAYLOR HESLER IH FARMALL H. 4th % - Mike Jackson ALLIS CHALMERS WD45.

JACKPOT WINNER Tyler Cooper 430 Case.

1st Heavy Load - SHAYLA HESLER 770 OLIVER (RECEIVED DONALD GILBERT MEMORIAL TROPHY). 2nd Heavy Load - DAULTON FRYMAN JOHN DEERE A. 3rd Heavy Load - DAULTON FRYMAN (on a different) JD A. 4th Heavy Load - TYLER COOPER 630 CASE.

Winners of Class II are as follows:

First Place % - BOBBY SUTTON, LONG 510; SECOND PLACE % - ROBBIE GRAVES, ALLIS CHALMERS D17; 3RD PLACE % - DALTON FRYMAN JOHN DEERE A; 4TH PLACE % ANDREW MALONE CASE 630.

1<sup>st</sup> Heavy Load – HAROLD HOWARD, JOHN DEERE 720; 2<sup>nd</sup> Heavy Load – ANDREW MALONE CASE 830; 3<sup>rd</sup> Heavy Load – CHRIS JONES, JOHN DEERE 3010; 4<sup>th</sup> Heavy Load – CHRIS JONES, 5000 FORD.

The Event lasted until 4:00 AM!











# **DAVID IERY RUN-WALK EVENT A SUCCESS!**



**Above: Participants gather together under the Pavilion before the start of the David Iery Run-Walk Event**

# **SATURDAY NIGHT MUD DRAG EVENT**

The event was not as large as hoped for, lasting only 2 hours and with only 30-some entries. However a small crowd was present in the newly acquired/set up bleachers to watch the vehicles hit the mud as fast as they could build-up speed.



# **2024 TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIR**

## **PARADE A HUGE COMMUNITY EVENT!**

The 2024 Tollesboro Lions Club Fair Parade was conducted Sunday, July 14th. It started at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds, left the Fairgrounds by means of one of the gates on Fairgrounds Road, traveled and turned east/right onto KY 10 and extended through the town of Tollesboro to the Tollesboro Elementary School where it turned around and then returned to the Fairgrounds. **THE PARADE WAS HUGE!!!!** Included in the Parade were floats, tractors, fire engines and rescue squad vehicles, trucks and cars (modern and antique), ATVs and Side-by-Sides, bicycles, motorcycles, lawn tractors, semi-trucks, and persons mounted on horseback. Lots of candies were thrown from the Parade participants to children and families gathered along the entire parade route to view the parade, gathered in yards, businesses, church lots, and more! The town's population probably swelled well beyond 3,000 persons including those participating in the Parade as well as those gathered along the Parade route! This year's Parade could well have been a record-setter considering the both the large number of persons gathered along the Parade route to watch the event.

Also on Sunday, following the Parade, the Tollesboro Lions Club hosted a cookout honoring all first responders, as a way of saying THANK YOU to all who serve! It was decided that this would be the best way to honor area heroes as many would be in attendance in the Parade.

As a part of this community offering, three collectible die-cast fire engines were donated by JSB Industrial Solutions which were sold at auction, with the proceeds to go to the Buffalo Trace Firefighters Association in Memory of Kevin Doyle, who recently retired as the Fire Chief of the Maysville Fire Department after 20 years of service, only to succumb to injuries sustained falling from a roof of a home that he was building. The three fire engines were sold for \$500 each, purchased by Rip's Farm Center (Jim Meadows), Shane Wallingford (JSB Solutions) and Zach Tully (Zach Tully Logging; Zach is a member of the Tollesboro Volunteer Fire Department. Jim and Jennifer Meadows donated their purchase back and it was sold to Alan Henderson for \$325.

In all, \$1,825 was raised. **NOTE:** All of the purchasers of the fire engines are members of the Tollesboro Lions Club. The auction was conducted by Craig Stanfield, also a member of the Tollesboro Lions Club.











# **MONDAY NIGHT AT THE FAIR**

**Monday night at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fair offered several events for the price of admission! The Carnival is up and running! Lots of rides on the grounds and they will be in operation the rest of the week (and don't forget Wednesday night, The Lewis County Farm Bureau Night, when a whole carload may enter the grounds for the bargain price of \$20 / carload!!! Rides included!!!). The Archery Tournament was held. A Cornhole Tournament event was conducted; nine teams competed for top honors (however, a second competition began after the tournament with 5 teams competing!). A Sheep and Goat Show was the livestock event of the evening, and the Mechanical Bull was operating for the first night of this year's Fair.**

**The weather was hot BUT at least it was dry. The carnival rides were fast and offered a cooling wind through the rider's hair! There were several archers on hand - of all ages - testing their skills against others, both boys and girls, men and women. The Cornhole competition was in high swing, with many a throw "in the hole" noticed amongst the competitors. There were several youths on the grounds to show goats and sheep. The mechanical bull brings out the best as they compete against each other in a show of strength and agility! Several boys were on hand hoping to impress the girls, but most significant was that several girls took their seat on the bull and showed what they could do too!**







# LEWIS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL FUND-RAISER AT THE TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIR

The Lewis County High School Baseball Team is holding a fund-raiser at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fair. This was put together at the last minute and thus was not in the Fair Schedule. The Baseball Team is raising monies by offering cleanup of the Fairgrounds each day following the evening's events. However they also put together a Dunkin' Booth to raise additional monies.

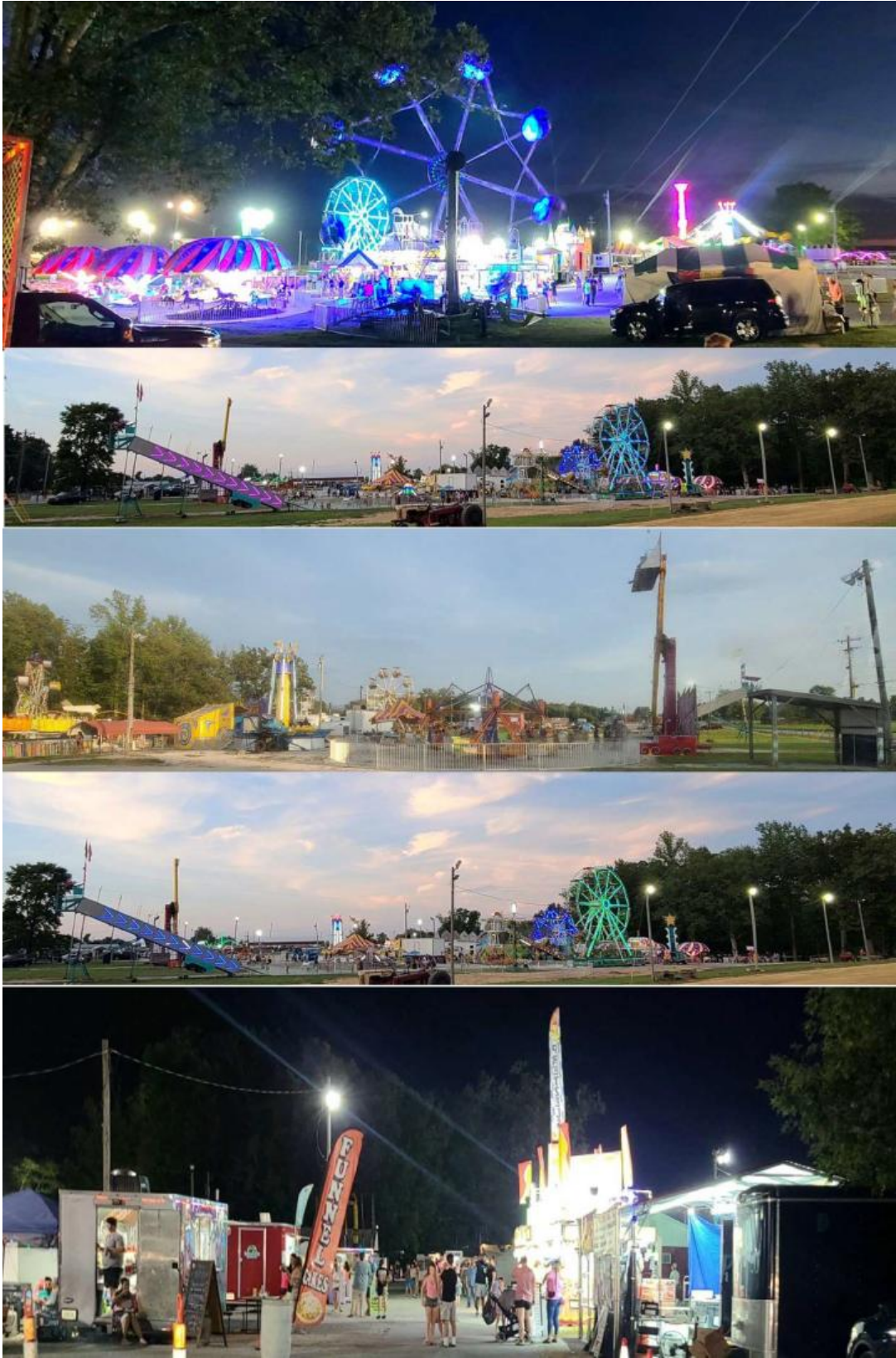
The Dunkin' Booth permits a person to purchase 3 throws for \$5 (these are softballs, so larger than a baseball thus making the target all the easier to hit!) or a guaranteed "dunk" for \$10! The participant can even choose whom they want to dunk!

I donated my \$10 and was able to hit the target on my 3rd throw (I did switch to a "side-arm" throwing stance though!. But hey, I'm nearly 60 and definitely out of practice, so I felt pretty good about my feat!)





# CARNIVAL AND CONCESSION STANDS IN FULL SWING AT THE TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIR!





# FLORAL HALL AT THE TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIR

The Floral Hall at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fair is where persons can display home-made jams and jellies, fresh produce, crafts, antiques, collectibles, quilts (new and old) and all kinds of home goods! The quality of items on display this year is unsurpassed and worthy of viewership! **ESPECIALLY THE QUILTS!**



## **MORE MECHANICAL BULL RIDERS AT THE FAIR!**



Even the young get a chance at riding the bull! 7 year old Kennedy Cropper of Mays Lick bookends even younger/smaller Stella Hesler with Ms. Hutch helping keep her entertained (looks like Kasey is having as much fun as little Stella!



# **BABY SHOW TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE FAIR!**



**ABOVE LEFT: Oliver Hunt (son of Jordan and Rachael Hunt of Wurtland, Greenup Co., KY with) likes the taste of victory (his trophy) after receiving 3rd place! ABOVE RIGHT: Mothers and their precious ones wait on the decision of the judges (but they are ALL WINNERS!).**



**ABOVE LEFT: Another class anxiously awaits the decision of the Judges. ABOVE RIGHT: Beverly Sue McKee with her less than 3 week old daughter, Lainey Paige McKee, who captured the Third Place Trophy in her class.**



# TUESDAY NIGHT HOG SHOW





# WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT THE FAIR!

*NOTE: I neglected to take photos of the Carnival Rides. As this was the Lewis County Farm Bureau Insurance Night, entry was only \$20 PER CARLOAD INCLUDING RIDES!!! Thus there was a HUGE CROWD in place at the Fair, and many were taking advantage of the low entry cost to make use of the Carnival!*



*ABOVE: Winners of the Toddler Pageant, boys on left, girls on right.*



2024 Tollesboro Lions Club Fair Little Miss & Mister Left: The 2024 Tollesboro Lions Club Little Miss and Mister with the new bikes donated by Dr. Jill Price, DDM. Right: The first, second and third place award winners (in no particular order).





**Boys 3 On 3 Basketball**



**Lawn Tractor Pull**



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# **SPECIAL NEEDS PERSONS DAY AT THE FAIR**

**For Special Needs Persons Day at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fair, 90 persons with Special Needs showed up. The Carnival rides were available for them to ride, games were available to play (including prizes), and then the group was served a lunch AND a shaved ice snow cone.**



## **Special Needs Persons Day 2024**



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# THURSDAY NIGHT AT THE FAIR





# FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE FAIR!



Demolition Derby



# SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE FAIR

## Saturday Night Speed Pull







## SATURDAY NIGHT MUD SLING



# **2024 HORSE SHOW CLASS SPONSORS**

## **ROCKY MOUNTAIN HORSE SHOW**

**Friday Night July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

- 1). Rocky Mountain Horse Association 17 & Under Show Pleasure: STORY REALTOR SERVICES**
- 2). Rocky Mountain Horse Association County Trail Pleasure: MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC**
- 3). Rocky Mountain Horse Association Show Pleasure: STOBBER DRIVES**
- 4). Rocky Mountain Horse Association Juvenile 17 & Under Country Trail Pleasure: GAYDOS FUNERAL HOME**
- 5). Rocky Mountain Horse Association 3 Year Old Trail Pleasure: HARDYMON LUMBER**
- 6). Juvenile Exhibitor Road Pony: JOHN OSBORN MAGISTRATE DISTRICT 1**
- 7). Rocky Mountain Horse Association Amateur Show Pleasure: OSMAN PHARMACY;**
- 8). Rocky Mountain Horse Association Stallion Trail Pleasure: NICK HINES INSURANCE CO.**
- 9). Amateur Road Pony: STATE FARM INSURANCE, BRIAN PAYNE**
- 10). Rocky Mountain Amateur Trail Pleasure: YOUNG FARM MACHINERY**
- 11). Rocky Mountain Horse Association Mares & Geldings Country Trail Pleasure: SOUTHERN STATES All Locations**
- 12). Mule Race: CRAIG A. STANFIELD REAL ESTATE & AUCTION SERVICES**
- 13). Rocky Mountain Horse Association Mares & Geldings Show Pleasure: TOTAL CARE PHARMACY**
- 14). Rocky Mountain Horse Association 3 Year Old Country Pleasure: BRELL & SON FUNERAL HOME**
- 15). 52 Inch & Under Road Pony: TIRE WORLD VANCEBURG**
- 16). Rocky Mountain Horse Association Mares & Geldings Trail Pleasure: WALKER AUCTIONS**
- 17). Rocky Mountain Horse Association Stallions Country Trail Pleasure: LESLIE COLLIER LEWIS CO. COURT CLERK;**
- 18). Walking Mule: LEWIS COUNTY PVA KENNY RUCKEL**
- 19). Rocky Mountain Horse Association Juvenile 17 & Under Trail Pleasure: McFARLAND CHEVROLET BUICK**
- 20). Road Horse To Bike Championship: BOONE-NICKELL FUNERAL HOME**
- 21). Rocky Mountain Horse Association Open Country Trail Championship: TRACE CREEK CONSTRUCTION**
- 22). Rocky Mountain Horse Association Open Trail Pleasure Championship: COMMUNITY TRUST BANK**
- 23). Rocky Mountain Horse Association Open Show Pleasure Championship: WOODMEN LIFE CHAPTER 890;**

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# **WALKING HORSE SHOW**

## **Saturday Night July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

- 1). Stick Horse: SECURITY BANK & TRUST**
- 2). Lead Line: SECURITY BANK & TRUST**
- 3). Amateur Walking Pony: TRACE CREEK CONSTRUCTION**
- 4). 2 Year Old Open Walking: BACK'S AUTO AUCTION, Mt. Sterling, KY**
- 5). Country Pleasure: UK HOSPITAL, LEXINGTON, KY;**
- 6). SSH Trail Pleasure: CHEAP CHEVROLET**
- 7). Novice Amateur Walking: CHUCK MARSHALL REAL ESTATE & AUCTION SERVICES**
- 8). Trail Pleasure Walking: FLEMING-MASON ENERGY**
- 9). All Day Pleasure: SOUTHERN STATES, All Locations**
- 10). Open Park Performance: A. W. GRAHAM LUMBER & BUILDING SUPPLY**
- 11). Amateur Owned & Trained Walking Specialty: SAMMY & KATHY APPELEGATE IN MEMORY OF JOHN & JEANETTE APPELEGATE**
- 12). Plantation Pleasure: FARM BUREAU INSURANCE – REX ELAM**
- 13). 4 Year Old Walking Open Specialty: TULLY TRANSPORT HARRY TULLY**
- 14). Juvenile Country Pleasure: TOM BERTRAM ATTORNEY AT LAW**
- 15). Trail Pleasure Racking: PEOPLES BANK, All Locations**
- 16). Juvenile Trail Pleasure: COMMUNITY TRUST BANK**
- 17). Show Pleasure Walkinrg: TULLY TRANSPORT HARRY TULLY;**
- 18). 3 Year Old Walking Open: GEORGE SPARKS & SHARI LEE COOK IN MEMORY OF DOUGLAS SPARKS**
- 19). Open Shod Saddle Horse: STANDARD QUICK PRINT & OFFICE SUPPLY**
- 20). 17 & Under Walking: PENNY STANFIELD CPA**
- 21). Plantation Light Shod English or Western Attire: ARRICK PROPANE**
- 22). Ladies Amateur Walking Horse: FIRST GUARANTY BANK**
- 23). Amateur Walking Horse Championship Specialty: BOONE-NICKELL FUNERAL HOME; WOODMEN LIFE CHAPTER 890, UK HOSPITAL**
- 24). Country Pleasure Championship: TIRE WORLD OF MAYSVILLE & FLEMINGSB URG;**
- 25). All Day Pleasure Championship: PEOPLES BANK OF OHIO (Tollesboro Branch)**
- 26). Walking Horse Championship Specialty: BIG BLUE OUTDOOR, RIP'S FARM CENTER**

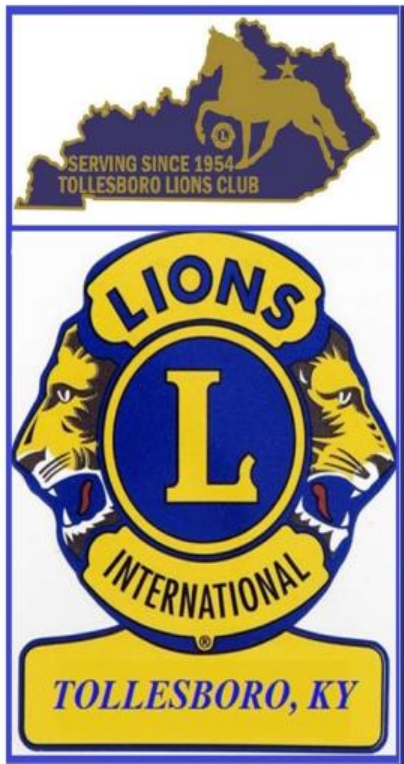
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# TOLLESBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT DONATES AED UNIT TO TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB

The Tollesboro Volunteer Fire Department donated an AED unit to the Tollesboro Lions Club for their First Aid/Lost & Found Building.

An automated external defibrillator (AED) is a portable device that can be used to treat a person whose heart has suddenly stopped working. This condition is called sudden cardiac arrest.



*FIRST AID*

*LOST &*  
*FOUND*

*AED*

*(Provided by Tollesboro*  
*Volunteer Fire*  
*Department)*



# **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB MEETS JULY 22ND AND** **ADDS 3 NEW MEMBERS!!!**

The Tollesboro Lions Club met Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 for their second regular meeting of the month and the first following the first 9 days of the Tollesboro Lions Club Fair (we still have this weekend to go, July 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, the Horse Show!). There were 17 members in attendance and 3 guests (all of which wanted to join the Tollesboro Lions Club!). President Craig Stanfield then notified the membership in attendance that he had copies of the Ledger Independent newspaper and the Lewis County Herald on the front table and indicated that the membership should take a quick glance at the papers as both newspapers had done a great job of publicizing the events during the Fair, including a full page spread of the Parade in color in the Lewis County Herald and a significant number of color photos of several of the week's events in the Ledger Independent. The meeting opened with President Stanfield asking Lion Ritchie Cunningham to introduce his guests, all of whom desired to become members of the Tollesboro Lions Club and each of whom would be sponsored by Lion Cunningham. President Stanfield then offered Prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Lion Charles Kendall. The group then broke for dinner.

Following dinner, the guests- all of whom indicated a desire to become members of the Club - were asked to come forward in front of the head table and re-introduce themselves to the Club members. The members of the Club then went around the room with each member introducing themselves to the prospective new members. The new members were then asked to depart from the Clubhouse; the Club then unanimously voted to approve all as new members. The new members were then re-invited into the Clubhouse, and they were notified that each was accepted by the Club. The new members joining the Tollesboro Lions Club were Terence Smith, Cody Moore, and Brendon Walker. They will be formally presented with membership packets and pins at a future meeting.

Back into regular session, Secretary Phil Cropper read the minutes from the last meeting, which were approved as read.

Treasurer Steve Pedersen then presented a brief synopsis of the Club's Financial standing, as there were many bills that would be arriving in the near future.

No old business items were noted. Under New Business, President Stanfield read a Thank You card from the Lewis County Extension Office thanking the organization for air conditioning, new lighting, and new doorway placed in the Floral Hall, which made the facility much more bearable!

President Stanfield then announced an upcoming Zone Meeting under new Zone Chairman Angela Jett which would be held August 13<sup>th</sup> at the Maysville Lions Club. All Lions Club members of the Zone are invited to attend, the only prerequisite being to inform the Maysville Lions Club as to how many from each club would be attending to insure adequate food was prepared (the Zone includes six Lions Clubs: the Tollesboro Lions Club, the Vanceburg Lions Club, the Maysville Lions Club, the Lewisburg-Mill Creek Lions Club, the Orangeburg Lions Club, and the Mays Lick Lions Club).

Secretary Steve Pedersen passed out schedules to the membership for the upcoming Germantown Fair.

Under New Business, Lion Jim Meadows mentioned a need to improve electrical services which will require an additional pole, a new 200 amp service, weatherhead, and meter base. He had already done some preliminary work on what this would entail and would have a proposal ready for presentation next meeting with approximate cost of the improvement.

Also under New Business, Treasurer Pedersen suggested that --- at the next meeting --- while Fair items were still fresh on everybody's mind, that we discuss items ways to improve the Fair.

Lion Lee Thomas mentioned that the new Peoples Bank Lost & Found/First Aid building worked out well, with 11 persons served ranging from a mashed finger to a bandage.

The other new building, the Barn @ 4C Farm building, was discussed with gate-members at that

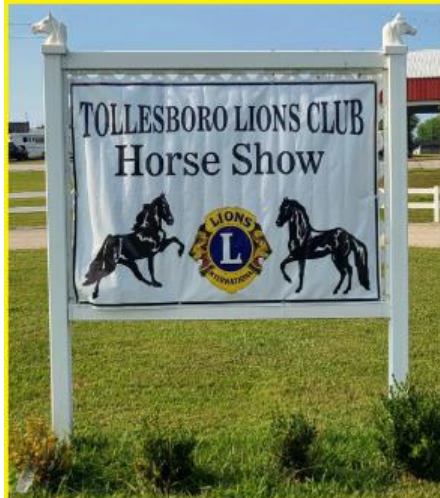


gate requesting that it be moved across the street to permit it to be placed under a shade tree. This structure was intended to be electrified/lighted/cooled prior to Fair Week, but the improvements did not get done in time. Alternative considerations were picking up the shed located under the shade tree and turning it. It was also discussed that the fence and gates would need to be placed at this entrance (due to recent widening of the entrance which required removal of some fencing and as the current gates would not span the newly widened opening).mail.com

The Lewis County Baseball Team had picked up trash, cleaned bathrooms, and provided a world of help to the Club during the Fair. It was noted that they had done a great job, and a motion was made to increase the donation to this fine group of young men by an additional \$500. Motion carried unanimously.

Members were then reminded that some assistance was needed following the meeting to gather up all the trash barrels and place them in the storage facility.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.



## FRIDAY NIGHT ROCKY MTN. HORSE SHOW





**Cow Bingo**  
**Tollesboro Lions**  
**Club Fair**  
**Saturday Night,**  
**July 27, 2024**

**Top Left: Event Chair Craig Stanfield presents winner Tony Tully with his \$500 prize!**

**Top Right: Brutus the Calf gets acquainted with his new temporary surroundings.**

**Above: Brutus makes new friends.**

**Above Left: After picking the winner, Brutus feeling feisty before heading home!**



**Walking Horse Show, July 27, 2024**  
**Tollesboro Lions Club Fair**

**SATURDAY NIGHT HORSE SHOW AND COW BINGO,**  
**JULY 27, 2024**



# NOTES ON COW BINGO 2024



2024 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, 27th, 2024



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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.

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*tickets printed, we would have sold out before the end of the fair and without creating the profit from the event that was gleaned this year). The 360 tickets sold represented a 72 percent sale rate (360 tickets purchased of 500 tickets available), of which the event chair (Craig Stanfield) and all other members "in the know" were extremely satisfied with, far exceeding all expectations.*

*Shane Wallingford outsold all Lions Club members, probably selling at least 200 of the tickets sold; Craig Stanfield sold nearly 150 tickets (selling 60 in one evening working the bleachers), using his patented sales pitches "It's the only game I know where it pays to be (depending upon who he was talking to) shit/crapped on" and informing prospective purchasers that he was chosen judge as (again, depending upon who he was talking to) as he was either "intimately familiar with his materials" or "because he knew his shit".*

*Jim Meadows purchased 35 tickets, including a ticket for each of his employees.*

*Diana Prater of the Peoples Bank of Kentucky, Tollesboro Branch, purchased 7 tickets, one for each of her employees.*

*Several persons purchased 5 or more tickets; Kenny Meadows purchased at least 11 tickets.*

*It takes 50 tickets sold to pay back the winner (\$500); otherwise, the only expense was the cost of printing the tickets (this year, it cost just shy of \$140 to have the tickets printed). This means that all ticket sales over 64 represented a profit for the Lions Club. In addition, one person donated 1/2 of his change from a \$20 bill, representing an additional \$5 profit. Therefore, this year's event created just shy of \$3,000 profit for the Tollesboro Lions Club, 100 percent of which goes to the Club for the Club's projects.*

*This year, it took about 35 minutes for the calf to "choose" the winner. There were about 10 persons nearby watching the event. NOTE: The Tollesboro Lions Club has hosted the occasional Cow Bingo for several years. It was first brought up by Lion Buddy Grant (and Buddy passed away in 2002) probably sometime in the early 1990s. Buddy worked for the tobacco market and was certain that he would out-sell everyone. Buddy asked Craig Stanfield to assist (find a cow to utilize, set up gates, act as "judge" during the event). At that time, tickets were sold for \$20 each. Craig Stanfield out-sold Buddy nearly 2 to 1, surprising Buddy (at that time, Craig worked at Kachler's Auction House in Mays Lick and was able to sell a bunch of tickets to auction attendees; he also was performing appraisals and selling real estate and ran into a bunch of people). On the date of the event, Craig setup a fence/corral at the ballfield using corral panels provided by Jim Meadows, Rip's Farm Center. Someone had placed bleachers at the site as well. A cow was provided by Craig's brother, Dr. Darin Stanfield, DVM. The cow was placed in the enclosure. At that time, tickets were hand-numbered the day of the event (and were simple two part tickets like what would be used for door-prizes). Craig actually prepared the "field" in squares using a lime spreader that was used for baseball (at the end, there were some unsold spaces, so it took a bit of additional time to sell the remaining squares*



*before turning the cow into the enclosure). As the field was marked off in squares and as tickets were numbered, some people watching the event knew where their ticket positions on the field were situated (especially those who purchased the last tickets to fill out the field). That first year, tickets were actually laid out on the ground and nailed in place; however this could make for a messy identification of the winner and this is no longer held in such a manner. It took 2 ½ hours for the cow to go and approximately 75 persons were on the bleachers watching the event (the first time we held Cow Bingo we held the event during the daytime rather than evening and mid-week rather than the weekend, perhaps 5 pm, so not a lot of events were taking place). We have learned to hold the event in the evening the last day of the Fair so as to sell as many tickets as possible, we don't draw out the field so that we can add additional columns/rows as necessary to match the number of tickets sold, and we do not place the tickets on the field. That first year we may have sold 100 tickets --- we didn't sell a lot but they were \$20 each and we did actually draw out a "field" with squares on it). Some persons tried to "shoo" the cow to a particular area (to the area in which their ticket matched the square). Therefore, ever since that first time, no field is drawn up and the tickets are mixed so no one knows where the square corresponding with their ticket is located (today the field is "digital", just a mathematical process: Measurements are taken from the side and end to determine a "column" and "row". Tickets are mixed up prior to putting the cow in the enclosure, to correspond with the columns and rows needed, and are placed in groups face-down, grouped by column with binder clips (as the current tickets are printed on heavy card-stock, the tickets are actually shuffled multiple times before being laid out randomly in groups corresponding with the number of columns needed and then filled to the number of rows required). Once the cow has "done her duty", measurements are taken, a column and row determined, and then the judge goes through the face-down tickets to arrive at the winner's ticket which is then turned over and the winner announced. This year (2024) the calf chose Column 13, Row 19, and the corresponding ticket was that of the winner, Tony Tully, the winner of \$500.*

*An interesting note: The first \$500 winner was Charles "Jr." Jackson, Jr., the Mason County Property Valuation Administrator. Last year's winner was Kenny Ruckel, the Lewis County Property Valuation Administrator. So in the 30 or so years in which the event was held perhaps 10 times (this is not an annual event, but an event that is conducted every once in a while, although it was conducted each of the last two years), two of the winners were PVAs.*

*Things we have learned over the years: 1). Hold the event the last day of the Fair so as to sell as many tickets as possible. 2). Hold the event in the evening. 3). It is not necessary to draw out the field (a digital field works best, especially when you sell a lot of tickets). 4). Sell tickets for \$10 each rather than \$20 (you will sell a lot more tickets!). 5). Order the tickets and start selling them early and continue through each night of the Fair until the last day of the Fair. 6). Explain how the event works (a lot of people have never heard of Cow Bingo). 7). Try to sell tickets at the gate. 8). The most ticket sales are from working the bleachers Friday and Saturday nights when the Speed Pulls, Demolition Derby and Mud Sling events are taking place (you can usually sell some to Tug Tractor Pull participants as well). 9). People are glad to support the Lions Club and this is a fun and inexpensive way to do just that!*

*The Tollesboro Lions Club appreciates the outpouring of support by everyone who purchased a ticket. Event Chairman Stanfield appreciates all Lions Club members who sold or purchased tickets for their support.*

# TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB 3D ARCHERY TOURNAMENT AUGUST 24TH

The Tollesboro Lions Club will host an Archery Tournament at the Fairgrounds August 24<sup>th</sup>. Registration to begin at 4:30 pm, competition to begin at 5:00 pm. There will be 20 targets set up, a 50 yard maximum distance, rangefinders permitted (bring your own), adjustable sights permitted. Concessions available. Over 20 door prizes offered. First Place pays \$300; Second Place pays \$200; Third Place pays \$100. \$20 entry fee. Novelty shots are \$10 each. Sponsored by Kentucky Bow Show and Flat Shootin' Archery.

KY BOW SHOP & FLAT SHOOTIN' ARCHERY

## 3D ARCHERY TOURNAMENT

**AUGUST 24TH**  
**TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB**

REGISTRATION 4:30 PM  
FLIGHT BEGINS AT 5:00

CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE

**OVER 20  
DOOR  
PRIZES**



**1ST PLACE: \$300  
2ND PLACE: \$200  
3RD PLACE: \$100**

20 TARGETS  
50 YARD MAX  
KNOWN DISTANCE  
BRING YOUR OWN RANGE FINDER  
BOWHUNTER SETUP  
ADJUSTABLE SIGHTS ALLOWED

**\$20 ENTRY FEE**

97 LIONS CLUB LN. TOLLESBORO, KY 41189

MORE INFORMATION

KY BOW SHOP: (606)748-3771

FLAT SHOOTIN' ARCHERY: (606)541-4311



# **TRADE DAYS EVENT AT TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB SEPT. 5TH THROUGH 8TH**

The Sixth Annual Fall Trade Days will be September 5 through 8<sup>th</sup> at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds in Tollesboro.

The TRADE DAYS Events are Flea Market type events, offering arts and crafts, baked and home-made goods, new items, antiques, tools, guns, knives, and other items. Weekend rate is just \$30 without electric connections, of \$45 with electric connections. Admission is free, parking is free. Events open on Thursday 10 am until dark, on Friday and Saturday from 8 am until dark, and on Sunday 9 am until 4 pm. To reserve vendor space, contact Richard "Skeeter" Shaw, 606-798-6134 or 606-356-8043.



*No Admission Fee   6th Annual   Free Parking*

## **Tollesboro Fall Trade Days**

**September 5 -- 8, 2024**

**TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIRGROUNDS  
TOLLESBORO, KY**

Thursday, September 5	10:00 a.m. till dark
Friday, September 6	8:00 a.m. till dark
Saturday, September 7	8:00 a.m. till dark
Sunday, September 8	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*Flea Market, New Items, Antiques, Arts & Crafts,  
Purses, Clothes, Baked/Homemade Goods, Amish  
Donuts, Tools, Silver, Guns, Ammo & Knives, etc.*

**To reserve a vendor space contact**  
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*For additional information see  
Tollesboro Lions Club website*



# **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB OFFERS** **SPECIAL THANK YOU TO LEWIS COUNTY** **FARM BUREAU**

The Lewis County Farm Bureau was inadvertently left out of the Elite Sponsors mentioned in the newspaper recently. The Lewis County Farm Bureau has been a HUGE supporter of the Tollesboro Lions Club and the Tollesboro Lions Club Fair. They have been a Diamond Elite Sponsor since the sponsorship level was created. They sponsor the \$20 Car Load Wednesday Night gate fee (allowing a reduced entry fee to everyone on Wednesday night, potentially permitting persons who may be on a limited income to attend the Fair AND including the Carnival rides. *OF SPECIAL NOTE: The Tollesboro Lions Club president was actually called in advance of the Wednesday \$20 Carload night by a person who lives outside of Lewis County who specifically inquired as to whether this reduced gate entry fee was open to everyone or ONLY to those who have insurance through the Lewis County Farm Bureau. When he answered that “yes, it is open to everyone”, you could almost feel on the other end of the line not only disbelief fading away but gratitude, as though this act of generosity on the part of Lewis County Farm Bureau would permit them to bring ALL of their grandchildren to the Fair!*), have contributed monies to install the Playground on the Fairgrounds AND have contributed so generously to the Tollesboro Lions Club to create additions made to the Livestock Show Barn that the Livestock Show Barn is named for them! We wholeheartedly acknowledge their support, apologize for the inadvertent omission (leaving them out of the newspaper), and appreciate all that they have done to support the Tollesboro Lions Club and the citizens of Lewis County.



***LEWIS COUNTY FARM  
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A TOLLESBORO LIONS  
CLUB DIAMOND ELITE  
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# **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB MEETING**

## **AUGUST 12TH**

The Tollesboro Lions Club met Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup> for their regularly scheduled first August meeting with 19 members in attendance.

President Craig Stanfield opened the meeting, with Lion Phil Cropper giving the blessing and Lion Charlie Kendall leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. The group then broke for dinner.

After dinner, President Stanfield asked Secretary Phil Cropper to provide the Club with the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Next, Treasurer Steve Pedersen provided the group with a brief financial report. He reported that invoices are still coming in from July's Fair, so the report was summarized and brief.

Before asking for New Business, President Stanfield asked Lion Ritchie Cunningham to re-introduce his guest, his brother, B. J. Cunningham, to the group. B. J. had been a member of the Club at one time and wanted to rejoin the group. President Stanfield asked B. J. to leave the Clubhouse while the Club voted for his reinstatement. The Club unanimously voted to approve him for membership and he was invited to rejoin the meeting. B. J. joined 3 new members (all who were in attendance this meeting, namely Brandon Walker, Cody Moore, and Terrance Smith) joining the group since the end of the Fair, bringing the membership in the Club to 41.

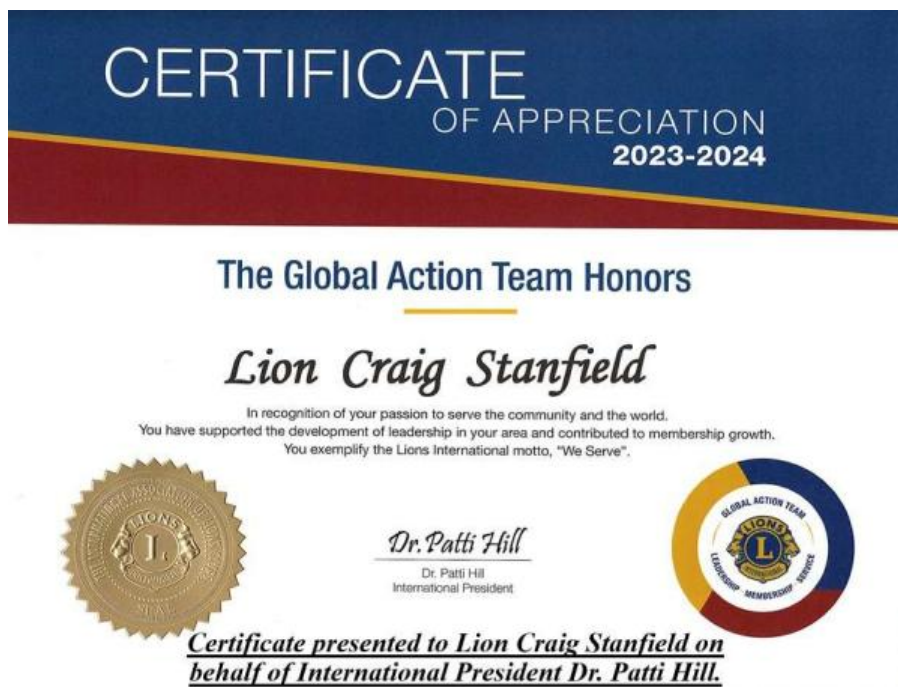
Under New Business, President Stanfield mentioned upcoming events at the Fair. An Archery Tournament will be held August 28<sup>th</sup>. The Fall Trade Days Event would be September 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>. Craig then presented a report on the Cow Bingo event at the Fair, reporting the number of tickets sold, who the winner was (a local won this year), mentioned a few local supporters who purchased a number of tickets, congratulated Lion Shane Wallingford for selling the most tickets, and reported that the event was a great success, exceeding all expectations.

Still under New Business, Treasurer Pedersen impressed on the group the importance of sharing their success and recommended that the Club make donations totaling \$9,000 to the following entities: Lions Club International in the amount of \$4,000 (Lions Club International has recently provided a \$10,000 grant to Lions Club District 43-Y during Steve's tenure as District Governor to offer additional aid to Eastern Kentucky flood victims); \$1,500 to Kentucky Lions Bluegrass Diabetes Project; \$1,500 to the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation; and \$2,000 to the Tollesboro Volunteer Fire Department. While considering his recommendation, a motion was made to accept his recommendation with a caveat, to increase the total donation to \$10,000 and increase the donation to the Tollesboro Volunteer Fire Department to \$3,000. This motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Next, Lion Shane Wallingford asked the Club to commit to two items: 1). To permit him to renovate the ball field (at no cost to the Club), allowing him to replace posts on the backdrop fence with aluminum painted posts, and the place new fencing on the backdrop. 2). He asked the Club to commit to purchase of 50 tons of ball field dirt (fine pebbly material like that used at racetracks and ballfields) to permit him to improve the ballfield to provide for an "all-dirt" infield that would permit a 60' base-run and a 90' base-run to accommodate the ballfield to be used by youth and girl's softball (60') as well as junior/senior baseball teams. The motion was seconded to permit the improvements as well as commit to the purchase of the ball field dirt.

Next, Lion Pedersen made a presentation of a certificate to President Stanfield from Lions Club International Global Action Team and from the International Lions Club President Patti Hill. Steve indicated that this was the first such presentation he had made as District Governor and that it was the 4<sup>th</sup> highest recognition offered by the International Lions Club President. Privately, Steve informed Craig that this was an award that he was not aware of, that therefore he did not nominate Craig for the recognition, that apparently someone from another Lions Club

recognized his contributions (he and Craig both assume that it was due to the press releases written and submitted to local newspapers) and ran it up the chain of command/hierarchy.



Lion Pedersen reported that next year's Fair dates are July 18<sup>th</sup> through July 26<sup>th</sup>, and that --- barring any scheduling conflict with the Horse Show --- that the Horse Show would be July 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> next year.

Lion Jim Meadows indicated that he had been approached about selling the wooden seat five-row bleachers, an item that the Club had considered last year when the Club opted to purchase new bleachers. An offer of \$1,000 per set had been made (the Club had sold two sets last year, the best sets, for \$1,500 each). There were 7 or 8 of these bleachers remaining. A motion was made to accept the bid and sell the bleachers, seconded, and approved unanimously.

Under Old Business, Lion Jim Meadows brought up details of the electrical improvements he proposed last month. The improvements include placement of a pole, approximately 200' feet of underground electrical extension requiring 3" conduit, wiring, lighting, and meter base. This would improve lighting and safety below the speed pull track. The estimated cost is \$6,500. A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to invest in this electrical improvement, which would also result in at least one (possibly two) camper hookups that could be utilized during future Trade Days Events.

Upon mentioning electrical improvements, Lion Pedersen was reminded about a smaller scope electrical improvement that was needed at the site of the food booths set up during the fair, an improvement that would permit all food booths a 20 amp dedicated service. This improvement would tie into the existing infrastructure, not requiring any significant expense, and was approved by the Club.

Also, by Steve reaching into his phone to bring up a topic, reminded President Stanfield to bring up a few items: 1). Craig reported that restitution for the vandalism caused to the grounds last fall had still not been paid and that contempt charges would be brought up later this month (as the person committing the vandalism was a minor, Craig refused to provide the name to the members of the Club). 2). Craig was asked to bring before the Club membership in the Lewis County Chamber of Commerce. A motion was made and approved to join the Chamber of Commerce. 3). Craig had been notified by Lion Charles Kendall that by purchasing 20 additional American flags, flags could be put on every pole (one side of the road) between the grounds and the bank. Also, Charlie had informed Craig that new mounts would be needed before flags were



placed through town next year as some had broken due to the strain of the wind on the poles coupled with the effects of sunlight/ weather. Craig mentioned that for 20 additional flagpoles, they could go all the way to the Elementary School. Craig mentioned that had found a source of flagpole mounts that were of an aluminum alloy that were considerably cheaper than alternatives. Craig stated that it would be hard to find many flagpoles currently and that --- while it would be great to go ahead and approve the purchase --- the actual purchase would probably be May or June of next year. A motion was made to purchase 25 flags and 40 mounts, which was seconded and approved unanimously.

Next, Lion Shane Wallingford also remembered a New Business item: He had been approached by some of the walkers who use the walking track about repairing/extending the walking track past the new entrance and creating the mile distance that had formerly been provided. It was decided that this was a project that would require some bids and that the ground at the improved/widened entrance would need to settle for a longer period of time before blacktop could be laid, and therefore it was decided to revisit this at a future date and prepare this as a Spring, 2025 project.

Being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn.

The next meeting of the Tollesboro Lions Club will be August 26<sup>th</sup>.

# **AUGUST 26TH TOLLESBORO**

## **LIONS CLUB MEETING**

The Tollesboro Lions Club met Monday, August 26, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Tollesboro Lions Club Clubhouse. There were 10 members in attendance (one member present who had not been present for some time, Anthony Wellman, was welcomed). President Stanfield opened the meeting with the Blessing, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by member Charles Kendall. The group then broke for dinner provided by Skeeter Shaw.

Following dinner, in the absence of Secretary Phil Cropper, President Stanfield read the newspaper article regarding the last meeting in lieu of the minutes; they were approved as read. The Treasurer did not have a Financial Report.

Under Old Business, President Stanfield reminded the group that there was to be an Archery Tournament on the grounds August 28<sup>th</sup> and that the Fall Trade Days would be September 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>. The Tollesboro Elementary School PTO had planned a Poker Run and Food Truck event for September 21<sup>st</sup>; however it would take place sometime in the Spring. Instead, the PTO would host an online dessert auction and would use the Pavilion for dropping off and picking up of desserts.

At the last meeting, a motion was made and seconded to purchase 40 flag mounts as the flag mounts currently in use were plastic and had been in use for several years and several had already suffered from exposure to the sun. Aluminum alloy mounts had been found, ordered, and delivered. Charles Kendall recommended the Club purchase an additional 60 mounts as the Club had also approved the purchase of additional flags last meeting, although would wait until before Independence Day to purchase flags (unless an outlet had a good supply available for a good price in advance of days running up to next Independence Day).

Also at the last meeting, the Club approved a significant renovation of the Ballfield. This would involve replacing the posts, fence and backdrop and placement of Ballfield dirt, and would create a ballfield with both 60' and 90' base paths. It was announced that member Shane Wallingford had began the removal of the old posts and was hard at work on a backhoe prior to the meeting.

Under New Business, Steve Pedersen announced that he had assisted in providing eye exams at the State Fair and that he would like to see the Club purchase the camera necessary to perform eye testing on children at the Elementary School. There was a possibility that the Club could receive a 50-50 grant towards the purchase of the equipment; however a \$1500 discount was available if the purchase was made by December 31<sup>st</sup> (and it is not known whether the grant --- if approved --- would be decided before said date. A motion was made and seconded to pursue the grant, however to purchase the eye-testing equipment before the end of the year (whether the grant was approved or not). Motion carried.

In the absence of Fair Chairman Lee Thomas, President Stanfield brought up an item that originated with Lee: Converting the tennis court into two Pickle Ball Courts to take advantage of the popularity of Pickle Ball and as a possible Fair Event for next year. A motion was made in favor of this conversion, which was seconded and approved.

And although it seems early, Christmas would be approaching sooner than one would think possible, and – as the Club only meets once a month during November through March – it was time to reserve a site to have the annual Christmas dinner. Lion Denny Hornback had taken care of this item of business for several years and volunteered to make the necessary preparations. John Redmond would assist.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.



*Above: Shane and Seth Wallingford at work removing old poles and fencing at the baseball field, the beginning of a significant renovation project that will result in grand improvements to the field and which should result in more use of the ball field (which has seen increased activity the past few years!).*

## **FALL TRADE DAYS A GREAT SUCCESS!**

The Fall Trade Days Event, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup>, got off to a rolling good start. Sunny weather, not too hot, brought out both vendors and customers. Vendors were scattered throughout the Fairgrounds, from the livestock barn to the woods! Customers found adequate parking available. Vendors had a large selection of items available (antiques, tools, collectibles, knives, guns, ammunition) and plenty of food was available, from Skeeter's meal tent to Amish pies, cream-horns and more! Saturday found a significant turnout of both vendors and customers on hand, with several vendors planning to extend their stay through Sunday.



**Vendors & Customers Spread Out Across the Grounds of the TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB, Friday, Sept. 6th on a beautiful sunny day!**



# **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB**

## **SEPTEMBER 9TH MEETING**

The Tollesboro Lions Club met Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, at their Clubhouse on the Fairgrounds at 7:00 pm for their regularly scheduled meeting. There were 17 in attendance. Following prayer by Lion Steve Pedersen and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Lion Charles Kendall. The group then broke for dinner.

Following dinner, President Stanfield read the newspaper article from last month's meeting as Secretary Cropper had missed the last meeting. Treasurer Steve Pedersen provided a financial report. Both were approved as read.

Under Old Business, Lion Denny Hornback reported that he had made arrangements with Caproni's for the Lions Club Christmas Party. The Christmas Party will be held Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. The group indicated a preference for a 6 pm dinner.

Lion Pedersen reported under Old Business that he was attempting to obtain a 50-50 grant for the purchase of vision testing equipment which the Club had committed to purchase at the last meeting. He also reported that Lion Terrell McCall had shut off the water to the Tug Pull Track so as to save money during the winter months when no events would be conducted.

Also under Old Business, Lion Stanfield presented the Club with a Thank You note from Makenna Scott, a recipient of the Tollesboro Lions Club Scholarship.

Lion Pedersen reported that he had attended the Canada-America Forum in Louisville.

Members were reminded that beginning in November, there would only be one meeting per month through March.

Next, the Club committed to sponsoring 8 under-privileged youth for Project Merry Christmas, doubling the Club's recent commitment of 4 youth (Lion Pedersen reported that the cost per child was between \$50 and \$75 each). The Club also discussed a donation to the Lend-A-Helping-Hand Food Pantry.

Lion Lee Thomas was absent, but the Club's commitment to changing the tennis court to provide for 2 pickle-ball courts was discussed. It was reported that the blacktopped area of the tennis court was 116' x 58' in area. It was discussed that members needed to view an outdoor court for recommendations to proceed with the alteration, but that – considering the popularity of pickle-ball – this was a project the Club could wholeheartedly support.

# TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB TO HOST FALL GARDEN TRACTOR PULL

A GARDEN TRACTOR PULL will be conducted at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Weigh-in will start at 2 pm, pull to begin at 4 pm. Concessions will be provided by the Tollesboro Elementary School PTO (Parent-Teacher Organization) as a fund-raiser for their continued projects.

Several classes will be offered, for kids as well as adults. For questions/inquiries, contact Tyler Stamper (606) 541-5425.



**Tollesboro Lions Club**  
**Garden Tractor Pull**  
97 lions Club Road, Tollesboro, Ky 41189  
**Saturday**  
**October 19, 2024 @4:00PM**

**Weigh In/RPM Checks Begins @2PM**

**Classes:**

- Kid's Class**
  - Stock (4000 RPM)
  - Outlaw (4600 RPM)
- Twin Opposed**
  - Stock Belt / Shaft (4000 RPM)
  - Outlaw (Open RPM)
- V-Twin**
  - Stock Shaft/Belt (6000RPM)
  - Stock Appearing (Open RPM)
  - Outlaw (Open RPM)
- Adult Single Cylinder**
  - Stock (4000 RPM)
  - Hot Stock (4800 RPM)
  - Outlaw (Open RPM)

**Hook Fee: \$10 Cash Payout**

**Concessions Available By Tollesboro PTO**

**Tyler Stamper: (606)541-5425**  
**J.B. Moore: (606)301-1834**  
**Keith Kirk: (606)202-0879**



# TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB TO HOST FALL GARDEN TRACTOR PULL & MUD SLING OCT. 19TH!

Two events will be conducted at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024: A Garden Tractor Pull and a Mud Sling.

The Garden Tractor Pull will start weigh-in at 2 pm, with the pull to begin at 4 pm. Several classes will be offered, for kids as well as adults. For questions/inquiries, contact Tyler Stamper (606) 541-5425.

The Mud Sling Mud Sling (Run what you bring) rules. Sign in start at 4:00. Race at 6:00.

Concessions will be provided by the Tollesboro Elementary School PTO (Parent-Teacher Organization) as a fund-raiser for their continued projects.

In case of rain, reschedule date will be Oct. 26th. Come on out, support the Lions Club and enjoy the event!

# Tollesboro Lions Club

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## MUD SLING

Drive what you bring!

Weigh-in 4 pm

Event 6 pm



# **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB MEETS SEPT. 23RD**

The Tollesboro Lions Club met Monday, Sept. 23rd, at their Clubhouse on the grounds of the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds at 7 pm for their regularly scheduled meeting. There were 20 members present. President Craig Stanfield opened the meeting, asking Lion Steve Pedersen to give the blessing, followed by Lion Charles Kendall leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. The group then broke for dinner. While the members were enjoying their dinner, Craig reminded the membership that - by recent text sent to the majority of the members to approve a garden tractor pull - that Tyler Stamper had been approved for membership. The group approved that the approval remain in full force without requiring a new vote to approve his membership.

Following dinner, President Stanfield called up new members Terrence F. Smith, Brandon K. Walker, B. J. Cunningham and Tyler Stamper to have them inducted into the Club and present them with their membership certificates, membership pins, and new member packets. Member Ritchie Cunningham sponsored Terrence F. Smith, Brandon K. Walker, B. J. Cunningham and Cody Moore (Cody was not able to attend Monday night's meeting). President Stanfield sponsored Tyler Stamper. Lion Steve Pedersen, Club Treasurer and Council Chairperson, presented the members with his District Governor pin, the state pin, and the new 1.5 pin. Lions Cunningham and Stanfield were presented with sponsor pins.

Next, Lion Secretary Phil Cropper presented the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer Steve Pedersen presented the financial report.

Under Old Business, the members discussed the conversion of the tennis court to a pickleball court. Members discussed creating multiple courts, as well as providing a top coat to the blacktop. It was also discussed that the basketball court was in need of a blacktop top coat as well. It was discussed that grants could be sought to help with the transition.

Next, also under Old Business, the Club discussed the acquisition of a vision screening device to offer eye screening services to the Elementary School. Lion Pedersen notified the Club that Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation offers a grant to acquire vision screening equipment and that he had contacted the Flemingsburg Lions Club and would be contacting the Vanceburg Lions Club for multiple screening device purchases (as the purchase price for a single screening device was not of sufficient cost to permit the use of grant funds) so as to utilize grant funds for purchase (whereas two or more purchases would be of a sufficient cost to permit the use of grant funds to be utilized).

Before New Business, Craig asked new member Tyler Stamper to report on the upcoming Garden Tractor Pull. The Garden Tractor Pull will be conducted at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds Saturday, October 19th, 4 pm (with weigh-in and RPM check beginning at 2 pm). Ten classes are planned. The Tollesboro Elementary PTO will provide concessions.

Also before New Business, Craig noted to the membership that significant improvements had been made to the ballfield and were to continue (Lion Shane Wallingford has been the driving force behind most of the ballfield improvements, but he was not present at the meeting).

Under New Business, members were reminded about the upcoming Lions Club Annual Christmas Party, which was to be December 7th, 6 pm., at Caproni's in Maysville. ALSO, members were reminded that from November through March, the Club would have only 1 meeting per month, meeting the second Monday of those months.

Also under New Business, President Stanfield asked Lion Terrell McCall to approach the front of the room as Lion McCall had inquired about the Lions Club conducting a project to honor Veterans (he had noticed the banners in Vanceburg and Maysville and thought it an appropriate project for the Tollesboro Club). President Stanfield had purchased two-sided metal signs with brackets that would honor his uncle and his grand-father, both of whom served in America's military, as an example to present to the Club and which could be displayed through town (not unlike the flags that the Club had placed through town

the past several years, although these signs were metal with permanent brackets with signage that could be placed temporarily and removed). Craig's design included a full color stars and stripes motif, and which would include a photo of the person honored, with name and military branch served, as well as potentially rank, active duty (war, combat), etc. and which would include the Tollesboro Lions Club emblem and a statement basically indicating that the Tollesboro Lions Club honors our Nation's veterans as heroes. Craig also mentioned another project that he would like to see the Club implement, honoring Lewis Countians - both living and dead, historic and recent - that had contributed to the County's growth and success, indicating that he would like to see these placed on the Fairgrounds, possibly borne on a chain link fence to be installed. He mentioned a number of individuals that could be so honored, deceased Lions Club members, teachers, educators, farmers, preachers, politicians, business owners and proprietors, individuals and couples, that deserved recognition, basically a "names and faces" honorarium. Costs of signage for both projects would be borne by individuals wishing to honor veterans and contributors to the County's growth, who would also be responsible for providing photos for placement on the signage. With regards to the "names and faces", persons suggesting an honorarium would provide a brief statement as to why these individuals deserve recognition, with a committee to provide approval. These ideas met with positive feedback, and will be brought up again next meeting for additional feedback. This would not be a "for profit" project, but the cost (for metal signage) would be reasonable, approximately \$100 per sign, two-sided, metal, including bracket. Lion Lee Thomas had indicated that he would use his loader to place the signs through town or at the Lions Club as applicable.

Next, President Stanfield brought up a request for the use of the concession stand on Wednesday, October 9th, from 11 am until 2 pm for a fund-raiser that would support the Tollesboro Elementary School. Myriah Shepherd made the request, indicating that her son, Luke, 7 years of age, was running for Prince at the Halloween Social. It was her intention to provide a plate lunch consisting of ribs, roasted taters, cowboys beans, coleslaw, drink, & choice of dessert (Honey Bun Cake, Blackberry Cobbler, OR a Transparent Tart) for \$10. She would not be cooking in the facility, but would serve out of it. She would be responsible for clean-up, had already been in contact with Lincoln at the Health Department, and 100 percent of the proceeds would go towards the Tollesboro Elementary School through Luke's funds raised as Prince candidate. A motion was made to approve, which was seconded and approved.

Next, Lion Daymond Thomas indicated that there were tables in the Pavillion that needed to be put away (several members volunteered and put the tables up immediately following the meeting).

Lion Craig donated two small metal signs to the Club for placement in the Clubhouse. One of these featured the Club's pin. The other was a design that Craig had designed for potential placement on a pin; however the design was too "busy" for the pin as the pin would have to be HUGE in order to be legible (this design incorporated the racehorse Tollesboro and a statement indicating that Tollesboro was the birthplace of Lucille Wright-Markey, who became the owner of Calumet Farm and whose estate was valued at a remarkable \$500 million dollars). Craig also presented Lion Pedersen with custom Tollesboro Lions Club cloth tablecloths and a rug for use at the Tollesboro Lions Club Christmas Party (which Craig will not be able to attend due to a competing event).





*Photo attached, TLC\_Sept24\_2024.jpg; Caption: L to R, from Top: Sample signs honoring veterans; President Stanfield with 4 newly installed members; President Stanfield with new members Tyler Stamper, B. J. Cunningham, Terrence Smith, Sponsor Ritchie Cunningham, Brandon Walker and Luke Shepherd for whom the concession stand will be utilized as a fund-raiser in October.*

# **PLATE LUNCH FUND-RAISER AT THE TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB WEDNESDAY, OCT. 9TH**

**Luke Shepherd, 7 years old, is running for TES Fall Festival Prince 2024! To raise funds to improve his chances of winning the title, his mother Myriah Shepherd will conduct - on Wednesday, October 9th 2024, from 11 AM - 2 PM, a fund-raiser offering a plate lunch featuring ribs, roasted taters, cowboys beans, coleslaw, drink, & your choice of dessert (Dessert choices are: Honey Bun Cake, Blackberry Cobbler, OR a Transparent Tart) for \$10. A CASH ONLY event, ALL proceeds will be going to Tollesboro Elementary School.**

**Show up and support this worthy event!**

# **CELEBRATING TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB** **MEMBER STEVE PEDERSEN'S REIGN AS** **DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2023-2024**



**Steve enjoyed the Kentucky Farm Bureau Country Ham Breakfast with some good friends (Tollesboro Lions Club Member Jim Meadows with his wife Jennifer; Dwight & Glenda Malone). Senator Mitch McConnell gave an inspiring speech along with several others. The Country Ham auction raised 10.5 million dollars. Farm Bureau is all about protecting our farmers and contributing to the development of our communities.**



**Steve performed Eye Testing services at the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation booth at the State Fair.**





**Jim Meadows and Harry Applegate visit at the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation booth during the Kentucky State Fair.**

**STEVE IS BELIEVED TO BE THE FIRST TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB MEMBER TO VISIT THE INTERNATIONAL LIONS CLUB ANNUAL CONVENTION, ATTENDING THE 2024 MEETING IN SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA. NOTE: IF any other member of the Tollesboro Lions Club ever attended the International Lions Club Convention, it was many years ago and was inside the continental United States; no record of attendance is known to have happened and no Lions Club members survive who could confirm or deny any prior convention attendance.**



**Lion Angela Jett, of the Maysville Lions Club, the new Zone Chairperson, conducted a zone meeting at the Maysville Lions Club last night. She did an awesome job and the Maysville Club had a wonderful meal catered for the occasion. We had chicken breast, mashed potatoes, corn, salad, and rolls for the main course. Followed by several delicious deserts. The Vanceburg, Orangeburg, Tollesboro, and Maysville clubs had members in attendance. All clubs shared past service activities and ones coming up. The clubs in this zone are very active in their communities. I am proud to call all these Lions my friends.**

# **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB MEETING OCT. 14TH**

The Tollesboro Lions Club met Monday, Oct. 14th, at 7 pm at their Clubhouse for their regularly scheduled meeting. This is the first meeting in October (the next will be Oct. 28th. Beginning November, meetings will be reduced to one per month, the second Monday of the month, with the only December meeting to be the Club's Christmas Celebration).

President Stanfield was running a few minutes late; therefore Treasurer Steve Pedersen opened the meeting, with member Shane Wallingford providing the Blessing, followed by member Charles Kendall leading the Pledge. The group then broke for a meal.

Following the meal, President Stanfield presided over the meeting, with 14 members in attendance, having Secretary Phil Cropper provide the minutes from the last meeting, with Treasurer Pedersen providing the financial report.

Under Old Business, it was mentioned that Myriah Shepherd had indicated that the fund-raiser that she had on the grounds was a great success (her son captured second place, with funds raised to support the Tollesboro Elementary School PTO). Next members were reminded about this weekend's Garden Tractor Pull and Mud Sling Events, with the Tollesboro Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization to operate the food booth as a fund-raiser. The Garden Tractor Pull is to start at 4 pm and the Mud Sling at 6 pm. Members were encouraged to operate the gate for the Mud Sling from 5 pm. until 7:30 pm.

While under Old Business, Steve Pedersen reported on the aid offered by the Tollesboro Lions Club to flood hazard victims in Tennessee. A 24' box truck load of needed items was collected at Tollesboro funded by the Tollesboro Lions Club, area Churches (churches involved include the Tollesboro Christian Church, Sand Hill Christian Church and the East Fork Christian Church) and Individuals (in all \$18,000 was raised for the purchase of Buddy heaters, hoses, Lp gas tanks, flashlights, batteries, tents, livestock feed, pet food, and other items requested by flood victims, delivered to Hampton, Tennessee and distributed from there to other areas. The box truck and fuel was provided by Lions Club District 43Y). Additional support will be provided to flood and weather hazard victims will be delivered to Ashville, North Carolina soon. Needed/requested items include coats, gloves, tobogans, socks, flashlights, batteries, solar lighting; Buddy heaters, hoses and Lp gas tanks; blankets, tents, and financial assistance --- checks may be made payable to District 43Y Flood Relief, and mailed as follows: PO Box 355, Independence, KY 41051 or to the Tollesboro Lions Club, P.O. Box 123, Tollesboro, KY 41189 (with Flood Relief in the memo).

Under Old Business, the Project honoring veterans which was discussed last meeting was brought up and discussed, a project brought up by member Terrell McCall. President Stanfield provided sample artwork to the group as well as sample signs honoring his uncle and grand-father, who had served. The Club agreed to sponsor the honoring of veterans and approved the artwork template. Veterans to be honored are to be sponsored by family or other members of the public for a cost of \$100 which shall be utilized to purchase a metal sign and bracket which will first be hung around Veteran's Day of 2025. The sponsors are to be responsible to provide the sponsor cost of \$100 as well as a quality reproducible photo of the veteran (preferably in uniform), the branch of military in which the honoree served, and rank (if known); NOTE: This is not a "for profit " venture, but is solely a project undertaken to honor our country's veterans. The signs to be purchased are steel, two-sided, and in color (although black and white photographs will be accepted) and will include a rendition of the US Flag, the branch of service served by the veteran, and the Tollesboro Lions Club emblem and a statement indicating that the Club honors its Veterans/Heroes. Several persons had already contacted Club members indicating their support of the project with commitments to honor veterans received already (this derived solely from the mention in last month's press release regarding the Tollesboro Lions Club's last meeting). Persons wishing to honor veterans may mail checks made payable to the Tollesboro Lions Club (check should have "Veterans Honors" in the memo accompanied by the name of the veteran being honored so as to avoid confusion and allow proper credit/accounting) and mailed to Craig A Stanfield at 2126 W KY 10, Tollesboro, KY



41189. Veteran photos should be submitted by email to Craig at [info@stanfieldproperty.com](mailto:info@stanfieldproperty.com) (emails should be titled "Veterans Honors" and need to include the name of the veteran with proper spelling, the military branch the veteran served, rank if known, Wars fought if active duty, and other honors/ designations such as POW, MIA, Purple Heart recipient, or other information to be included --- provided adequate space is available). Persons sending photos are encouraged to call Craig (606-301-3350) to insure he received the photos, payment and all required information and should provide their contact information (name, address, phone number) within the email in case of any questions and to insure payments submitted match the veteran being honored are properly accounted for. Orders may be submitted right away and will end a few months prior to Veterans Day 2025 so as to insure adequate turn-around time to order and receive the custom signage (requests of persons wanting a second copy of the sign for their personal use -- such as to hang within their home -- may be obtained. However such provision must match those purchased for display in town).

The Christmas Party was the next item of Old Business. The date requested (Dec. 7th) was unavailable and will require a re-scheduling of the event. It was also discussed that a more accurate head count than what we have turned in the past 2 years be determined so as to cut down on costs/save money/eliminate waste. Lion Denny Hornback will work to schedule the event and Lion Pedersen will send out text messages so as to come up with a more accurate head count.

The Club had a brief discussion regarding the purchase of vision testing equipment (an ocular camera) to provide eye testing to youth in area schools. The Tollesboro and Flemingsburg Lions Club's are committed to purchasing said cameras before year-end; the Vanceburg Lions Club is also considering purchasing an ocular camera. These units are currently sale and it is possible that a matching grant may be obtained to assist with purchase.

New member Cody Moore was installed as a new member and provided with the new member packet; he was sponsored by member Ritchie Cunningham (this was handled as an Old Business item as installations were held at the last meeting, a meeting Mr. Moore could not attend).

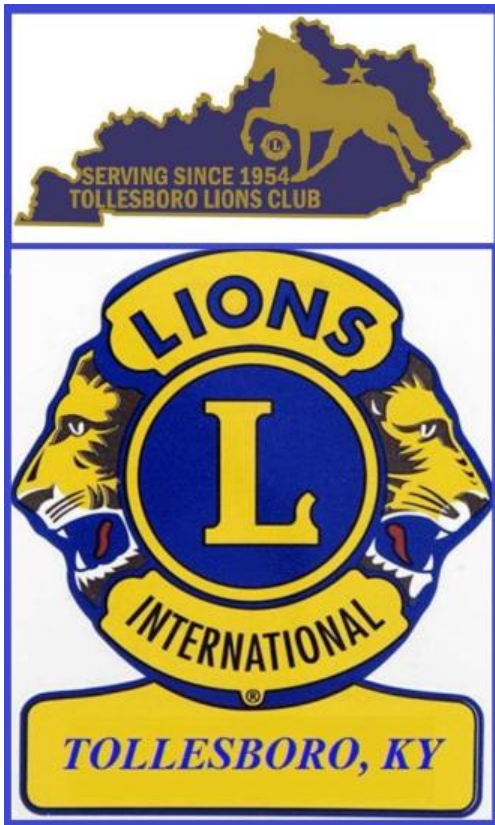
There being no new business to bring before the group, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn and the members were dismissed.



Above: Pres. Stanfield presents Lion Cody Moore with his membership certificate, pin, and new member packet at the Oct. 14th meeting of the Tollesboro Lions Club. Right: Sample Veteran Honor Signs (these signs are metal, two-sided. Persons wishing to honor a veteran next Veteran's Day may purchase a metal sign for \$100 and are to be responsible for providing the honoree's photo (preferably in uniform), military branch served, and rank (if known). Additional details (active duty, POW, Purple Heart, etc.) may be added if room permits.

# **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB VISITS HAMPTON TENNESSEE TO DELIVER DISASTER RELIEF SUPPLIES**

Tollesboro Lions Club member/Secretary and District 43Y Council Chair Steve Pedersen accompanied by Chuck Carlson (Kentucky Lions Club District 43Y Disaster Relief Team members) delivered desperately needed supplies to the Hampton Elementary School in Tennessee after the devastating flooding caused by Hurricane Helene. This was made possible by the generous donations made by Tollesboro Lions Club, Sand Hill Christian Church, East Fork Christian Church, Tollesboro Christian Church, Rip's Farm Center, and individuals from the Tollesboro Community. In total \$18,000 worth of disaster assistance materials (including Buddy Heaters, Lp Gas Tanks, and hoses; paper towels and other cleaning supplies; livestock feed; pet food, and much more) were provided. The truck and fuel utilized to transport the materials to Tennessee was provided by Kentucky Lions Club District 43Y.





# **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB AIDING DISASTER RELIEF IN NON-CONVENTIONAL FASHION**

If you drive by the Tollesboro Lions Club in the near future, you will notice a number of EDS (Emergency Disaster Services) trailers parked in rows on the fairgrounds. This is as EDS needed a place to park them as they make their way from Florida and other areas affected by weather conditions brought on by Hurricanes Helene and Milton. As these trailers make their way back to their home base in Maysville, repairs, maintenance, and winterization must take place before being parked in their Maysville warehouses. This is a time-consuming operation and will result in trailers being parked on the fairgrounds until they can be brought to Maysville in an orderly fashion to undergo the repair/maintenance/winterization processes. Trailers currently in place are 30 packs (5 door units each providing for 6 bunk-bed areas for providing sleeping quarters to those set up in camps for workers and displaced families) and 7 packs (7 door units with each unit providing for living quarters for seven persons, including FEMA workers and disaster assistance/relief planners).





# **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB OCT. 28TH MEETING**

The Tollesboro Lions Club met Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at their Clubhouse at 7 pm for their regularly scheduled (second) October meeting.

Fourteen members were present. President Craig Stanfield opened the meeting; the Benediction was made by Secretary Phil Cropper; Lion Charles Kendall led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. The group then broke for dinner.

Following dinner, Secretary Cropper presented the minutes from the Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Treasurer Steve Pedersen (acting as Council Chair) was in Campbellsville installing a new Club/Charter, thus no Financial report was provided.

It was announced that an additional truck load of disaster relief merchandise was delivered, this time to North Carolina.

Nick Hines and Adam Henson had asked to use the Clubhouse for an insurance presentation; the Club approved the use.

It was announced that the Club's Christmas dinner would be December 9<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm, at Caproni's. Members were encouraged to attend and to sign up at the next meeting so as to get an accurate count of attendees.

It was announced that the Christmas Parade would be December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

## **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB SENDS ADDITIONAL DISASTER AID TO SOUTHERN US**

Steve Pedersen took another load of supplies to areas impacted by recent storm and hurricane activity, this time visiting Ashville, North Carolina. Another trip is planned for November 22<sup>nd</sup>, and yet another delivery will take place in late November. The Tollesboro community (the Tollesboro Lions Club, churches, individuals and other organizations) have contributed over \$24,000 to relief efforts; adding other donations to the relief efforts has resulted in nearly \$35,000 in contributions to the relief efforts. The upcoming trip to Ashville will be the third trip to North Carolina, and an additional trip delivered supplies to Henderson, Tennessee.

# TOLLESBORO CHRISTIAN CHURCH FUND-RAISER RAISES OVER \$15,000 TO FAMILIES OF CHILDREN FACING SIGNIFICANT MEDICAL CHALLENGES

A fund-raiser hosted by the Tollesboro Christian Church and spear-headed by Rip's Farm Center (Jim and Jennifer Meadows – Jim is a member of the Tollesboro Lions Club) resulted in significant monies raised to support three families with ties to Tollesboro who have family members (children) facing medical/hospital/surgery/treatment challenges. The event consisted of food and a Toy Auction. Another recipient of donations from the auction was the Cincinnati Ronald McDonald House. The auction was conducted by Craig Stanfield, President of the Tollesboro Lions Club.



**COMMUNITY Christmas TOYS & TREATS AUCTION**

Get your Christmas shopping done early!  
We will also have a donation drop box for the  
Ronald McDonald House at Cincinnati Childrens Hospital.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND**

5:30 PM FOOD  
6:30 PM AUCTION

**TOLLESBORO CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
3684 W KY 10  
TOLLESBORO, KY 41189

Toy/Auction Donations can be dropped off at Rip's Farm Center.

**PROCEEDS BENEFIT:**



Aiden Campbell was born with hypoplastic left heart syndrome and will be undergoing his 5th heart surgery in 2025.



Avery Lawson went in for a tonsillectomy. After complications, a majority of her fall has been spent in and out of Cincinnati Children's Hospital.



Miles Bruch, a premie at birth, has underwent many surgeries. He is on oxygen and a feeding tube at home and continues therapy for adequate development.

For more information call Jennifer Meadows at (606)782-6417

# **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB MOURNS THE PASSING OF GLENN COLE**

**The Tollesboro Lions Club mourns the passing of Glenn Cole, Tollesboro Citizen who had contributed to the success and growth of the Club by making electrical and structural improvements to the Fairgrounds over the years, providing these repairs and upgrades many times at no cost or for the cost of the materials. Glenn passed way Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**While not a member of the Tollesboro Lions Club, Glenn was a Tollesboro resident who was honored over the years by the Tollesboro Lions Club in recognition of his many contributions to the Tollesboro Lions Club over many, many years. The Tollesboro Lions Club had presented Glenn with the Citizen of the Year Award in 1987, an award honoring his Lifetime Service Award in recognition of his contributions to the Club, and the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award in 2022 (the Melvin Jones Fellowship is the highest honor a Lions Club may bestow on a citizen or member to honor their contributions to Lionism).**



## **GLENN COLE OBITUARY**

**Glenn Davis Cole, 89, of Tollesboro, passed away Saturday, November 16, 2024, at his home. Born December 3, 1934, in Robertson County, he was a son of the late Ernest Clayton Cole and Anna Belle Donaldson Cole.**

**Glenn was a dedicated husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and community servant. He married the love of his life, Evelyn Tully Cole, on January 9, 1955. Together, they shared 65 years of marriage and a deep partnership that was an inspiration to all who knew them.**

**Glenn proudly served his country in the United States Army, having been drafted in December 1955. He received an honorable discharge on April 17, 1962, after serving with distinction. Glenn's commitment to service continued throughout his life as he devoted much of his time to his community. He was recognized by the Tollesboro Lions Club for his service, being awarded the Melvin Jones Fellow award, Outstanding Citizen award, and a special recognition for Lifetime Service to the Tollesboro Lions Club.**

**For 32 years, Glenn worked at Browning Manufacturing/Emerson Electric. In addition, Glenn operated Cole's Plumbing and Electric and was always "on-call" when there was a need. He was a licensed master electrician until the age of 89, a testament to his lifelong commitment to his trade and his community. Glenn was known for his reliability, his willingness to help others, and his commitment to excellence no matter what the task.**



**Glenn was a devoted member of Tollesboro United Methodist Church for over 50 years. He maintained and drove the church bus, supported the New Life Singers, and was always available to fix anything needing repair. His faith was a cornerstone of his life, and he was always willing to lend a helping hand to his church family.**

**Survivors include two children, Glenda (Mike) Stewart of Powder Springs, Georgia, and Michael (Lori) Cole of Statesville, North Carolina; six grandchildren, Rachael, Rebekah, Hannah, and Zachariah (Olivia) Stewart of Georgia, Cameron Cole of Kentucky, and Courtney (Tyler) Bruce of North Carolina; and four great-grandchildren, Bentley, Kinsley, Weston, and Zoey Bruce, of North Carolina. Numerous friends also survive who will miss him dearly.**

**In addition to his parents, Glenn was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn Tully Cole; a son, Brian Keith Cole; a sister, Lavaughn Jean Cole Rumforda; and a brother, Ernest Clayton Cole Jr.**

**The family will receive friends for visitation after 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at Tollesboro Funeral Home and Cremation Services.**

**A service to honor Glenn's life will be at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at Tollesboro Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 11918 KY 57 at Tollesboro with Bro. Mike Rice officiating.**

**Burial to follow in Hillcrest Garden of Memories.**

**Military graveside rites will be accorded by the Monte Lewis Stamm VFW Post 5438. Glenn's grandsons, Cameron Cole, and Zach Stewart, and grandson-in-law, Tyler Bruce, will serve as pallbearers with Brad Schultz, Bob Applegate, and Dwight Malone serving as additional pallbearers.**

**Glenn's life was marked by his unwavering love for his family, his work, his community, and his country. He will be deeply missed.**

**The family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all those who have shown support during this difficult time.**

**In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Tollesboro Cornerstone Community Church, 11196 KY 57, Tollesboro, KY 41189.**

# **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB NOV. 25TH MEETING**

The Tollesboro Lions Club met Monday, Nov. 25, 2024 for their November meeting (the Club meets only once a month, November through March, typically the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month. However the Clubhouse required a treatment for a rodent infestation that could not be scheduled prior to Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, thus the meeting was moved to the 25<sup>th</sup>).

The meeting opened at 7 pm with President Craig Stanfield opening the meeting, asking Treasurer Steve Pedersen to offer prayer and with member Charles Kendall leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 17 members in attendance. Following the Prayer and Pledge, the group broke for dinner. Although this is technically the last meeting of the year (meetings during the winter months occur only once a month, typically the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month; the December meeting being the Christmas Party/Dinner and typically a social/fellowship meeting and generally not a business meeting), and no significant projects are in the works, the meeting was a productive one.

Following dinner, President Stanfield thanked those in attendance and explained the reason that the meeting was moved from Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> to Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> (the Clubhouse required a treatment for pest infestation and required a thorough cleaning, and these events could not be accommodated before the November 11<sup>th</sup> meeting date. The Club spent \$250 on pest treatment (inside and out) and had two deep cleanings performed, at a cost of \$50 each). Secretary Phil Cropper then provided the minutes from the last meeting and Treasurer Steve Pedersen provided a financial report. Both reports were approved as read.

Treasurer Pedersen reported about his most recent trip to Ashville, North Carolina, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>, his second trip delivering disaster relief supplies to Ashville, a third trip planned for the upcoming week, and this is in addition to the trip delivering relief supplies to Hampton, Tennessee. The Tollesboro community has contributed over \$24,000 to relief efforts, with contributions from the Tollesboro Lions Club, numerous churches, and individuals (including a number of Lions Club member individually).

Member Shane Wallingford reported upon ball-field improvements. He found out that rather than two ball field configurations, there are actually three. The main differences is the distance from the pitcher's mound to home-plate and the distance that the bases are distanced apart. Therefore a portable pitcher's mound will be utilized and base placement will have three distance settings. The ball-field "dirt" has been put in place and new metal posts have been installed on which will be placed new chainlink fencing. A building constructed by the Lewis County Vocational School may be placed on the grounds in the near future to provide for storage of the bases and the portable pitcher's mound.

President Stanfield then presented the Club with items from the family of Glenn Cole (Glenn had passed away November 16<sup>th</sup>) that had been presented to Glenn Cole by the Lions Club and which the family had donated to the Club. These items included the "Citizen of the Year" award presented to Glenn Cole in 1987; a Lifetime Achievement Award presented to Glenn; and the Melvin Jones Fellowship presented to Glen in 2022. These items will be placed in the Tollesboro Lions Club Clubhouse in Glen's memory.

The next item of business was the Annual Tollesboro Lions Club Christmas Dinner. The dinner will be held Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. at Caproni's On The River in Maysville. The Club chose the menu (ham, turkey, corn pudding, scalloped potatoes, salad, rolls and dessert). The Club confirmed 80 persons including members, spouses, and guests. Entertainment would be provided by Randy and Brenda Lucas. The Club voted to purchase eight \$25 gift cards to offer to attendees for door-prizes.

Shane Wallingford reported that Kevin Burton had placed fencing on the entrance on Lions Club Lane (the entrance had been recently widened and improved; this required required the

removal of the fencing that had been in place). Kevin did the fencing for only an Elite Sponsorship for next year's fair (\$250).

The Christmas Parade will be December 14<sup>th</sup>; the Parade will begin with Lineup at 4 pm, with the Parade to begin at 5 pm. The Club voted to provide \$100, \$50, and \$25 to award to best floats.

It was brought up that Jim Meadows had an enclosed trailer for sale that he would offer to the Club at below fair market value (\$1,500). A motion was made to purchase said trailer and to purchase stickers for placement on the exterior to identify it as a Tollesboro Lions Club trailer. The motion was quickly seconded and approved.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.



**TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB BALLFIELD IMPROVEMENTS**



# **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB**

## **CHRISTMAS PARADE SATURDAY, DEC. 14TH**

The Tollesboro Lions Club Christmas Parade will be December 14<sup>th</sup>. The first Tollesboro Lions Club Christmas Parade was in 2018; this marks the 7th Annual Christmas Parade, and the event that has been well-received by the public. The Parade will begin at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds and will extend through town on KY 10 and will then return to the Fairgrounds. Floats, antique cars, tractors, semi-trucks, ATVs and Side-By-Sides, horseback riders, and all sorts of unusual vehicles are encouraged to participate. Simply show up at the Fairgrounds for line-up prior to the start of the Parade. The Parade is scheduled to begin at approximately 5 pm (participants are encouraged to decorate their vehicles with Christmas lights and to pass out candy to the crowds lining up the roadway in yards and parking lots along the Parade route) with Lineup at the Fairgrounds to be at 4 pm. The Tollesboro Lions Club voted to provide \$100, \$50, and \$25 to award the best floats in the Parade.

# **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB**

## **CHRISTMAS DINNER MEETING**

The Tollesboro Lions Club met Monday, December 9th, 2024 for their regularly scheduled Christmas Dinner meeting at Caproni's On The River. Sixty-one members and guests were in attendance. President Craig Stanfield opened the meeting welcoming all in attendance and thanking them for attending during this busy, bustling time. He then offered Prayer. The group then broke for a wonderful meal which included ham, turkey, scalloped potatoes, corn pudding, rolls, salad, and dessert.

While the group was in the buffet line, Randy and Brenda Lucas provided entertainment by singing songs.

Following the meal, there were just a few items of business/announcements to be made. First, President Craog Stanfield read a letter from the Vanceburg Police Department regarding their Shop with a Cop program. Last year, 105 children were served by the Vanceburg Police Department. Craig announced that he had 3 members who pledged to match up to \$250 each (\$750 total) towards monies that the group could offer (President Stanfield indicated that this was a short notice appeal and that it was understood that perhaps not everyone present was prepared to offer support to this project, but that a hat would be passed following the additional announcements that he had to make).

Next, President Stanfield announced that the Club had been honored by Lions Club International for their contribution of \$50 / member made to Lions International in 2024.

Next, President Stanfield announced that the Club had received a card from Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation (KLEF) for contributions the Club had made to the organization in Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and provided numbers as to the number of persons served by the KLEF (numbers reported are through Nov. 22, 2024).: 7,283 free vision screenings were provided to children under 7 years of age through the Kindsight Program; 15,985 free vision screenings provided through the Vision Van program; 17 low-income/under-insured eye surgeries were provided through the Patron Program; 31 legally blind individuals in Louisville were assisted through the Holloran Program; and 4 low-vision individuals were served through the Low Vision Clinic in Louisville which only opened Nov. 14th!

Next, a hat was passed to the group to receive donations offered by those in attendance towards the Shop With A Cop Program.

While the hat was being passed and the monies donated counted, Treasurer Steve Pedersen announced to the crowd in attendance that the Tollesboro community (the Tollesboro Lions Club, Churches, businesses, individuals, and groups) had provided just shy of \$30,000 in disaster relief funds for those suffering from hurricanes in Tennessee and North Carolina (this is in addition to monies contributed to ongoing and continuing rebuilding efforts in Eastern Kentucky still taking place since the 2022 flooding disaster).

It was then announced that the group had raised the incredible sum of \$660, which - when added to the \$750 matched funds - resulted in a \$1410 donation the Club would be presenting to the Vanceburg Police Department Shop With A Cop Project!

President Stanfield wished everyone best wishes for a Most Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. He then asked Steve Pedersen to offer a final blessing for safe travels and the group adjourned.



Randy & Brenda Lucas entertaining the members and guests of the Tollesboro Lions Club Christmas Party at Caproni's On The River, Dec. 9, 2024.





# **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS**

## **PARADE A HUGE SUCCESS!**

**The seventh annual Tollesboro Lions Club Christmas Parade took place Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. The parade line-up began at 4 pm, with the Parade beginning at 5 pm. The Parade Grand Marshalls were WWII Veterans Wilburn Applegate and T. B. Applegate who were driven through the Parade in a limousine. The Parade included floats, semi-trucks, side-by-sides, the Lewis County High School Marching Band, cars, trucks, and more and was a great success. Winning the Best Float was June Ann Bradford's over-the-top entry which included a decorated Christmas tree on a trailer decorated to the max!. Second place went to Charles Polley's Valvoline Car all decked out for Christmas. Third place went to Carol Cunningham's Candy Land entry.**

**The Tollesboro Lions Club wishes everyone a MOST MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!!!**

# TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB 2024 CHRISTMAS PARADE



**First  
Place Float**

**June Bradford Float**



**Parade Grand  
Marshalls  
Wilburn Applegate  
T. B. Applegate,  
WWII Vets.**



**2nd Place**

**Chas. Polley**



**3rd Place**

**Carol Cunningham**



**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!!!**  
**FROM THE TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB!**



# TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB

## 2025 - THE YEAR IN REVIEW



*Above: Pin design to honor Lucille Markey/the Racehorse Tollesboro (deemed to much to place on a pin and therefore not utilized). Features the Racehorse “Tollesboro”, the date the Tollesboro Lions Club was established, the Lions Club logo, a “star” representing the location of Tollesboro, and a statement that Tollesboro is the birthplace of Lucille Markey who owned Calumet Farm and whose estate was used to sponsor the University of Kentucky Markey Cancer Center. More information regarding the Racehorse “Tollesboro” is available online ([www.tollesborolions.com](http://www.tollesborolions.com); also available to view via Youtube.com) via video project co-sponsored by the Tollesboro Lions Club in 2022.*

# TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB - 2025

Articles by Craig A. Stanfield  
2024-2025 President,  
Marketing & Communications Chairman



# **JANUARY MEETING - THE TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB JAN. 13<sup>TH</sup> MEETING CANCELED DUE TO SNOWFALL, ICE ACCUMULATION, COLD TEMPERATURES. RESCHEDULED FOR JAN. 20TH**

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## **JANUARY 20TH MEETING OF TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB RESULTS IN DONATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS**

The Tollesboro Lions Club met Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm., to go over some business that the group did not get to go over January 13<sup>th</sup> due to snow/cold/weather conditions (which caused the meeting to be canceled).

President Craig Stanfield called the meeting to order, with Jim Meadows offering prayer and Daymond Thomas leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Continued cold weather and the remaining snow cover led to only a small group of members being present (8). The meeting was called to discuss a few items of business and to report to members in attendance some items of note.

President Stanfield informed those in attendance that WoodmanLife had once again donated a 5' x 8' US flag and a 3' x 5' Kentucky state flag to the Club.

Next, Craig had contacted Michael Carter (Forest Ranger of the KY Division of Forestry), Suzy Knott of the Morgan County Nursery, and Sheri Crabtree (MSc, Horticulture Research and Extension Associate Academic Affairs of Kentucky State University) to obtain donations of trees to give away to the public for Arbor Day. This year's event would be bigger and better Arbor Day Tree Giveaway in April. This year, the fifth year the Club has participated in the event, with this year with the Club giving away more trees than in year's past and with the Club offering a larger variety. This year the Club will be giving away nearly twice as many trees as last year (600 tree seedlings plus potted trees) and offering 5 different tree varieties, all **FREE to the PUBLIC!** (trees will be offered to anyone wanting to plant them, regardless of where they reside). This year the public may choose from White Pine, White Oak, Chinese Chestnut, Paw-Paw, and Wild Plum. There will be 200 White Pine seedlings, 100 White Oak (think timber growth and bourbon barrels as well as whitetail deer winter forage) seedlings; 100 Chinese Chestnut (just like the 1,000s of trees being grown in Mason County, also a whitetail deer draw), 100 Paw-Paw seedlings (plus likely an additional dozen or two potted Paw-Paw trees), and 100 Wild Plum seedlings. These trees will be available "first-come/ first-serve" and open to local residents as well as in adjoining counties, and are offered as a part of Lions Club International's initiative to **IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT**.

Under New Business, the Club was informed about the Lewis County Middle School Cheerleading Competition. For the first time, the Middle School Cheerleaders have been invited to participate in a competition in Florida at Disney World and is in need of additional funding. The Club voted to donate \$500 towards the competition/trip.

Next, member Tyler Stamper approached the Club about a desire to start a Garden Tractor Pulling League. He wanted the Club to permit the League to conduct garden tractor pulls at the Fairgrounds during the year, desiring to host 2 pulls each month from April through October (with the exception of July when one of the two pulls would be a part of the Tollesboro Lions Club Fair). The League – consisting of members of the Tollesboro Lions Club with the events hosted by the Club --- would be responsible for collecting the gate, operation of the event, arranging for Concessions, with no additional burden placed upon the general membership. He asked the Club to offer the League to retain the profits from the Event

to allow for the League to grow and expand, and asked the Club to offer financial incentives to permit for the League to improve the pulling sled, in exchange of which the League would offer repayment from the pull profits (the League desired to purchase a GPS unity to instantly measure the length of each pull. This electronic device cost \$5,240). The Club responded offering to permit the group to hold official Tollesboro Lions Club events on the Fairgrounds, with the League to put on a pull in July as part of the Tollesboro Lions Club Fair (with monies from this pull to go exclusively to the Lions Club) to permit the League to retain gate and concessions monies, agreed to donate ½ of the cost of the Sled improvement (\$2,620) and loan ½ of the cost (\$2,620) of the sled improvement to the League for a period of 2 years, said loan to be paid back from the pull profits. In exchange, the Club would own the GPS device and would revisit the arrangement in 2 years. In addition, the League is to encourage members to join the Tollesboro Lions Club and to be active members thereof.

Shane Wallingford reported that the ballfield bases had been ordered and should be in soon (although a pitcher's mound had yet to be ordered). The 8' fence would be installed in the upcoming weeks (weather permitting). The taller fence would be installed at a later date.

Zach Tully reported that the Predator Hunt check-in would be conducted on the grounds Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> (this an event whereby hunters would bring in coyotes and other predators to be checked-in). The group would be using a concession stand to provide food, however no food would be cooked on the grounds.

Lee Thomas reported that he and Steve Pedersen had attended the Kentucky Fair Convention in Louisville recently. They contracted with some events for the 2025 Tollesboro Lions Club Fair. It was discussed that a new event would be a truck rodeo, a timed-event with a turn and with earthen ramps much like ATV Rodeos.

Next, Lee indicated that the Club should invest in an additional bleacher set, however the Club should purchase a portable wheeled trailer version that could be moved from event to event. Jim Meadows reported that – while costly – the Club should consider investing in a 40' or 60' trailer/ bleacher portable/expandable system. This item was tabled to permit an investigation into costs.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.



**President Craig Stanfield accepting donation of flags from Shirley Williams of WoodmenLife.**

# **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FEBRUARY 10**

## **MEETING VERY PRODUCTIVE**

The Tollesboro Lions Club met Monday, February 10th at 7 pm at the Tollesboro Lions Club Clubhouse on the grounds of the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds/Community Park in Tollesboro for their regularly scheduled February meeting. There were 12 members in attendance. The meeting opened with President Craig Stanfield requesting Prayer by Treasurer Steve Pedersen, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Lion Charles Kendall. After Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, the group broke to have dinner served by Skeeter and Sonia Shaw.

Following dinner, President Stanfield read the minutes from the last meeting (as the Secretary was not present January 20th); the minutes were approved as read. The President then asked Secretary Phil Cropper to present the minutes from the November, 2024 meeting, which were approved as read. Next, Treasurer Steve Pedersen provided the group with a financial report.

Following the Treasurer's Report, Old Business was discussed. From the prior meeting minutes, two topics were discussed. First, the group discussed the purchase of a portable set of bleachers. Lion Lee Thomas had obtained quotes for a portable set of bleachers, 24' in length, 5 row in height, capable of seating 68 persons, with a chain link surround for safety. Two quotes were obtained, both within a few hundred dollars of each other, both including shipment to the Fairgrounds, with both requiring assembly, aluminum construction. Both were provided with removable wheels set upon on a system similar to that of a Reese hitch that could permit the systems to be jacked up, wheels put in place, and moved from one place to another. This would be easier to move than the stationary bleachers set up on the fairgrounds, and would last longer than the stationary bleachers as - when they are moved, invariably undue stress would be applied to braces whereas these portable bleacher systems were constructed with movement in mind. Both bids were just under \$12,000. A motion was made and seconded to purchase a set of bleachers; the motion was unanimously approved.

Next, under Old Business: At the January 20th meeting, the Club approved to host the Tollesboro Lions Pulling Club to use the Fairgrounds for Garden Tractor Pulls. The group would hold two Garden Tractor Pulls each month from April through October, hosting one of the July pulls as part of the Tollesboro Lions Club Fair. The group had a sled that they could use, however needed to make improvements to the sled, with a cost estimate provided of \$5,240. The Tollesboro Lions Club was asked to sponsor/cover the costs of these improvements, which the Club agreed to do, 1/2 as a donation and 1/2 in the form of a loan repayable over a 2 year term (with payments to come out of the group's profits) with no interest.; the Club would own the GPS system (which may be removed from the Sled). Since the January 20th meeting, a revised quote showed a slightly higher cost as a sprocket was left out of the estimate. The revised cost was \$5,285. A motion was made to amend the funding to meet this slightly higher cost (the Club financing 100 percent of the initial investment, with 1/2 of the cost being a donation, with the remaining 1/2 to be repaid over a 2 year term with no interest). The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Lion Tyler Stamper then provided a list of dates for when the Tollesboro Lions Pulling Club would use the Fairgrounds, with each event weigh-in will begin at 3 pm. and each pulling event will begin at 4 pm (with the exception of the Garden Tractor Pull Event held during the annual Tollesboro Lions Club Fair which will begin later in the evening). Garden Tractor Pulls will be held on the following dates: April 5th (a "Test and Tune Event" with no gate entry fee); April 26th; May 17th and May 31st; June 21st and June 28th; July 12th and July 23rd (the July 23rd Event will be a part of the annual Tollesboro Lions Club Fair and will be held in the evening); August 16th and 30th; September 13th and 27th; October 11th and 25th. Lion Stamper also reported that the Pulling Club will be creating a Facebook page. For additional information or to join the group, contact Tyler Stamper at 606-541-5425.

Lion and Fair Chairman Lee Thomas presented a tentative Fair Schedule. This year, the Tollesboro Lions Club Fair will run from July 18th through July 26th. The Fair will be full of events and will include the Tollesboro Lions Club Fair Parade (Sunday, July 20th), the Special Needs Carnival Event (Thursday July 24th from 11 am until 1 pm); the \$20 Carload Night (including Carnival) Wednesday, July 23rd); Horse Shows (July 18th and July 19th), Speed Pulls (July 25th and 26th), a Mud Sling,



Demolition Derby, and ATV and other vehicular events, Archery Competition, Livestock Shows; Run/Walk, as well as numerous pageants (including the Queen Pageant!), as well as the Mechanical Bull ride and Challenge. A new event planned for this year (provided that the proposed improvements to the Fairgrounds will be completed in time) will include a Pickleball Tournament (the Lions Club is in the process of converting the Tennis Court into a Pickleball Court). Additional improvements are planned to be made to the basketball court to permit the 3-on-3 Tournament to continue, and a Cornhole Tournament will be a part of the Fair again as well.

From the November meeting, Treasurer Pedersen reminded the Club of the need to replace the Cooler in the Concession Stand. A motion was made to purchase a new 3 door cooler for the Concession Booth, which was seconded and approved unanimously.

Under New Business, President Stanfield informed the Club of a number of events either upcoming or proposed (some of which had been previously approved, others brought to the Club for approval), all of which would be Lions Club Events, all of which would be conducted upon the Fairgrounds, some of which would benefit the Tollesboro Lions Club, others which the Tollesboro Lions Club would permit to aid other entities. Upcoming events and projected dates are as follows: Auntie Anne's Pretzels to setup on the Fairgrounds as a fund-raiser for the Tollesboro PTO March 26th to support the Tollesboro Elementary School Boys Basketball Team. April 4th: The Arbor Day Tree Giveaway (600 trees offered to the public at large for free to improve the environment and to acknowledge Arbor Day, said trees to be picked up at the Craig Stanfield Real Estate Office located at the corner of KY 10 and KY 57, a Tollesboro Lions Club project in partnership with the Kentucky Division of Forestry and Kentucky State University) April 4th (call Craig to reserve your trees, 606-301-3350). On April 5th, a FULL DAY of events at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds including a Community Easter Egg Hunt, a Garden Tractor Pull (the first Garden Tractor Pull of the newly organized Tollesboro Lions Pulling Club, this event to be a "Test and Tune Event" with no gate entry fee), a Poker Run and Food Truck Event (this to benefit the Tollesboro PTO), and whatever trees remain from the April 4th Arbor Day Tree Giveaway will be available at the Fairgrounds. Additional Garden Tractor Pulls were scheduled and authorized for April 26th; May 17th and May 31st; June 21st and June 28th; July 12th and July 23rd (the July 23rd Event will be a part of the annual Tollesboro Lions Club Fair and will be held in the evening); August 16th and 30th; September 13th and 27th; October 11th and 25th. The Tollesboro Lions Club Trade Days Event schedule was presented with the projected dates as follows: Spring Trade Days May 1 through May 3; Summer Trade Days June 19 through 21st; and Fall Trade Days Sept. 4 through 6th. The Club has agreed to act to host the Eastern Kentucky Walking and Racking Horse Association Annual Horse Show on June 7th. This organization conducted their annual event at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds last year as well. A motion was made and seconded to approve all these events. A motion was made to accept all these events/dates, seconded, and approved unanimously.

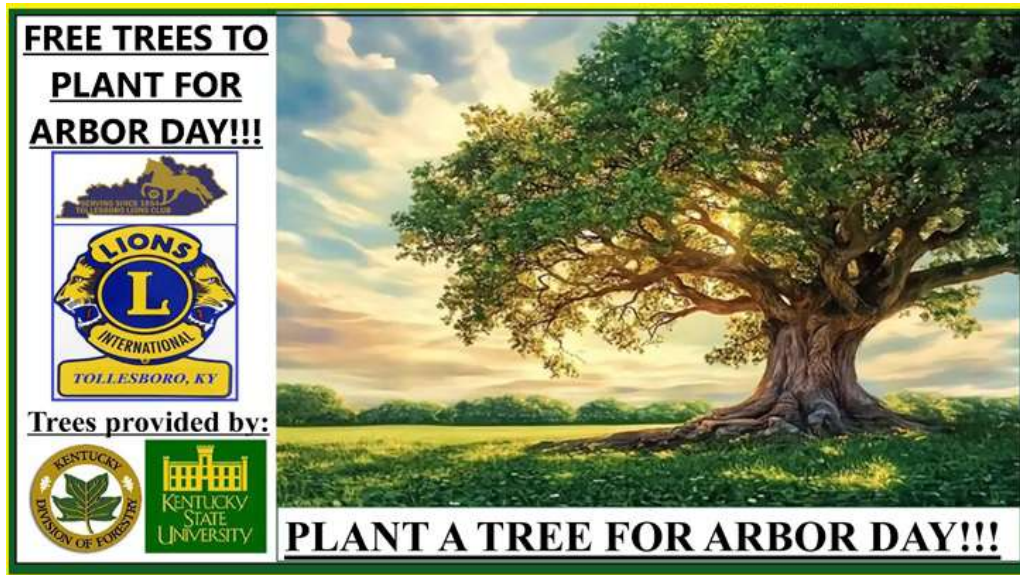
Lion Pedersen then mentioned that he was in the process of obtaining bids for paving to be performed before the next Fair, as well as some paving projects that he would recommend the Club to consider in the not too distant future. Among these: Resurfacing the basketball court. Resurfacing the tennis court to provide for the proposed Pickleball Court (these improvements would also involve painting the respective courts, both basketball and pickleball). The gate entrance which was widened and re-fenced along Fairgrounds Road. Potentially resurfacing the entrance along Fairgrounds Road closest to the AA Hwy. There is a break in the pavement of the walking track that was cut in order to extend utility lines onto the Fairgrounds. This needs to be repaired. It was brought to Steve's attention that the Club had discussed placement of a culvert and pavement directly across from the Rip's Feed Mill to accommodate foot traffic when the Feed Mill was utilized for overflow parking (typically Wednesday, Friday and Saturday during the Fair). Steve also reported that he had been in contact with a person who could arrange for the Tennis Court to be converted into a Pickleball Court (he was hoping that he would have the bid before the meeting, but it did not arrive in time). Steve indicated that he would report back to the Club next meeting.

While still under New Business, President Stanfield read a letter requested that the organization invest in a sign placement to support the Lewis County Girls Softball team. The cost was \$250 which included creation of the signage. A motion was made in favor, seconded, and approved.

While under New Business, Craig reminded those in attendance of a Valentine's Day Dinner Event hosted by the Lewis County Chamber of Commerce and the Vanceburg Lions Club. The dinner consists of Prime Rib (or Grilled Chicken); dinner for two was \$60 (single tickets available for \$35). Several members mentioned regret for other commitments, but Craig indicated that he had his tickets and could provide tickets to anyone else wishing to reserve dinner accommodations for the event, and that several persons from the Tollesboro community had responded by obtaining tickets already whom Craig had notified via email or text.

Craig informed the Club that Woodmen Life had made an informal presentation to the Club of a 5' x 8' US Flag and a 3' x 5' Kentucky State Flag for the use of the Club.

Being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn, seconded, and after being approved, the meeting dismissed.



# **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB MEMBERS SUPPORT VANCEBURG LIONS CLUB/LEWIS COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER EVENT**

At least two members of the Tollesboro Lions Club, Craig Stanfield and Shane Wallingford, accompanied by the spouses/Valentines. purchased tickets and attended the Vanceburg Lions Club/Lewis County Chamber of Commerce Valentine's Day Dinner Event to enjoy a fine dinner and to support these fine local organizations. The dinner was hosted at the Carter House in Vanceburg and was limited to 150 persons (and SOLD OUT!). The dinner started at 6 pm and ran through 8 pm with diners being seated in shifts. The meal consisted of Prime Rib or Grilled Chicken, with baked potato, salad, and cheesecake for dessert, with iced tea, water, or a variety of soft drinks. Tickets were \$60 / couple or \$35 for single tickets, and had to be purchased in advance.



**Tollesboro Lions Club President Craig Stanfield and his wife Beverly enjoying their dinner at the Vanceburg Lions Club/Lewis County Chamber of Commerce Valentine's Day Event.**



# **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB INVESTS IN ENCLOSED TRAILER**

The Tollesboro Lions Club has invested in the purchase of an enclosed trailer. The Club has made several trips to weather-disaster areas (Eastern Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee) to deliver emergency relief materials and has utilized U-Haul and other services. This purchase will permit the Club to make trips using a large enclosed trailer that should assist in less handling of materials, lower deck heights, and other positives (in some areas, the trailer will be easier to back-in, permit it to be unhooked/parked, offer alternatives to loading/unloading, etc.). The Club had the trailer customized with the Lions Club logo.



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The Arbor Day Tree Giveaway is consistent with Lions Club International's incentive to improve the environment (trees are so important as they act to clean the air that we breathe as well as convert carbon dioxide into oxygen; act cool our planet; provide homes, cover, and food sources for wildlife; and produce timber for construction. These trees are offered to the public FOR FREE (which is GREAT!), but require planting. By agreeing to pick up and plant the trees, it will require you to "get outside" and do a little exercise (digging to plant the trees), an added benefit to your health (*just don't over-do it!*). Feel free to contact Craig Stanfield (606-301-3350 or 606-798-2009) to order/arrange pickup of trees, compliments of the Tollesboro Lions Club in a partnership with the Kentucky Division of Forestry and Kentucky State University!

**FREE TREES TO  
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Trees provided by:





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**TREE GIVEAWAY IS A TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB PROJECT**  
**LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVE TO "IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT"**

*NOTE: This year, Kentucky State University was not able to offer Paw-Paw trees to the Club for distribution. However this was offset by the donation of 100 Paw-Paw trees by the Kentucky Forestry Service. Regardless, Kentucky State University has supported the Tollesboro Lions Club's Arbor Day Tree Giveaway the last 3 years, providing potted Paw-Paw trees each of the past 3 years (whereas all trees provided by the Forestry Service are bare-root trees) and the Club wholeheartedly thanks KSU for their past support and looks forward to continuing support in the future.*

## **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB BALLFIELD** **IMPROVED**

The Tollesboro Lions Club, spearheaded by First Vice President Shane Wallingford, has seen significant improvement made to the Ballfield this year. Improvements include: Replacing the old wooden posts and fence with new metal posts behind home plate and along both the first and third base lines, with chain-link fence installed. Leveled the infield and covered with ballfield "dust" cover material. Acquired new bases and a pitcher's mound. Set up the field to accommodate 3 sizes to permit the field to be used for softball, baseball, or T-ball. The ballfield is now seeing significant use.



# **MULTIPLE EVENTS APRIL 5TH AT THE TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIRGROUNDS**

There will be a Community Easter Egg Hunt (Sensory Hour Easter Egg Hunt will take place from noon until 1 pm; the regular Easter Egg Hunt with classes divided by age groups will begin at 1 pm.)

A Garden Tractor Pull will be held upon the grounds with weigh-in beginning at 3 pm with the pull to begin at 4 pm.

A Poker Run will be held on the grounds in late afternoon/early evening. The Poker Run event is being conducted by the Tollesboro Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization as a fund-raiser.

In addition, any trees left over from the April 4th Arbor Day Tree Giveaway will be available and offered to the public for pickup at the Fairgrounds.



# **2025 TRADE DAY EVENTS AT THE TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB**

The 2025 Tollesboro Lions Club Trade Days Event schedule has been determined (this will be the 7th Annual Trade Days Event offering) and will be as follows: **SPRING TRADE DAYS EVENT MAY 1 THROUGH MAY 3; SUMMER TRADE DAYS JUNE 19 THRU JUNE 21; FALL TRADE DAYS EVENT SEPTEMBER 4 THROUGH 6.**

The **TRADE DAYS** Events are Flea Market/Court Day type events, offering arts and crafts, baked and home-made goods, new items, antiques, guns, knives and more! Weekend rate is just \$30 without electric connections, or \$45 with electric connections. Admission and parking are free. Events are open Thursday 10 am and until dark, with Friday and Saturday events beginning at 8 am until dark, with Sunday beginning at 9 am through 4 pm. To reserve vendor space, contact Richard "Skeeter" Shaw 606-798-6134 or 606-356-8043.



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.



***TRADE DAYS AT THE TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB***



# **GARDEN TRACTOR PULL EVENTS SCHEDULED** **MONTHLY AT THE TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB** **FAIRGROUNDS**



The newly organized Tollesboro Lions Pulling Club will be hosting regular garden tractor pulls at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds. The Group plans on hosting two events each month from April through October (one of the July events will be a part of and held during the Tollesboro Lions Club Fair). Each event weigh-in will begin at 3 pm. and each pulling event will begin at 4 pm (with the exception of the Garden Tractor Pull Event held during the annual Tollesboro Lions Club Fair which will begin later in the evening).

Garden Tractor Pulls will be held on the following dates: April 5th (a "Test and Tune Event" with no gate entry fee); April 26th; May 17th and May 31st; June 21st and June 28th; July 12th and July 23rd (the July 23rd Event will be a part of the annual Tollesboro Lions Club Fair and will be held in the evening); August 16th and 30th; September 13th and 27th; October 11th and 25th.

The Pulling Club will be creating a Facebook page. For additional information or to join the group, contact Tyler Stamper at 606-541-5425.



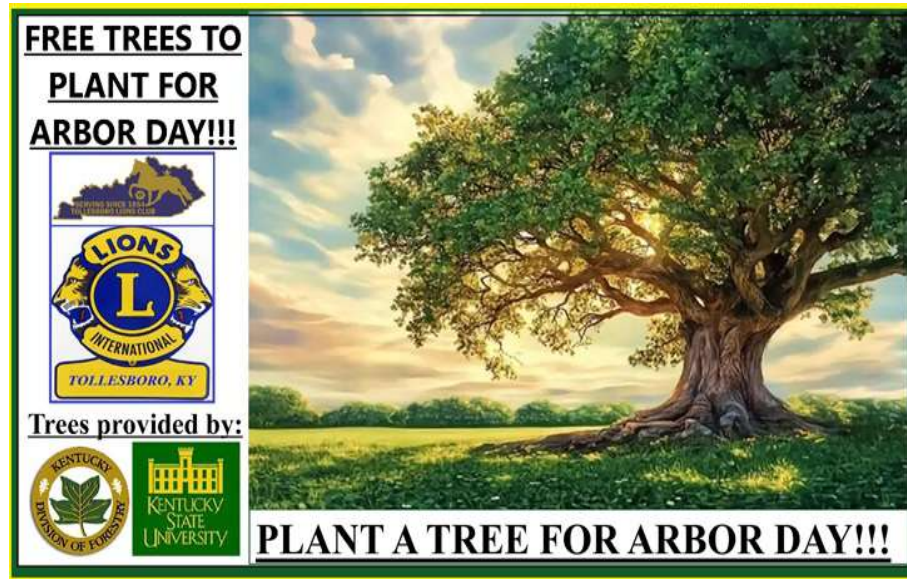
# **THE EASTERN KENTUCKY** **WALKING AND RACKING HORSE ASSOCIATION** **HORSE SHOW**

The Tollesboro Lions Club will host the Eastern KY Walking & Racking Horse Association Annual Horse Show. The Eastern Kentucky Walking and Racking Horse Association Annual Horse Show will be held at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

This is the second time that the Eastern Kentucky Walking and Racking Horse Association has held their annual event at the Tollesboro Lions Club, having held their last year's event at the Fairgrounds. Last year, the Show consisted of 32 classes. This year's schedule has yet to be compiled and will be shared with the public when made available.



# TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB TO HOST ARBOR DAY TREE GIVEAWAY TO CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY



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 of the KY Division of Forestry), Suzy Knott of the Morgan County Nursery, and Sheri Crabtree (MSc, Horticulture Research and Extension Associate Academic Affairs of Kentucky State University), all of whom were happy to support the Tollesboro Lions Club in their effort to provide trees for the Club to give away to the public to celebrate Arbor Day. This marks the fifth year that the Tollesboro Lions Club has offered free trees to the public in recognition of Arbor Day, having previously offered free trees in 2019, 2022, 2023 and 2024, with the number of trees given away increasing each year (*in 2019, 100 trees were given away; in 2022, 200 trees were given away; in 2023, 214 trees were given away; and last year 312 trees were given away, but the trees were gone in a matter of hours!*). This year's event is the largest yet, with 5 varieties offered (the most varieties we have ever offered) and more than 600 trees offered free to the public (close to doubling what was given away last year!)!!! Trees offered this year include (100 seedlings each of) WHITE OAK, CHINESE CHESTNUT, PLUM and PAW-PAW (with an additional dozen or two of potted PAW-PAW trees) and (200) WHITE PINE seedlings.

Arbor Day is a nationally celebrated event whereby people and organizations are encouraged to plant trees so as to benefit the environment. Nationally, Arbor Day is celebrated the last Friday in April, thus April 25th. However, many states opt to celebrate Arbor Day on dates that coincide with more opportunistic planting times (*although determined by date and climatic region, rather than by "moon signs" which many people prefer to plant in. According to the almanac, the waning moon is the best time to plant trees and seedlings. The closest waning moon to the date that the trees will be available is April 26th and 27th*). Kentucky celebrates Arbor Day the first Friday in April, meaning that this year Arbor Day in Kentucky is April 4th.

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 and Chestnuts produce nuts; Paw Paws and Plum produce fruit, and the White Pine provides for cover, a wind-break, shade, and their pine needles provide for wildlife forage. 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 and Chestnuts are hardwood trees producing

timber which we use for a variety of purposes (fuel, building materials, furniture, manufacture of paper, etc.); Paw Paws and Plums produce edible fruits suited to human (or wildlife) consumption and can be used to make desserts, ice cream, wine, brandy, and other items; White Pines provide shade, cover, and act as a wind-break, as well as providing for wood suited to a number of uses. Trees improve and benefit the environment in many ways (*depending upon the variety, trees may be fruit and nut bearing for wildlife and human consumption; production of timber; provide homes for birds and wildlife; provide shady canopies that cool the Earth and the environment in which they are planted and a defense against global warming, 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 produce oxygen which we inhale. Lastly: The trees are free (which is GREAT!), but require planting. By agreeing to pick up and plant the trees, it will require you to "get outside" and do a little exercise (digging to plant the trees), an added benefit to your health (*just don't over-do it!*).

Persons wishing to acquire trees may contact Craig Stanfield (Tollesboro Lions Club President) directly to place an order of trees and arrange for pickup by calling him at 606-301-3350 (Mason County number) or 606-798-2009 (Lewis County number) or by email: [info@stanfieldproperty.com](mailto:info@stanfieldproperty.com).



# **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB MARCH MEETING**

The Tollesboro Lions Club met Monday, March 10th, for their only scheduled March meeting, at 7 pm. at the Tollesboro Lions Club Clubhouse. With President Craig Stanfield absent, First Vice President Shane Wallingford presided over the meeting. There were 17 persons in attendance (a mix of members and prospective members who joined the Club) in attendance. Treasurer Steven Pedersen offered the blessing and Lion Charlie Kendall led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. The group then ate dinner.

Following dinner, as Secretary Phil Cropper was absent, the press release about the last meeting was presented in lieu of the minutes, which was approved as read.

Corey Kirk, Keith Kirk, and Jim Moore were introduced, all of whom were interested in joining the Club. All three were accepted into membership. Tyler Stamper sponsored Keith Kirk and Jim Moore, members of the recently established Garden Tractor Pulling Association. Craig Stanfield sponsored Corey Kirk.

The group was notified of upcoming events. A visit by Auntie Anne's pretzels scheduled for March 26th as a fund-raiser for the Tollesboro Elementary School Boy's Basketball Team; April 4 Arbor Day Tree Giveaway (600 trees to give away: White Pine, White Oak, Chinese Chestnut, Paw-Paw, and Wild Plum), and with several events (Easter Egg Hunt, Garden Tractor Pull, a Poker Run, and a continuation of the Arbor Day Tree Giveaway) scheduled for April 5th. The Eastern Kentucky Walking and Racking Horse Association had planned to host their annual horse show at the Fairgrounds on June 7th; however a scheduling conflict may cause them to move their event to May 31st (their meeting to determine the date was to be the following day, Tuesday, March 15th). Spring Trade Days will be held at the Fairgrounds May 1st through May 3rd. While there is a Garden Tractor Pull also scheduled for May 31st, the two events would not interfere with each other as Garden Tractor Pullers could enter at the first gate on Lions Club Lane, and Horse Show attendees could enter from the second gate. On June 14th, the Odd Fellows Grand Lodge of KY Grand Master's Picnic was to be held at the Fairgrounds, and the group was requested to consider a later day event on the same day, said request made by Julie Gillespie as a fund-raiser for the Treasure Paws of Lewis County, an organization of local persons working in cooperation with the Lewis County Animal Shelter to temporarily house and care for dogs and find permanent homes for these animals; the use of the grounds was approved for this event (the event will include a Gospel Concert, bouncy houses/inflatables, face-painting, and other items). The Log Jam Bluegrass Concert will be conducted at the Fairgrounds August 16th. The 67th Annual Lions Club Fair will be July 18th through 26th. There are a number of Garden Tractor Pulls scheduled, two per month through November, and three Trade Days Event weekends scheduled.

The Club approved a \$300 donation to assist in sending kids to 4-H Camp.

Under New Business, the group discussed several improvements that are on the Club's radar: 1). The Club had previously voted to convert the tennis court to a pickleball court so as to permit the Club to offer a Pickleball Tournament during the annual Fair. The bids came in substantially higher than expected. 2) In addition to the conversion of the tennis court, and as part of the Tennis Court conversion, paving projects were discussed (repaving the tennis court for the pickleball court conversion, paving the basketball court, and several scattered paving projects throughout the grounds, most notably at the main entrance on the Lions Club Lane where the paving was interrupted due to a widening improvement last year (as well as potentially a pedestrian walkway over the ditch in front of Rip's Farm Center for when it is used for Fair overflow parking), also a significant expenditure. 3). The Club was also asked to consider by Lions Club District 43-Y to construct a large storage building to provide a warehouse as a hub for disaster relief service efforts (the Tollesboro Lions Club has been a major part of disaster relief representing Kentucky and District 43-Y, making several trips to Eastern Kentucky, as well as trips to Tennessee and North Carolina delivering disaster relief support to communities affected by recent natural disasters, and to which the Tollesboro Lions Club had recently purchased an enclosed trailer to assist with delivery transportation). Due to the total cost estimates of these proposed improvements, a motion was made, seconded and approved to look into obtaining financing so that the Club could further consider what improvements the Club would consider/perform.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned, although members met after the meeting to remove the cooler from the concession stand (which had quit working and which the Club had voted at a previous meeting to purchase and replace with a new unit).

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# **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB MEMBERS**

## **ATTEND ZONE MEETING**

*Tollesboro Lions Club members Craig Stanfield, Steve Pedersen, and John Redmond attended the Zone Meeting hosted by the Vanceburg Lions Club March 20, 2025 at the Black Oak VFD.*

## **VANCEBURG LIONS CLUB**

### **HOSTS ZONE MEETING**

On Thursday, March 20th, the Vanceburg Lions Club hosted a Zone Meeting for Zone Chairman Angela Jett. There were 30 Lions Club members in attendance, representing four of six Clubs within the Zone: Vanceburg, Maysville, Tollesboro, and Orangeburg (the Lewisburg-Mill Creek and the Mays Lick Clubs were not represented). The Tollesboro Lions Club and the Maysville Lions Club each had 3 members in attendance; the Orangeburg Lions Club had 5 members in attendance; the Vanceburg Lions Club had 18 members in attendance (in addition, Chuck Carlson of the Florence Lions Club was present to represent the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation).

Vanceburg Lions Club President Roger Brown opened the meeting, welcoming all in attendance, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led, followed by the Blessing. The group then broke for a WONDERFUL meal prepared by the Vanceburg Lions Club.

Following the meal, President Brown introduced those in attendance at the front table: Chuck Carlson of the Florence Lions Club, Trustee of the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation; Council Chair Steve Pederson of the Tollesboro Lions Club; Mike Eddington Secretary of the Vanceburg Lions Club; and Angela Jett of the Orangeburg Lions Club, Zone Chairman.

Zone Chairman opened the Zone Meeting, introducing herself, and thanking all in attendance for their presence. She invited Orangeburg to describe their events:

Orangeburg Lions Club has a Pancake Breakfast scheduled for April 5th, from 6 am to 10 am. They also are preparing for Scholarship presentations.

Next, the Tollesboro Lions Club reported on upcoming events. The Tollesboro Club has a lot of events scheduled: Auntie Ann's Pretzels will make an appearance at the Fairgrounds March 26th, a fund-raiser for the Tollesboro Elementary School Boys Basketball Team; April 4th will have the Lions Club giving away 600 trees for Arbor Day; April 5th will see an Easter Egg Hunt, a Garden Tractor Pull, and a Poker Run (a benefit for the Tollesboro Elementary School PTO. May 1st through 3 will be the Spring Trade Days Event. On May 31st, the Eastern Kentucky Walking and Racking Horse Association will host their annual Horse Show. On June 14th, the Fairgrounds will be the site of the Kentucky Grand Lodge Independent Order of Odd Fellows Grand Master's Picnic, followed later in the late-afternoon by a fund-raiser for the Treasure Paws group to raise funds to provide for families to raised funds for dog food and veterinary expenses for persons temporarily housing abandoned dogs until permanent homes can be found. And from July 18 through July 26th, the Tollesboro Lions Club Annual Fair. In addition, the Lions Club will host bi-monthly Garden Tractor Pull events for a newly established Garden Tractor Pulling Association.

Next, the Vanceburg Lions Club discussed their recent successes and upcoming projects. They had 7 new members join their Club; hosted the E. V. Holder Golf Scramble; provided bell-ringers to support the Salvation Army in December; hosted their annual Basketball Tournament in January; a Valentine's Day dinner in February; and donations to support Special Needs persons; a Library project for vision-impaired; Wounded Warrior project; softball/Little League; scholarships; a softball tournament; and Eyeglass collection for recycling to provide to persons with impaired vision.

Lastly, the Maysville Lions Club discussed their upcoming projects. The 73rd Maysville Lions Club Radio Auction, the largest annual fund-raiser for the Maysville Lions Club, was fast-approaching: April



**7th through 12th. The Maysville Club was actively collecting items for the weeklong event. This year's Big Board donation is a 2013 Chevy Suburban SUV donated by McFarland Chevy-Olds.**

**Following the Club's discussions of upcoming projects, Council Chair Steve Pedersen announced that last year, 4 of the 6 Clubs within the Zone received the Club Excellence Award, the most of any Zone within the state, which was consistent with the District's performance with the most Club's receiving the Club Excellence Award than ever before. He had previously provided the Maysville Club with their patch to place on their Club banner, and presented the Orangeburg, Vanceburg and Tollesboro Club's with their patches. He also presented Tollesboro Lions Club President Craig Stanfield a pin in recognition of the Zone's performance from last year (when Craig was the Zone Chairman).**

**Lion Chuck Carlson then discussed the recent Mr. and Miss Basketball Awards, the Bluegrass Diabetes Awareness Program, and the upcoming State Convention. Also mentioned was the upcoming International Convention to be held in Orlando, Florida. He also - with Council Chairman Pedersen - discussed Disaster Relief efforts to Eastern Kentucky, Tennessee, and North Carolina.**

**This was followed by President Roger Brown asking for further comments, after which the meeting was adjourned and the group dismissed.**

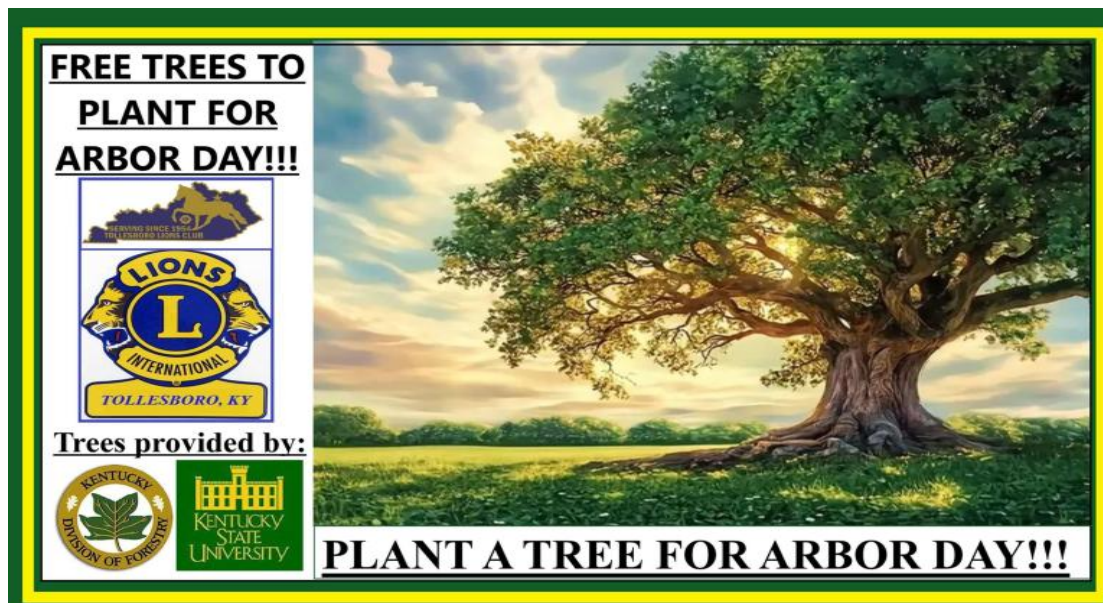
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Auntie Ann pretzels will appear at the Tollesboro Lions Club on March 26th from noon until 6 pm hosted to benefit the Tollesboro Elementary School Boy's Basketball Team. The popular snack is visiting with their portable food truck as it has for the past few years! Always popular in the local community, soft pretzels may be purchased by the individual soft pretzel, a pretzel dog (a hot dog wrapped in a pretzel!), or a bucket of pretzel pieces! They offer a wide selection of toppings and flavors, and they are extremely delicious!!!

## **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB TO HOST ARBOR DAY TREE GIVEAWAY TO CELEBRATE (KY) ARBOR DAY**

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. These trees are offered to the public FOR FREE (which is GREAT!), but require planting. By agreeing to pick up and plant the trees, it will require you to "get outside" and do a little exercise (digging to plant the trees), an added benefit to your health (*just don't over-do it!*). Feel free to contact Craig Stanfield (606-301-3350 or 606-798-2009) to order/arrange pickup of trees, compliments of the Tollesboro Lions Club in a partnership with the Kentucky Division of Forestry and Kentucky State University!



**TREE GIVEAWAY IS A TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB PROJECT  
LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVE TO "IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT"**

## **MULTIPLE EVENTS TO TAKE PLACE AT THE TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIRGROUNDS APRIL 5TH!**

The Tollesboro Lions Club will be hosting a number of events April 5th! There will be a Community Easter Egg Hunt (Sensory Hour Easter Egg Hunt will take place from noon until one; the regular Easter Egg Hunt with classes divided by age groups will begin at 1 pm.) A Garden Tractor Pull will be held upon the grounds with weigh-in beginning at 3 pm with the pull to begin at 4 pm. A Poker Run is planned in the evening to benefit the Tollesboro Elementary School PTO. In addition, any trees left over from the April 4th Arbor Day Tree Giveaway will be available and offered to the public for pickup at the Fairgrounds.

## **SPRING TRADE DAY EVENT AT THE TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB**

The Spring Tollesboro Lions Club Trade Days Event will be the weekend of May 1st through May 3rd. The TRADE DAYS Events are Flea Market/Court Day type events, offering arts and crafts, baked and home-made goods, new items, antiques, guns, knives and more! Weekend rate is just \$30 without electric connections, or \$45 with electric connections. Admission and parking are free. Events are open Thursday 10 am until dark, with Friday and Saturday events beginning at 8 am until dark, with Sunday beginning at 9 am through 4 pm. To reserve vendor space, contact Richard "Skeeter" Shaw 606-798-6134 or 606-356-8043.

## **AUNTIE ANNE'S PRETZELS VISITS TOLLESBORO**

On Wednesday, March 26th, Auntie Anne's Pretzel Truck was at the Tollesboro Lions Club selling their wonderful pretzels as a fund-raiser for the Tollesboro Elementary School Boy's Basketball Team. They have appeared at the Tollesboro Lions Club as fund-raisers for the Tollesboro Elementary School since 2022, this being their fourth appearance. There was a line, but the snacks were worth it! Whether the whole soft pretzel, the pretzel bites, or the pretzel dog! And the drinks too, they know how to make your taste buds water!!!





# **ARBOR DAY TREE GIVEAWAY THIS WEEKEND!**

The Tollesboro Lions Club Arbor Day Tree Giveaway will be Friday and Saturday, April 4th and 5th to coincide with Kentucky's Arbor Day. This year the Tollesboro Lions Club is giving away 600 trees free to the public, compliments of the Kentucky Division of Forestry.

This is the 5th year that the Tollesboro Lions Club has partnered with the Kentucky Division of Forestry to distribute tree seedlings to the public at large to plant to improve the environment. This year's event is the largest yet, with 5 varieties offered (the most we have ever offered) and with 600 trees (nearly double the largest offering we have ever hosted) offered free to the public! This year's selection includes (200) WHITE PINE, (and 100 each of) WHITE OAK, CHINESE CHESTNUT, PAW-PAW, and WILD PLUM! The public has responded favorably to this year's event (as with past events), with over 400 trees already reserved! Trees will be available for pickup on Friday, April 4th from the office of Craig Stanfield Real Estate & Auction Services, located at 11252 KY 57, at the intersection of KY 10 and KY 57, in Tollesboro. On Saturday morning, trees will be available at Craig's office in the early morning and will be transported to the Fairgrounds for distribution around 10:30 or 11 am (to coincide with the Easter Egg Hunt and Garden Tractor Pull/Poker Run Events being conducted Saturday, April 5th). People picking up trees are recommended/advised to bring plastic or garbage bags in which to place the tree seedlings (to keep a mess out of your vehicle. Note also, if intending to use a pickup truck to haul the trees -- or if you have a long way to travel -- it is wise to wrap wet newspapers around the tree seedlings to keep them hydrated). Feel free to call Lions Club President Craig Stanfield at 606-301-3350 to reserve your trees and arrange for pickup!



# TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT SATURDAY APRIL 5TH

The Tollesboro Lions Club will host a Community Easter Egg Hunt at the Tollesboro Lions Club on Saturday, April 5th. A Sensory Hour Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 11 AM; otherwise, the event will begin at noon, with various age groups. The Easter Bunny is supposed to show up for photos, and there will be additional photo backdrops as well. For additional information, contact Ritchie Cunningham 606-202-1503.

A vertical poster for an Easter Egg Hunt. The background is a bright blue sky with a single white cloud on the left. At the bottom, there is a green grassy field with five colorful Easter eggs: a gold egg with a white grid pattern, a purple egg with yellow speckles, a blue egg with yellow speckles, an orange egg with white stripes, and a white egg with colorful floral patterns. The text is centered and reads: 'TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB' in black bold letters with a blue underline; 'EASTER' in large purple bold letters; 'Egg Hunt' in a large brown cursive font; 'COME SEE THE EASTER BUNNY' in red bold letters; 'SATURDAY' in black bold letters; 'APRIL 19, 2025' in black bold letters inside a blue and purple double-bordered box; 'HUNT STARTS AT 12:00' in red bold letters; 'SENSORY HOUR 11:00' in red bold letters; 'CONTACT: RITCHIE CUNNINGHAM' in black bold letters; and '606-202-1503' in black bold letters.

**TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB**

# **EASTER** *Egg Hunt*

**COME SEE THE EASTER BUNNY**

**SATURDAY**

**APRIL 19, 2025**

**HUNT STARTS AT 12:00**

**SENSORY HOUR 11:00**

**CONTACT: RITCHIE CUNNINGHAM**

**606-202-1503**

# **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB**

## **GARDEN TRACTOR PULL THIS WEEKEND**

The Tollesboro Lions Club will host a Garden Tractor Pull at the Tollesboro Lions Club Saturday, April 5th. The event will begin with weigh-in at 3 pm with the event set to begin at 4 pm. This will be the newly established Tollesboro Lions Garden Tractor Pullers Association first event of the year and will therefore a "Test and Tune Event" with no gate entry fee. The Association plans to host two garden tractor pulling events per month through October. For additional information or to join the group, contact Tyler Stamper at 606-541-5425.



## **POKER RUN PLANNED FOR APRIL 5 IS CANCELED!**

A Poker Run/Food Truck Event planned to be conducted as a fund-raiser for the Tollesboro Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) has been canceled. The event, planned by persons outside the Tollesboro Lions Club ran into some scheduling conflicts necessitating the cancellation. Details about the event were slow to come in, and after deliberations, it was finally reported to the Tollesboro Lions Club that it would be necessary to cancel the event. No other information was provided as to why the event would not proceed. The event was tentatively scheduled to coincide with other events being conducted on the Fairgrounds earlier that day (Easter Egg Hunt, Garden Tractor Pull, and the continuation of Arbor Day Tree Giveaway left over from April 4th). The cancellation will not hamper the other events, which will go on as planned.

## **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP**

### **APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE NOW**

The Tollesboro Lions Club is now accepting Scholarship Applications for their annual Scholarships. The amount of the scholarship and the number of scholarships has not yet been determined. Scholarship applications **MUST BE RECEIVED** (not postmarked) by **5:00 PM, May 9th, 2025**, to permit the Scholarship Committee to review and then make recommendations to the Club at their May 12th meeting. The application may be downloaded from the Tollesboro Lions Club website [www.tollesborolions.com](http://www.tollesborolions.com). Applications may be submitted via email to [col.johnredmond@yahoo.com](mailto:col.johnredmond@yahoo.com) or by mail to Philip N. Cropper, 1758 Burtonville Rd., Tollesboro, KY 41189.



# **ARBOR DAY TREE GIVEAWAY A ROARING SUCCESS!**

The Tollesboro Lions Club participated in a Tree Giveaway, Friday, April 4th, 2025. The event coincided with Kentucky's Arbor Day (Kentucky's Arbor Day is the first Friday of April; nationally, Arbor Day is the last Friday of April. States are given some leeway with regards to this date to consider the planting zone in which the state is located). The Tollesboro Lions Club gave away 600 trees and 5 varieties of trees this year, nearly double of the largest previous number! This year's varieties included White Oak, White Pine, Paw-Paw, Chinese Chestnut, and Wild Plum. All trees this year were provided by the Kentucky Forestry Service which Forest Ranger Michael Carter delivered! While giving away 600 trees - nearly double of that of last year - caused some apprehension - at first - on the part of the Tollesboro Lions Club President Craig Stanfield, approximately 550 trees of the 600 were reserved by April 1st, by persons who took the initiative and followed the advice to call in advance to reserve trees, taking away concerns about being too ambitious with this year's project and the number of trees accepted to give away and insuring that the project that was extremely well-received (while the tree giveaway was planned to take place over two days - Friday and Saturday - all 600 trees were given away in the single day between 9 am and 2 pm! Even with the heavy downpour of rain the night before the event which continued - although more sporadically and not as intense - throughout the day!).

This was the 5th time that the Tollesboro Lions Club has participated in giving away trees for Arbor Day, the 4th year in a row, of what is now planned to be an annual event. The Tree Giveaway was made possible by the donation of trees from the Kentucky Forestry Service and the Tollesboro Lions Club offers its most sincere thanks to the Kentucky Forestry Service for their support! The Tree Giveaway is a project that meets the Lions Club International's Initiative to Protect The Environment!



Following the Arbor Day Tree Giveaway, Tollesboro Lions Club President Craig Stanfield personally contacted Michael Carter Forest Ranger and Susie Knott Superintendent of the Morgan County Tree Nursery both of the Kentucky Forestry Service to let them know of the overwhelming success of the Tree Giveaway and to personally Thank them for their support!

Craig has pretty much carried this event from start to finish this year and the preceding 3 years. He arranged for the donation of trees, wrote articles to inform the public about the project and urging them to call in to reserve trees and to support the project, kept track of persons who called in to reserve trees, contacted them after the trees arrived, and arranged with the recipients for their tree pickups, personally acquiring and paying for signage to promote the event, even taking the last bundle of donated trees to his office for pickup by a person who could not get out due to the heavy rains which resulted in rising water that blocked her path from her home to the Tollesboro Lions Club! And Craig has made the trip to Frankfort each of the preceding years to pick up the trees donated by Kentucky State University, and last year (due to a forest fire which kept Forest Ranger Michael Carter up all night the evening before) made the trip to the Morgan County Tree Nursery to pick up the donated trees (HOWEVER Michael Careter has personally delivered the donated trees to the Craig's office each of the other 4 years that the Club has participated in the Arbor Day Tree Giveaway Event!). Tollesboro Lions Club member John Redmond did (finally) show up to assist the final day's giveaway (come on John, get out of bed! LOL!!!). As an added note, the Club even received a unexpected donation from a tree recipient to support continued Tollesboro Lions Club projects!

# **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB EVENTS RESCHEDULED DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS**

Due to the weather conditions the Tollesboro Lions Club had to reschedule the events set up for April 5th. April 5th was to see an Easter Egg Hunt, Garden Tractor Pull, and any remaining trees from the April 4th Arbor Day Tree Giveaway were to be available for pickup. The Easter Egg Hunt will now take place April 19th. The Garden Tractor Pull will occur April 26th. The Arbor Day Tree Giveaway went over well on Friday, April 4th, with all 600 trees given away, thus this event was concluded successfully and it was not necessary to carry-over it on Saturday April 5th.

## **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB MEMBERS ATTEND THE MAYSVILLE LIONS CLUB RADIO AUCTION**

On Wednesday evening, April 9<sup>th</sup>, John Redmond and Craig Stanfield attended and supported the Maysville Lions Club at their Annual Maysville Lions Club Radio Auction conducted at the Maysville Lions Club Clubhouse in Maysville. This is the 73<sup>rd</sup> Maysville Lions Club Radio Auction and is the Maysville Lions Club's main fundraising event. The annual event is hosted by WFTM Radio on Soft96 (tune into radio station 95.9). The annual event typically sees over 500 items donated by local businesses which are promoted and offered to the public at large in a "call-in" bidding event that also includes the popular "Bucks For Luck" where persons can donate monies (in honor or in memory of individuals, businesses, etc.) as well. Craig and John presented the Maysville Lions Club with "Bucks For Luck" from the James J. Welch Encampment # 26 Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Dekalb Lodge # 12 Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Ringgold Lodge # 27 Independent Order of Odd Fellows (organizations of which they are members) and stuck around to bid on a few items while they were present. Steve Pedersen, also intends to be present at the Auction. In addition, the Mason County Men's Club (of which Craig, John, and Steve are all members) made a "Bucks For Luck" donation to the Maysville Lions Club Radio Auction. This year, McFarland's Chevrolet donated a 2013 Chevrolet Suburban to the Event. The event runs from April 6<sup>th</sup> through April 12<sup>th</sup> and begins at 6:05 each evening. Tune into WFTM to listen and then call 606-249-4773 to make your bids in order to offer your support to this fine organization!



*Above: Tollesboro Lions Club member watches the action at the 73<sup>rd</sup> Maysville Lions Club Radio Auction.*



## **OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB**

Besides the Easter Egg Hunt, Garden Tractor Pulls, Trade Days Events, and the Eastern Kentucky Walking and Racking Horse Association Horse Show, the Tollesboro Lions Club will host a number of additional events at the Fairgrounds. Prior to the Annual Tollesboro Lions Club Fair scheduled for July 18<sup>th</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup>.

On June 14<sup>th</sup>, the Odd Fellows Grand Lodge of KY Grand Master's Picnic is to be held at the Fairgrounds. The Tollesboro Lions Club President – Craig Stanfield – is the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky Independent Order of Odd Fellows and will host his picnic at the Tollesboro Lions Club. Tollesboro resident Randy Harrison is the Deputy Grand Master for the Grand Lodge of Kentucky Independent Order of Odd Fellows and intends to host his picnic at the Fairgrounds next year (2026).

Also on June 14<sup>th</sup>. A fund-raiser for the Treasure Paws of Lewis County, an organization of local persons working in cooperation with the Lewis County Animal Shelter to temporarily house and care for dogs and find permanent homes for these animals; the event will include a Gospel Concert, bouncy houses/inflatables, face-painting, and other items.

Following the Tollesboro Lions Club Fair, August 16<sup>th</sup>, The Log Jam Bluegrass Concert will be conducted at the Fairgrounds.

## **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB – PROUD TO SUPPORT YOUTH IN AGRICULTURE**

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# **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB HOSTS A PRODUCTIVE MEETING APRIL 14TH**

The Tollesboro Lions Club met Monday, April 14th, 7 pm at their Clubhouse at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds for their regularly scheduled first meeting in April (following the winter "break" where the Club only hosts one meeting per month, this is the first month in which the group will meet bi-monthly, the second and fourth Monday, from April through October, meeting once per month - the second Monday of the month - from November through March, unless it is necessary to call a second monthly meeting due to unforeseen business). The meeting was a busy one, but quite productive and moved along much faster than what it takes to write this press release and much faster than you could read this article! The meeting opened with a visit by Shirley Williams from Woodmen Life who came to the Club presenting Flags (and desserts! Sugar cookies customized with icing with "Tollesboro Lions Club" iced into the tops), presenting the Lions Club with a 5' x 8' American Flag and with two 3' x 5' Kentucky flags. With 20 members and 3 guests in attendance, the group began their meeting following the flag presentation, with Steve Pedersen offering the prayer followed by Daymond Thomas leading the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The group then broke for dinner.

Following dinner, President Craig Stanfield welcomed the group, and - as the secretary was absent last meeting - provided the group with the minutes from the last meeting which were approved as read. Treasurer Steve Pedersen provided the Club with a financial report, which was immediately followed by Old Business, a discussion based upon last month's meeting, which included concerns about desired improvements to be made to the Fairgrounds which necessitate the Club to go into debt in order to pay for said improvements (the proposed improvements include significant paving, conversion of the tennis court to provide for a Pickle-Ball Court so as to add Pickle-Ball as an event during the Fair, and potentially a large warehouse-style building for disaster relief). Under discussion, President Stanfield brought up an opportunity where the Club could opt to finance the monies necessary to complete the projects that the Club desired as well as the terms and repayment concerns/considerations that the Club would have to undertake to obtain the necessary financing. Treasurer Steve Pedersen recommended removing the warehouse building from the plans as the cost of construction was prohibitive and as the Club would be absorbing the costs of a structure that - in reality - should be a regional investment. Still, the paving projects (which include improvements to the Walking Track, the basketball court, and other areas where the existing blacktop was damaged or improvements necessitated, and tennis court conversion were projects that the Club desired to complete as soon as possible, definitely prior to the Fair. A motion was made and seconded to obtain the necessary financing to proceed with the planned projects, the paving and Pickle-Ball Court, and omit the Disaster Relief Warehouse from the plan at this time but which permitted it to be revisited at a later date. This motion passed unanimously.

Next, Steve Pedersen was asked to present new members with their new member packets. Three new members were present: Jim Moore (sponsored by Tyler Stamper), Corey Kirk (sponsored by Craig Stanfield), and Ritchie Cunningham, Sr. (sponsored by Ritchie Cunningham, Jr. Mr. Cunningham was added to the Club that evening by unanimous vote).

Next, Steve Pedersen presented Lion and long-time Secretary Phil Cropper with the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, the highest award that a Club can bestow upon it's members. Phil joins a group of Tollesboro Lions Club members so honored with the Award. Phil's son Anthony was present to see his father receive the well-deserved acknowledgement of his many years of service to the Tollesboro Lions Club.

President Stanfield reported on the recent Arbor Day Tree Giveaway, April 4th. This year the Club gave away 600 trees (200 White Pine, 100 each of White Oak, Chinese Chestnut, Paw-Paw, and Wild Plum), all provided by the Kentucky Division of Forestry, delivered to the Club by Forest Ranger Michael Carter and obtained from the Morgan County Tree Nursery located near West Liberty,

**Kentucky. Due to good advance notice of the giveaway promotion through local newspapers (the Ledger Independent in Maysville and the Lewis County Herald in Vanceburg) resulted in great demand with almost 560 of the 600 trees reserved by April 1st, and with all 600 trees given away on April 4th (the event was planned to extend to April 5th, but with the demand, all of the trees were claimed by 2 pm on April 4th, leaving no trees for Saturday April 5th, which would have necessitated a cancellation due to the weather regardless as the weather did impact the other events scheduled for April 5th: the Easter Egg Hunt and the Garden Tractor Pull).**

**Fair Chairman Lee Thomas has asked Craig Stanfield to host a Cow Bingo during the Fair again this year. Craig presented the Club with the tickets designed for this year's event which will be conducted the same as last year's event (\$10 ticket for a chance to win \$500, the winner to be selected by a cow "doing her business" on the final day of the Fair, July 26th), with the total number of tickets limited to 500 tickets numbered and sold.**

**With regards to upcoming events: The Lewis County Extension Office will host their Field Day at the Fairgrounds April 18<sup>th</sup>. The Easter Egg Hunt that was originally scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup> and which was canceled due to weather conditions, will now be April 19<sup>th</sup>. The Garden Tractor Pull originally scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup> will not be rescheduled, instead using the previously scheduled April 26<sup>th</sup> date to host this event.**

**Other upcoming Events at the Tollesboro Lions Club include: The next Lions Club meeting will be April 28th. Trade Days Event scheduled for May 1st through May 3rd. A Tough Truck Event is scheduled for May 10th (this will be an obstacle course like that usually held for ATVs, however this will be for trucks). May Lions Club meetings will be May 12th and 26th. Garden Tractor Pulls scheduled for May 17th and May 31st. The Eastern Kentucky Walking and Racking Horse Association Annual Horse Show will take place May 31st. The Odd Fellows Grand Master's Picnic will be conducted at the Fairgrounds June 14th, with a Treasure Paws Fund-Raiser held later in the day that same date (which will include bouncy houses, face painting, an auction, concessions or a meal, a gospel concert and more, all to raise funds for the care of dogs abandoned or in partnership with the Lewis County Dog Shelter to provide for nourishment and care - including veterinary - of dogs until permanent homes can be found for them). A baseball tournament may also be conducted at the fairgrounds on June 14th (details forthcoming). The Lions Club June meetings will be June 9th and 23rd. The Summer Trade Days event will be June 19th thru June 21st. Garden Tractor Pulls will be conducted June 21st and June 28th. July meetings of the Tollesboro Lions Club will be July 14th and 28th. The Tollesboro Lions Club Fair will be July 18th through 26th (a Garden Tractor Pull will be held during the Fair as well as July 12th). The August meetings of the Tollesboro Lions Club will be August 11th and 25th. Additional Garden Tractor Pulls will be held August August 16th and 30th. The Log Jam Bluegrass Concert is scheduled for August 16th. The Fall Trade Days will be September 4th through 6th. The Tollesboro Lions Club will meet September 8th and 22nd. Garden Tractor Pulls will be conducted September 13th and 27th and October 11th and 25th. The Tollesboro Lions Club will meet October 13th and 27th. The Tollesboro Lions Club will meet November 10th. The Tollesboro Lions Club holds it's Annual Christmas Party in December in lieu of a meeting; both it and the Tollesboro Lions Club Christmas Parade will be scheduled closer to the event dates. Additional events will likely be added to the already bulging event schedule!**

**Under Recurring Business, the Tollesboro Lions Club Scholarship Applications are available for download from the Tollesboro Lions Club website, [www.tollesborolions.com](http://www.tollesborolions.com). The applications must be received by May 9th, 2025, 5 pm. The Scholarship recipients will be determined at the May 12th Tollesboro Lions Club meeting. A motion was made to offer four \$500 scholarships, seconded, and approved.**

**Lastly, some maintenance issues were discussed. A gutter on the Clubhouse needed replacement/repair; the fence at the women's restroom needed attention; the internet modem was not functioning. Lion Steve Pedersen was tasked with the repairs to the gutter and fence; Lion Lee Thomas will confront the issue with the modem.**

**Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.**





*Top left: Lion Phil Cropper being honored as a recipient of the Melvin Jones Award by Council Chair Steve Pedersen; Middle, top row: New member Jim Moore receiving his membership packet with sponsor Tyler Stamper and Steve Pedersen; Top right: Shirley Williams of Woodmen Life presenting the Tollesboro Lions Club with a 3' x 5' Kentucky Flag with Charles Kendall and Steve Pedersen; Middle row, left: New member Corey Kirk receiving his new member packet with sponsor Craig Stanfield; middle row, middle: Ritchie Cunningham Sr. receiving his new member packet, with sponsor Ritchie Cunningham, Jr. and Steve Pedersen looking on. Above: Locally made Tollesboro Lions Club cookies presented by Shirley Williams of Woodmen Life; Left: Shirley Williams of Woodmen Life presenting a 5' x 8' American Flag to the Tollesboro Lions Club with Craig Stanfield, Charles Kendall and Steve Pedersen looking on.*

**Photos from the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Tollesboro Lions Club showing the presentation of the Melvin Jones Fellowship, the presentation of new member packets, the presentation of the US and Kentucky flags from Woodmen Life and the cookies delivered by Woodmen Life.**

## 2025 Cow Bingo Ticket Design

**COW BINGO**  **\$\$\$**

**2025 Tollesboro Lions Club Fair**


**COW BINGO**  
\$10 Chance to WIN \$500!!!

A messy FUN GAME OF CHANCE where a cow picks the winner (by doing "her business") while supporting the **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB!**  
*To be given away JULY 26, 2025 (time solely up to the cow)!*

**\$\$\$**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*The time that the winner will be determined is strictly up to the cow! Only 1 winner will be awarded the prize. A Judge that is "intimately familiar with the materials" will determine the winner. Judge's decision will be final. **No more than 500 tickets will be sold!** Judge to be solely responsible for layout of the "field". **Winner DOES NOT** Need to be Present to Win. Winner will be announced at the Fair and will be contacted by phone if not present.*





# TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB EASTER EGG HUNT 2025



## **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB EASTER EGG HUNT 2025**

The 2025 Tollesboro Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt was a great success! Although it was necessary to reschedule from the original April 5th date to April 19th (due to heavy downpour of rain), and while a windy day, more than 100 persons participated and the event was HEAVILY sponsored by a number of local individuals and businesses, resulting in 4000 eggs and a table full of gifts (all children who participated received a gift!). The Sensory Class began at 11 am, with the open event beginning at noon. Age groups were 0-3, 4-6, 7-10, and 11-13 (no age limits or classes for the Sensory Hour).



**Sponsors included The Tollesboro Lions Club, Rip's Farm Center, Jim and Jennifer Meadows, Primetime Fun Inflatables, the Peoples Bank of Ohio, the Peoples Bank of Kentucky, Anthony and Diana Prater, Peggy's Party Balloons and More, Walker Auctions, Howington Dixie Cafe, T-City Pizza, R & S Pallet Shop, Steven Truesdell, Take It Personal Gifts Tyler & Tabby Lyles, 3 Girls Grace, Buttons & Bows, Tara Ginn, Angie McCann, Craig A. Stanfield Real Estate & Auction Services, and Rhonda Trumbo Mack.**

# **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB MEMBERS ATTEND**

## **ZONE MEETING APRIL 21**

The Orangeburg Lions Club sponsored a Zone Meeting at their regularly scheduled meeting April 21<sup>st</sup>. There were 27 Lions in attendance, representing 4 of 6 Lions Clubs within the Zone: Orangeburg, Maysville, Vanceburg and Tollesboro (Clubs not represented were Mays Lick and Mill Creek-Lewisburg) with the addition of Chuck Carlson of the Florence Lions Club, the Regional Chair.

Orangeburg President Shelby Trimble opened the meeting, asking Orangeburg Lions Club member Eric Crawford to lead the Pledge and the Lord's Prayer, after which he asked Tollesboro Lions Club member Craig Stanfield to offer the Blessing. The group then broke to eat supper (ham, chicken, potatoes, green beans, and a huge selection of desserts!). David & Wilda Frye, Dennis and Truesdell and Lisa Truesdell prepared the dinner, however a number of Orangeburg Lions Club members made the desserts.

Following dinner, Orangeburg Lions Club President Trimble opened the business part of the meeting. A motion was made to dispense with the Financial and Secretary reports which was approved. The meeting was then turned over to Zone Chairman Angela Jett who opened the Zone Meeting.

As one of 4 Maysville Lions Club members in attendance, she opened the Zone meeting reporting on the Maysville Lions Club's recent successes and upcoming projects. She reported that the Club's largest annual fund-raising event, the Maysville Lions Club Annual Radio Auction, the Club's 73<sup>rd</sup>, was a huge success (with the Chevrolet SUV donated by McFarlands selling for \$8000!), breaking last year's fund-raising totals. This event provides the funds for the Maysville Club to provide funds for their many donations and contributions to numerous organizations as well as their Scholarship funds. Due to the success of the Radio Auction, they have increased the amounts of their 4 Scholarships to \$1000 each and named one of the Scholarships in Memory of Sally Walton, Lion Mike Walton's wife, who recently passed away and who will be greatly missed due to the numerous persons whom she touched (and in whose Memory significant donations were made as Bucks For Luck during the week-long Radio Auction Event!).

Next, she asked that the Orangeburg Club make a presentation of their recent successes and upcoming projects. Orangeburg, the host Club, had 15 members in attendance. They spoke of their upcoming Pancake Breakfast, that they had made a donation to the Maysville Lions Club Radio Auction, that they had supported a Mason County student in a Bass Fishing Tournament, were accepting applications for their Scholarship Program, had provided assistance to a recent funeral, and had selected their officers for 2025-2026.

Next, Vanceburg, with 4 members in attendance, was invited to speak about their recent successes and upcoming projects. Their nominating committee had met and recommended officers for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. They will host a Softball Tournament in July and will have a Gun Raffle during the Lewis County Independence Day Festivities. They had supported Diabetes Research, and were accepting Scholarship applications.

Next, Tollesboro, with 3 members in attendance, was invited to speak. First, they gave an update on Lion Secretary Phil Cropper who was hospitalized; it was announced that at last week's meeting, he was presented the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. As to recent projects, the Club gave away 600 trees for Arbor Day; the Easter Egg Hunt had been last weekend. A Garden Tractor Pull was scheduled for this weekend and the Spring Trade Days Event the following weekend (May 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup>). There will be two Garden Tractor Pulls each month through October. The Eastern Kentucky Walking and Racking Horse Association would host their annual Horse Show May 31<sup>st</sup>. On June 14<sup>th</sup>, the Odd Fellows Grand Master's Picnic would take place on the grounds, with a Treasure Paws Fund-Raiser later that evening. In July, the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Tollesboro Lions Club Fair will run July 18<sup>th</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup>. In addition, the Club was "going into debt" to perform significant paving improvements (including re-paving and restriping the basketball court and paving the tennis court) and that the tennis court would be coated and striped to



form two Pickle-Ball Courts. The Club was accepting applications to provide for four \$500 scholarships. The Tollesboro Lions Club also had 4 new members join the Club since March and initiated 3 at the last meeting.

Next, Council Chair Steve Pedersen was invited to speak. He spoke how the 4 Clubs present at the meeting were each awarded the Lions Club Excellence Award and that he thought all 4 Clubs would be eligible this year as well. He stated that this Zone was the only Zone in Kentucky with 4 Clubs receiving the Club Excellence Award!

Next, Regional Chair Chuck Carlson addressed the group. He mentioned the upcoming State Convention this weekend; that officers for 2025-2026 Fiscal Year needed to be turned in by May 15<sup>th</sup>. He also discussed Disaster Relief Efforts statewide, including Eastern Kentucky and Frankfort, as well as trips to Tennessee and North Carolina to support areas impacted by natural disasters.

With all Clubs, the Zone Chair, Council Chair, and Regional Chair having made their presentations, Zone Chairman Jett returned the Podium to Orangeburg President Trimble, who offered some parting statements, asked the Orangeburg Club members if there were any business to bring before the Club, and with none being presented, thanked everyone for coming before a motion was made to adjourn.

## ARCHERY TOURNAMENT MAY 3RD

With little fanfare/notice, an Archery Tournament was held at the Tollesboro Lions Club May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The weather was cool, and the clouds loomed ominously overhead at times, however the event was well attended and the participants made it through the event without getting wet!





# **TOUGH TRUCK EVENT AT THE TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB**

The Tollesboro Lions Club will be hosting a "TOUCH TRUCK" Event at the Tollesboro Lions Club, Saturday, May 10th. This will be an obstacle course styled timed event, and will incorporate ramps and a turn. There will be 3 classes: A 4x4 class, a 2 wheel drive class, and aa Side-by-Side class. Each class will offer \$300 for 1st Place, \$150 for 2nd Place, and \$50 for 3rd Place. Tech/inspection/registration will begin at 3, with the event to begin at 7. Entry fees will be \$40 per entry per class. Admission will be \$10 / person. This event will be used to gauge popularity/participation for consideration as possible added event to the Annual Fair. For questions or concerns, contact Philip Bussell at (606) 748-4628 or Brayden Bussell at (606) 748-4344.

A promotional poster for the 'Tuff Truck' event. The background is black with a faint, repeating pattern of the words 'FAMILY TRADITION' in a stylized font. At the top, the title 'TUFF TRUCK' is written in large, bold, orange letters with a black outline. Below it, 'TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB' is written in a similar style. The poster is divided into three sections for different vehicle classes. The '4X4 CLASS' section on the left features an image of a blue and black off-road truck. The '2X4 CLASS' section on the right features an image of a blue pickup truck. The 'SXS CLASS' section in the center features an image of a yellow and black side-by-side vehicle. Each class section lists the prize money for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in green text. Below the class sections, there are two 'FAMILY TRADITION' logos, each featuring a small image of a car and a campfire. At the bottom, the event date 'MAY 10TH' is prominently displayed in large orange letters. Below the date, the registration fee, gate fee, and start times for tech and the show are listed in white text. The location '97 LIONS CLUB RD. TOLLESBORO KY' is written in large orange letters. Finally, the contact information for Phillip Bussell and Brayden Bussell is listed at the bottom in white text.

**TUFF TRUCK**  
**TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB**

**4X4 CLASS**  
1ST - \$300  
2ND - \$150  
3RD - \$50

**2X4 CLASS**  
1ST - \$300  
2ND - \$150  
3RD - \$50

**SXS CLASS**  
1ST - \$300  
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**REGISTRATION - \$40**  
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# **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB MEMBER HONORED AT STATE CONVENTION**

**Tollesboro Lions Club member/Treasurer/and Council Chair Steve Pedersen recently attended the Lions Club State Convention, April 26, 2025. The Convention was conducted at Paraquet Springs Convention Center at Shepherdsville, KY.**

**At the meeting, Council Chair Steve Pedersen was honored as the recipient of the President's Award from KLEF President Mac Ferguson. Steve serves as the Tollesboro Lions Club Treasurer and has been heavily involved in Lions Club Relief Efforts to Victims of Flooding and Hurricanes (Eastern Kentucky, Tennessee and North Carolina). He has previously served as Zone Chairman, District Governor, and is the current Council Chair of the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation.**



# **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB APRIL 28TH MEETING**

The Tollesboro Lions Club met Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 for their regularly scheduled meeting. First Vice President Shane Wallingford opened the meeting as President Craig Stanfield had to step outside to quickly print out some paperwork for the meeting. Secretary Phil Cropper gave the blessing, with Lion Shane Wallingford leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. The group then broke for dinner. There were 17 members and one guest in attendance.

Following dinner, President Stanfield invited guest Kenny Evans to approach the group as he wanted to bring up some matter before the group. Kenny mentioned that the Lewis County Shooting Sports would like permission to create a special gun for raffle during the Tollesboro Lions Club Fair that would incorporate the Tollesboro Lions Club Fair, the Lions Club logo, and the year. A motion was immediately made, seconded, and with a bit of discussion unanimously approved.

Next, Lion Secretary Phil Cropper provided the minutes from the last meeting, which were approved as read. This was followed by the financial report provided by Treasurer Steve Pedersen.

President Stanfield then brought up items of Old Business for discussion/action. The first was a discussion about the Club going into debt to made improvements to the fairgrounds before the annual Fair in July. These improvements include SIGNIFICANT paving (including to entrances, walking track, and re-paving the basketball court and the current tennis court. The tennis court will be converted to provide for two pickle-ball courts which would require sealing and marking. The basketball court would also be striped). The Club approved the paving, the pickle-ball court conversion, and that President Stanfield and Treasurer Pedersen sign the loan paperwork. A motion was made, seconded, approved to obtain the necessary financing, with the President and Treasurer signing the loan paperwork, and to enter into contracts to perform and complete the fairgrounds improvements before the Fair.

The next item of Old Business was a discussion of a project discussed some months ago, the Veteran's Memorial signs. This project included placement of photos on signs of veterans. Photos and information relative to the veterans is to be provided by family members and is to include a photo of the Veteran, name, rank, branch of service, and other pertinent information (information could include: Years served, war fought, dates birth/death, killed in action, prisoner of war, Purple Heart or other recognition/award recipient, etc.). A template would be utilized. Cost to be paid by the person wishing to honor said veteran, and the responsibility for providing photo and information to be upon the same. The cost to be \$100. The photo to be placed two-sided on an aluminum sign. Tabby Tully of Take-It-Personal Gifts has offered to have the signs created. Jeff Barbour of Jackie's Deer Lures has offered to create and provide for the mounts. The Club has decided to have a dozen or so to judge the feedback/interest, on a first-come, first-serve basis, promoted to the public in an attempt to have them created with the intent to hang them on the fairgrounds during the fair.

Next, upcoming events were discussed: This weekend (May 1 through 3) is the Spring Trade Days Event. May 9<sup>th</sup> was the deadline for Scholarship Applications to be turned in, and the next meeting – May 12<sup>th</sup> would be the date that Scholarship recipients would be chosen. Next weekend, May 10<sup>th</sup> is the Tough Truck Event. May 17<sup>th</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup> were Garden Tractor Pull Events. May 31<sup>st</sup> would also be the date that the Eastern Kentucky Walking and Racking Horse Association would have their annual Horse Show.

Next, Officer Elections for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year were due. A list of the current officers was read, and a motion was made to keep the slate the same for another year. President Stanfield stated that he had already served as President for 10 terms; likewise Steve Pedersen has served as Treasurer and Phil Cropper has served as Secretary for a considerable time, and that someone else should step up to take their places. Lion Pedersen stated that in order to rise in the Zone and Council required at least a Past Presidency as a qualification. However no nominations were forthcoming, the motion was repeated and seconded, and ultimately, the officers were re-elected to another term. The officers elected are as follows: Craig Stanfield President; Shane Wallingford First Vice President; Second Vice President Jim Meadows; Third Vice President Trevor Applegate; Secretary Phil Cropper; Treasurer Steve Pedersen, Marketing



**and Communication Director Craig Stanfield; Service Chairperson Steve Pedersen; LCIF Coordinator Zach Truesdell; Club Administrators Steve Pedersen and Craig Stanfield; 2 Year Club Directors: Mike Setters, Paul Hampton; 1 Year Club Directors: Denny Hornback and Daymond Thomas; Membership Chairperson Travis Applegate; Charles Kendall Tail Twister; David Hampton Lion Tamer.**

**Under New Business, Lion Pedersen informed the Club that repairs to a sink in the lower food booth had been made, and that repairs were necessitated to windows. It was also mentioned that these damages were intentional, vandalism. It was also noted that repairs were necessary to a vinyl fence at the women's restroom. This too was suspected vandalism. Steve indicated that he would have repairs made. The internet modem was still inoperable, and guttering had yet to be repaired/replaced on the Lions Club Clubhouse.**

**Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.**

# TOLLESBORO RESIDENT AND LIONS CLUB PRESIDENT PLACES WREATH ON THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN

Craig Stanfield and his wife Beverly drove to Washington, DC Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> where Craig was invited to place a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknowns. Craig was invited to place the wreath as his position as Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Independent Order of Odd Fellows as a member of Ringgold Lodge and Associate Member of Dekalb Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, both lodges located in Maysville, KY. Also honored to place the wreath was Casey Puckett, President of the Rebeccas, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Grand Lodge of Kentucky IOOF (there are 4 branches of Odd Fellowship: the Odd Fellows, the Encampment, the Canton, and the Rebeccas; each state has a Grand Lodge; nationally, the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Craig has previously served as the Department Commander of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, the head of the Grand Canton Department Council and the Grand Patriarch Grand Lodge of Kentucky, the head of the Grand Encampment). They placed the wreath at the base of the on the Tomb of the Unknowns, Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, and viewed the Changing of the Guards. The Sovereign Grand Master placed a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknowns. Forty states participated by providing for a wreath to be placed at the base of the Tomb, with 38 of those states sending participants to place the wreath.



*Above: Top left and Middle: Grand Master Grand Lodge of KY IOOF (Tollesboro Lions Club President) Craig Stanfield and Rebecca President Grand Lodge of KY IOOF Casey Puckett in line to lay the wreath on the Tomb of the Unknowns. Grand Master Stanfield and Rebecca President Puckett hand the wreath over to the Aide to the Guard at Arlington National Cemetery. Bottom left: Craig & Beverly Stanfield and Casey Puckett with Kentucky's wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns. Middle: Wreaths laid at the base of the stairs leading to the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery. Bottom right: The Tomb of the Unknowns and the Guard stationed therewith, Arlington National Cemetery.*

# TOUGH TRUCK EVENT AT LIONS CLUB MAY 10TH

The Tough Truck Event at the Tollesboro Lions Club Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. A timed-event with electric eye and timing technology, vehicles (both 2 and 4 wheel drive trucks, SUVs, ATVs, etc.) would rush across an obstacle course, driving over ramps (oftentimes leaving the ground), through a mud pit, then making a quick turn, and hitting another series of ramps before breaking the barrier at the finish line. There were several classes, and the event seemed to be a hit with the crowd who attended. This event will be revisited at this year's Annual Fair.





# **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB MAY 12TH MEETING**

The Tollesboro Lions Club met Monday, May 12th, at the Tollesboro Lions Club Clubhouse for their first regularly scheduled May meeting. With 21 members and guests in attendance, President Craig Stanfield called the meeting to order, and asked Treasurer Steve Pedersen to offer the Blessing, followed by Lion Charles Kendall leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. The group then broke for supper.

Following the meal, President Stanfield introduced two persons in attendance: Jeffrey B. Molden who had recently made Tollesboro his permanent residence and who wished to join the Club (and who had worked the gate at Saturday's event) and Tim Jett, a Tollesboro High School Class of 1983 Graduate and who until recently was a member of the Maysville Lions Club who was considering a membership transfer to the Tollesboro Lions Club. Craig also mentioned to the Club that Tony Sweeney was considering joining the Club. The Club then voted to accept all of them into membership. Jeffrey and Tony were sponsored by President Stanfield.

Next, Secretary Phil Cropper read the minutes from the last meeting, which were approved as read. No financial report was provided.

Next, the Scholarship Committee reported to the Club (the Scholarship Committee is made up of Phil Cropper, Denny Hornback, and John Redmond). This year, 21 applications were provided, a record number. The Committee informed the Club that the quality of the applicants was outstanding, and that if the Club had the monies available, all applicants would be worthy of an award. However, the Committee was tasked to select 4 recipients to receive \$500 in scholarship monies. However, due to the number of applications and the quality of the applications, the Committee selected six persons and recommended that the Club raise the amount of Scholarship monies to \$3,000 so as to permit six \$500 scholarships. Their recommendation was quickly and unanimously approved. The Committee then announced their selections, as follows: Allie Thomas, daughter of Lee Thomas and Kerri Thomas; Layla Taylor, daughter of Lamont Taylor; Morgan Osborne, daughter of Scott and April Osborne; Hunter Chase Bivens, son of Johnny and Tonia Bivens; Kaitlynn Arnold, daughter of Christopher and Rebecca Arnold; and Andrew Noble, son of Jeremy and Wendy Noble. A motion was then made to invite the recipients to the Club on the second meeting in June, June 23rd, for a dinner and Scholarship Presentation; motion passed.

Under Old Business, President Stanfield announced that the Club was proceeding with the loan approved at a recent meetings, and that he and Treasurer Pedersen would be signing the papers to obtain the loan on Monday. This loan was to be utilized to make additional improvements to the fairgrounds, namely: Paving of parts of the entrances and walking track; Conversion of the Tennis Court to provide for two Pickle-Ball Courts (which would also require paving, striping, etc.); Improvement of the Basketball Court (which will also include a new paved surface as well as striping); and other improvements. A motion was then made to further include among the improvements to the grounds, lighting to the ballfield, approving up to \$5,000 to go towards the lighting project (this is a significant project as it will involve placement of additional poles, wiring, and new high efficiency lighting. Some of the expense would be from donations. These improvements are necessary to permit tournaments to be held on the fairgrounds). Motion was approved. Steve was asked about the timeline for the paving improvements. He indicated that work would begin very soon as the pickleball court would have to cure for 30 days before a sealing surface was applied and striping occurred.

Also under Old Business: President Stanfield passed around photos of the first 10 Veteran Memorials which are to be hung on the Fairgrounds during the week of the Fair. He also showed the Club two Memorials which were brought in by member Tyler Liles just as the meeting began. President Stanfield reported that - while the first two created, which were shown to the Club late last summer - the provider of the signage that was intended to be utilized, had unfortunately discontinued the signage that was going to be used, 2'x 2' full color, two-sided, thin steel plate, with metal mounting brackets. The Club located a local source to have the Memorials printed on 2' x 2' aluminum, a lighter material that would also be two-sided, full-color, and which would be created locally by Tabby Tully Liles' Take-It-Personal Gifts. This signage however lacked the mounting hardware. However, former Tollesboro resident and

Fair/Lions Club supporter Jeff Barbour had sourced a heavier mounting bracket and had agreed to donate 100 of them to the Club for the project. This will permit the project to proceed without any increase in costs. So...: The Veteran Memorials will begin on a small scale (to date, 12 commitments to have the Memorials made to honor our Nation's Veterans have been made. The cost is only \$100 per sign (this is not a fund-raising project, but rather an honor to veterans), 2' x 2' two-sided, full color metal, and which will include not only a photo of the veteran (black and white photos are acceptable, preferably in military clothing), but also the Branch and Rank, as well as other pertinent data (such as Purple Heart Recipient, Bronze Star Recipient, POW, MIA, KIA, Active Duty, Combat Duty, etc.), making them much more personalized than those seen in other nearby communities (it is up to the person who is honoring the veteran to provide the photo and all other data to the Club for the provision of the camera-ready design which will be submitted to Tabby for creation. All designs will follow a template previously approved by the Tollesboro Lions Club). during the Fair on the Fairgrounds, and will be opened up to permit additional Memorials to be created as people see and inquire about having them made. Persons wishing to honor a vet are encouraged to contact Craig Stanfield at 606-301-3350 or [info@stanfieldproperty.com](mailto:info@stanfieldproperty.com). To honor a vet, you will be responsible to provide the photo, name, rank, branch served, and other pertinent data.

Next, Lee Thomas reported on the Tough Truck event held on the grounds Saturday. Although there was considerable competition from events being held nearby, the event was considered a success and will be revisited at this year's annual fair.

Next, Lion Pedersen reported that at the next meeting, Elite Sponsor information will be passed out and stated how important the Elite Sponsors are to the overall success of the Fair, the Tollesboro Lions Club's main fund-raiser.

Lion Jim Meadows reported on the status of grounds and electrical/lighting improvements that the Club had approved last year, indicating that work was to begin right away so as to be ready before the Fair.

Lion Lee Thomas reported that garbage from events was becoming problematic and exceeding Lion Daymond Thomas' capabilities and that we would need to determine a way to deal with trash after events (and the Club is committing to an ever increasing number of events!). This will be brought up next meeting.

Lion Pedersen informed the Club that Lewis County had succeeded in a crumb rubber grant and that he had requested a number of picnic benches be obtained from the Fairgrounds.

Lion Stanfield reported on a food giveaway for each child in Lewis County throughout the summer operated by the UMC Food Ministry which provides 5 million meals persons annually during the summer when school is out and which was expanding to provide meals to every child 18 or younger in Lewis County, absolutely free. The meals would be provided every Wednesday beginning June 4 and extending through August 13th, available for pickup at 2 locations in Lewis County from 4:30 pm through 6:30 pm, to be picked up at either the Tollesboro High School parking lot or the Lewis County Library.

Lastly, Craig informed the Club that Steve Pedersen had been presented the KLEF President's Award at the recent Lions Club State Convention in Shepherdsville, KY last month. Steve currently serves as the Council Chair and has been heavily involved in Disaster Relief efforts for the last several years while serving as District Governor.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.



# TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB HONORS OUR NATION'S HEROES

 <p><b>BILLY RAY LUCAS</b> US ARMY VIETNAM 101ST AIRBORNE 1969 - 1970 <b>† KILLED IN ACTION</b></p> <p>Bronze Star &amp; Purple Heart Recipient</p>	 <p><b>JAMES A. APPEGATE</b> WWII VETERAN 25TH INFANTRY OCT. 5, 1924 JULY 11, 2020</p> <p>PRIVATE FIRST CLASS PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT</p>	 <p><b>LT. COL. JULIAN ELMO GILLESPIE</b> US ARMY - WWII Born August 5, 1921 Died February 23, 2004</p> <p>Lt. Col. (Silver Oak Leaf)</p>
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 <p><b>DANNY LUCAS</b> US ARMY KOREA 1973 - 1975 SGT - E5</p> <p>Sergeant-E5</p>	 <p><b>William J. "Dude" Higgins, Jr.</b> SK3 US Navy WW II Veteran 11/5/1917 - 03/3/1949</p> <p>Store Keeper 3rd Class</p>	 <p><b>GEORGE ROBERT NEWELL</b> US AIR FORCE ACTIVE DUTY: Apr. 7, 1964 - Mar. 12, 1968 Reserves thru Apr. 6, 1970</p> <p>General Conduct &amp; National Defense</p>
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 <p><b>WILLIAM J. HIGGINS III</b> US AIR FORCE BORN: SEPT. 23, 1939 DIED: NOV. 13, 1980</p> <p>1st Lt.</p>	 <p><b>JAMES "JIM" THOROUGHMAN</b> US ARMY - VIETNAM SEPT. 1966 - OCT. 7, 1967 E-4, SPECIALIST 4</p> <p>VIETNAM WAR VETERAN</p>
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 <p><b>CHARLES A. "BUD" LUCAS, JR.</b> 8TH DIV. - US ARMY GERMANY 1968 - 1970 SGT - E5</p> <p>U.S. ARMY 100 INFANTRY DIVISION VETERAN</p>	 <p><b>CPL. WILLARD NEWELL SPENCE</b> WW II VETERAN SERVED FROM AUG. 17, 1943 UNTIL JAN 23, 1946 PURPLE HEART AND BRONZE STAR RECIPIENT</p> <p>554th Engineer Co. (FB) Floating Bridge</p>
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## TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB DONATES FUNDS TO ASSIST KENTUCKY STORM VICTIMS

Following devastating and catastrophic tornadoes which caused significant damages through southern Kentucky, Pulaski and Laurel Counties (most notably the towns of Somerset and London, Kentucky) resulting in the death of at least 19 persons. In response, Lions Clubs in District 43-Y, aided by donations by churches, businesses, and individuals, jumped into action, delivering totes, tarps, and other requested items to aid in ongoing recovery efforts. Tollesboro Lions Club member and Council Chair Steve Pedersen, accompanied by Chuck Carlson, took off in the recently acquired enclosed trailer purchased by the Tollesboro Lions Club to deliver items to London, KY. The Tollesboro Lions Club – by text from the Club President Stanfield – authorized a donation of \$1,500 to purchase supplies to aid in the recovery efforts (the response by text was quick and unanimous to assist in the recovery efforts).





## **TOLLESBORO LIONS GARDEN TRACTOR PULLERS CLUB**



On May 31st, the Tollesboro Lions Club hosted two events, the Eastern Kentucky Walking and Racking Horse Association Annual Celebration and the Tollesboro Lions Garden Tractor Pulling Club Garden Tractor Pull.

The Eastern Kentucky Walking and Racking Horse Association held their Annual Celebration at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds. This is the second time that the organization has hosted their annual event at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds, two consecutive years. This year's event had 35 classes. While rains on Friday likely impacted the event, several horses and competitors appeared to compete against other horses and riders.

On the south side of the fairgrounds, the Tollesboro Lions Garden Tractor Pullers Club hosted a Garden Tractor Pull. Several classes were held. The pulling sled had been recently improved with a GPS measuring unit at a cost of \$5,285 (100% of the cost of this improvement was provided by the Tollesboro Lions Club, one-half as a donation, and one-half to be repaid to the Tollesboro Lions Club by the Tollesboro Lions Garden Tractor Pullers Club over a two-year period).

***TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB MEMBER CRAIG  
STANFIELD ELECTED TO SERVE  
11TH TERM AS PRESIDENT OF THE TOLLESBORO  
LIONS CLUB AND TAKING ON SECOND TERM AS ZONE  
CHAIRMAN, EFFECTIVE JUNE 1ST.***

# **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB TO HOST IOOF** **GRAND MASTER'S PICNIC JUNE 14TH**

**The Tollesboro Lions Club will host the Grand Master's Picnic, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Saturday, noon, June 14th. The Tollesboro Lions Club President, Craig Stanfield, is simultaneously serving as the Grand Master of Kentucky, IOOF (Independent Order of Odd Fellows), Grand Lodge of Kentucky. As such, Craig has selected the Tollesboro Lions Club to be the site of this Grand Master's Picnic. All Odd Fellows, Rebeccas, or members of an Encampment or Canton affiliated with Odd Fellowship, are invited to attend.**

**Craig is a member of Ringgold Lodge # 27 in Maysville, and an associate member of Dekalb Lodge # 9, also of Maysville. He has served 3 terms as the Noble Grand of Ringgold Lodge, has served as the Chief Patriarch of the Pisgah Encampment, and has served as Captain of the James J. Welch Canton # 26. He also serves on the Initiation Degree Committee and the Funeral Rites Committee at Dekalb Lodge. On the state level, he has already served as the Department Commander of the Grand Canton, Grand Lodge of Kentucky and the Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment Grand Lodge of Kentucky. Craig was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky last October. As Grand Master, Craig is entitled to create a pin to celebrate his reign and to hand out to Lodge members throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky. As such, Craig's Grand Master's pin is in the shape of the boundary of Kentucky, has the "3 link/FLT" logo of the Odd Fellows organization (FLT stands for Friendship, Love and Truth), a star at the approximate location of Maysville/Tollesboro (Tollesboro as his hometown, Maysville for his Lodge affiliations), a gavel to represent leadership and in homage to his career as an auctioneer, the date 2024-25 to represent the year of service, and his title Grand Master, Grand Lodge of KY, IOOF. An additional perk permits the Grand Master to place a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknowns in Washington, DC, an honor that Craig participated in last month. As Grand Master, Craig has also opted to have the Grand Lodge of Kentucky have their annual meeting in Maysville (October, 2025).**





Top Left: Grand Master Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Grand Lodge of Kentucky Craig Stanfield with his wife Beverly, accompanied by Rebecca President, Grand Lodge of Kentucky Kasey Puckett with the wreath which was placed on the Tomb of the Unknowns in Washington, D.C. earlier this year. Right: Grand Master Craig Stanfield in Grand Lodge paraphernalia. Bottom Left: Craig Stanfield's Grand Master's pin.

## **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB HOSTS FUNDRAISER FOR TREASURED PAWS JUNE 14TH**

A fund-raiser for Treasured Paws will take place Saturday, June 14th at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds from 4 to 8 pm. Treasured Paws is a group who works to save dogs from the Lewis County Dog Kennel in order to rehome them. Funds raised will be used for veterinary and dog food. The event will include gospel music, inflatables, arts and crafts tables, face painting, food vendors, and a live auction (to be conducted by Craig Stanfield). Come on out and support this fine organization raising funds for a worthy cause.

# **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB JUNE 9TH MEETING**

The June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Tollesboro Lions Club was a busy and productive event. The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by President Craig Stanfield, who asked Secretary Phil Cropper to offer Prayer, after which Lion Charles Kendall led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. The group then broke for dinner. There were 24 in attendance.

Before dinner began, a member mentioned that a truck was parked on the newly laid blacktop over what had previously been the tennis court and which was in the process of being converted into a Pickle-Ball Court, and that said truck was in the process of a oil change with oil having been spilled on the newly installed blacktop. This was a SERIOUS problem as the blacktop had just been installed and was to undergo a 30 day drying period, at the end of which the court was to be sealed with special coatings to permit the court to be striped to provide for Pickle-ball, at a significant cost (the sealing materials are water-based and would not adhere properly to the oil that had been permitted to run-off onto the blacktop by the offending vehicle). No one was present at the pickup at that time. The Lewis County Sheriff's Office was called so that a report could be made. However, immediately as the dinner was to begin, a non-member reported to the Club that persons were now at the truck and that perhaps they were planning to leave. Therefore two members of the Club left the meeting (and their meals) to potentially hold the offending parties at bay until Sheriff's office personnel arrived. Upon arrival, it was determined that the offenders were teenagers who just didn't know better, admitted their mistake, upon which one of the persons parents showed up and - after listening to the Club members reasoning as to the severity of the matter - insisted that the boys would clean up the mess, including degreasing, scrubbing, and whatever else it would take to remove the oil from the newly blacktopped site; therefore the Club members permitted the boys to leave the facilities without further incident and the Club members returned to the meeting (and dinner!).

Upon return, the business meeting began with Secretary Phil Cropper providing the minutes from the last meeting, after which Treasurer Steven Pedersen provided the financial report. It was reported by the Treasurer that the Club had borrowed money (as disclosed and arranged for at previous meetings) so as to make significant improvements to the Fairgrounds before this year's Fair. These improvements consisted primarily of significant paving (blacktopping) including the main entrance on KY 10, the basketball court, the tennis court, the main entrance on Fairgrounds Road, and additional paving in areas where necessitated by widening entrances last year and as needed to parts of the Walking Track. It was further announced that some additional paving would be installed along Fairgrounds Road in the upcoming weeks. Other improvements to be made are striping the basketball court and the completion of the conversion of the Tennis Court to a Pickle-Ball Court, as well as additional electrical and lighting improvements. Additional improvements made that same day included repair to a fence outside the women's restroom facilities; improvements to the announcer's booth/concession stand located between the tug-pull and speed-pull tracks; as well as a required raising of the main entrance gates along the KY 10 entrance necessitated by the new pavement which raised the elevation where the gates could not shut properly. Also, a new cooler was needed for the main concession booth.

Lion Pedersen reported that he had attended a meeting of the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation earlier in the day, where Governor Beshear formally signed a proclamation in recognition of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Helen Keller's challenge to Lions to become "Knights of the Blind", creating the mission of sight preservation (the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her appearance at the Lions Club National Convention is July 30, 2025), a mission that is the central core of Lions Club's throughout the world to the present day.

Under Old Business, it was asked if arrangements had been made to present scholarship monies to recipients the next meeting, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Contact would be made this week with the six Scholarship recipients and their families, inviting them to attend the next meeting of the Tollesboro Lions Club so that the recipients could receive their scholarship monies (President Stanfield stated that it was his fault that the scholarships were not mentioned on Awards Day; he had reported the recipients to the

newspapers, but had neglected to specifically inform school personnel). Once the number of scholarship recipients and their families who would attend the next meeting, it would be reported to Skeeter and Sonia Shaw so that adequate dinners would be prepared for the next meeting.

Members were reminded that Elite Sponsors had been sent invoices and that a list of those who had not responded would be provided at next meeting for personal contact if necessary.

The Wi-Fi was still not operable, but someone was coming tomorrow to hopefully determine what was needed to restore service.

President Stanfield mentioned upcoming events: This Saturday the Club would host the Grand Master's Picnic, Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Independent Order of Odd Fellows at the main pavillion. Later Saturday evening, a fund-raiser for the Treasured Paws would take place on the Fairgrounds, primarily at the Pageant Hall, but to be scattered along the Fairgrounds, incorporating a Gospel group, face-painting, bouncy houses, food vendors, and a live auction. June 21st - at the Tollesboro High School - St. Mary's Lodge F & AM, would be hosting their 3rd Annual Cruis'n For Kids Car Show.

President Stanfield reported on the status of Veterans Memorials being created. To date, 18 have been ordered. President Stanfield reported that there were a number of persons important enough that they had Wikipedia information online adequate enough that memorials could be/were created for the Club to consider purchasing, to honor persons who served from the immediate area (plus that the Club should consider purchasing one for Glenn Cole for his many years and contributions to the Club, a past Citizen of the Year as well as a Melvin Jones Fellow and for whom he had the information required for a memorial). Craig suggested that the Club purchase memorials to honor: Mason County's Brigadier General Charles Young (who led a very successful and distinguished career in the military); Fleming County's Iwo Jima Flag-Raiser/KIA Franklin R. Sousley; Lewis County's own Distinguished Flying Cross recipient/KIA Benjamin Thomas Pugh; Mason County's General of Three Armies/KIA Albert Sidney Johnston (it should be noted that while his inclusion is the most controversial of those considered, as a Confederate General at the time of his death, he was born in Mason County, KY, was the second highest ranking officer in the Confederacy – higher than Robert E. Lee, was the highest ranking Union or Confederate officer killed in the entire Civil War - and he was a very capable and respected General of the Army of the Republic of Texas and of the US Army before joining the Confederacy and he was NOT a slave-owner, all leading credence to his inclusion); and Mason County's Major General of the Army/Lt. Commander of the Navy William “Bull” Nelson (killed while on duty although not in action, killed – murdered - by a fellow Union General). A motion was made to approve all six, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Under New Business, President Stanfield reported that – as his position as the chair of the Planning Commission – he had been contacted to see if the Club would consider placement of a cell phone tower on the Fairgrounds. Craig mentioned some tentative terms and indicated that the person who made the inquiry was flying in this week and wanted to meet with Craig to discuss. Craig asked the Club for permission to at least discuss placement on the grounds (location, logistics, etc.); a motion was made and approved for consideration to bring back to the Club at a future (next?) meeting.

Next it was brought up that there are 3 new picnic tables on the grounds to be assembled. A motion was made to purchase six new tables for the Clubhouse, seconded, and approved. It was also mentioned that the Club had been approved for a Crumb Rubber grant for some outside-use tables.

Next, it was mentioned that a new gutter needed to be placed on the Clubhouse with Snowbirds so that ice sliding off the roof would not cause damage to the new guttering once it was placed on the building. It was also noted that the gates at the entrance outside the Clubhouse needed some attention/repair.

Next, Lion Eric Bloomfield spoke on behalf of the Peoples Bank requesting that the Peoples Bank of Kentucky be given permission to place a sign along the Fairgrounds perimeter fence. As the Peoples Bank is a Diamond Elite Sponsor, a motion was made to permit the sign placement without additional cost; motion was approved.

Next, Seth Wallingford representing Lewis County baseball/sports, inquired to confirm that the ball team could once again collect trash during the fair, clean tables and bathrooms, etc. The ball team would



also assist with the Veterans/Emergency personnel dinner, and that the ballgame schedule would include a Lions Club Day next year. He also asked permission to once again have a dunking booth on the Fairgrounds during the Fair (to which, member Alan Henderson offered the use – for free! - of a dunking booth that he owned!). A motion was made to approve, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn, seconded, passed, and the meeting adjourned.

## **JUNE 14TH EVENTS AT TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB** **FAIRGROUNDS GREAT SUCCESS!**

The events held at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds June 14<sup>th</sup> were both successes. Craig Stanfield, the President of the Tollesboro Lions Club, is also the Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and thus invited members of Odd Fellows Lodges throughout Kentucky to attend his Grand Master's Picnic, opting to use the Tollesboro Fairgrounds as the host site (and to make it easier for Craig's wife Beverly to transport those parts of the meal to the event that she prepared). There were approximately 60 in attendance, mostly from Maysville's two Odd Fellows Lodges (Ringgold and Dekalb) of which Craig is a member; however there were also a few members from other parts of the state, including Mt. Sterling and Bowling Green (the Bowling Green members planned to visit some of the area's Historic Covered Bridges and were going to head home Sunday).

The gathering was fed hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, pasta salad, potato chips/snacks, with desserts consisting of Strawberries in the Snow and homemade Peach Cobbler (Craig's wife Beverly made the baked beans, pasta salad, and the desserts, while Craig – assisted by several members of Dekalb and Ringgold Lodges of Maysville – operated the grill). Prayer was offered by Kenneth Pickrell. A fine time was had by all, with many compliments heard throughout the event. Craig thanked those in attendance for coming, invited them to visit the area's Covered Bridge Attractions, and invited them to stay for the Treasured Paws Event that he would be a part of later that same day at the same site (the fund-raiser benefiting the Treasured Paws, which was to begin at 4 that same afternoon). The tables/seating was left in place for the later day's event.

Following the Odd Fellows Grand Master's Picnic, the Treasured Paws Fund-Raiser was held. It included food trucks and Snowy Turtle shaved ice, a bouncy house, face-painting, and gospel music by two groups (McAdams Ministries and Satisfied) which was followed by an auction (also conducted by Craig Stanfield). For it to be the first fund-raising event conducted by Treasured Paws, the event was quite a success! The music was well received, and there were a significant number of items for the auction event, which resulted in a significant amount of money raised for the cause (Treasured Paws is a non-profit consisting of several local persons who rescue dogs from the Lewis County Animal Shelter, provide veterinary services for the animals, feed them, and provide temporary homes for them until permanent homes can be found. The monies raised are to provide for veterinary services and feed for the animals while they are provided temporary care. The monies raised far exceeded expectations and the event could not be considered anything less than an overwhelming success!

Following the event, Craig was assisted by some of the Treasured Paws event squad in returning tables and chairs/seating to their proper storage areas at the Fairgrounds.

## TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB JUNE 23 MEETING

The Tollesboro Lions Club met Monday, June 23rd at the Tollesboro Lions Clubhouse at 7 pm for their regularly scheduled meeting. This was a special meeting, with Scholarship recipients and their families invited. Five of the six scholarship recipients were in attendance, each accompanied by family members. In total, there were 30 present, with 18 members in attendance.

President Craig Stanfield opened the meeting by offering Prayer, which was followed by Charles Kendall leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Craig then welcomed the many guests and invited them to the front of the line for dinner, with members following up.

Following dinner, Craig opened the meeting with the presentation of Scholarships. Each recipient received a certificate and a check for \$500 in recognition of their accomplishments. Five of the six 2025 recipients were there accompanied by family members (the sixth recipient was not available, but hopefully will be in attendance at the next meeting of the Tollesboro Lions Club, July 14th). The 2025 recipients present to receive their scholarship were: Morgan Osborne; Layla Taylor; Allie Thomas; Hunter Chase Bivens; and Kaitlynn Arnold. Each was brought up one at a time with their family members in attendance, and President Stanfield presented them with their certificate and check, followed by a group photo at the end. Following the scholarship presentations, the recipients were dismissed so the business meeting could begin.

Morgan Osborne presented the Club with a Thank You card for her scholarship, which Craig read to the group.

Next, Secretary Phil Cropper presented the minutes from the last meeting, which were approved. With Treasurer Pedersen absent, no financial report was presented.

Under Old Business, the Veteran's Memorials: Several more have been paid for, prepared/designed, and sent out for production. Last month, the Club had voted to approve memorials for a number of historical figures of local prominence. Included were Lewis County's Benjamin Thomas Pugh (Navy Cross Recipient, KIA); Fleming County's Franklin Sousley (flag-raiser at Iwo Jima, KIA); Mason County's "Bull" Nelson (Union General, Civil War) and Charles Young (Brigadier General); and Mason County's Albert Sidney Johnston (General of three Armies, Army of the Republic of Texas, the US Army, and the CSA Army). At the time of the approval, Craig has reported that Albert Sidney Johnston was not a slave-owner due to online research and that his other accomplishments warranted the memorial. *HOWEVER Craig was reading a biographical sketch that stated Johnston was a slave-owner (he just wasn't at the time of his death; according to the online sketch, Johnston had offered freedom to his last slave who opted to serve as an indentured servant and followed Johnston into his Civil War command, for \$12 / month).* Craig reported the discrepancy to the Club for further consideration. The Club opted to approve the memorial based upon his other accomplishments (namely, being a General in three Armies) and as he was born in Mason County, KY.

Next, Craig brought up another Lewis County native for consideration. Andrew Kenneth Waterman was born in Lewis Co., KY in 1913. He enlisted in the US Navy in 1932 from New York. He was killed 20 days following Pearl Harbor, 19 days after the US entered WWII, only 28 years of age; he was acting as a waist gunner in a bomber plane involved in an aerial assault. He was mortally wounded in the assault, the plane was heavily damaged by gunfire which caused the fuel tank to catch fire, forcing a rough landing. The heavily damaged plane managed to land, but the fire spread quickly. While the pilot and 4 other men were able to escape the burning plane, Waterman's body (he had died from his wounds) could not be retrieved (thus KIA/MIA). Due to his death so soon after the US entry into WWII, Waterman was honored with the Navy Cross, the Purple Heart AND by having a ship named for him, the USS Waterman, DE740. Unfortunately, Craig could not find a photo of Waterman (even in the Navy Cross recipient honorees); however Craig was able to find an artist rendering of the USS Waterman and a photograph of the USS Waterman that could be utilized for the memorial. A motion was made and approved for the Club to provide the memorial for AMM1 Andrew Kenneth Waterman.

Next, Craig offered Cow Bingo tickets to the Club members to sell. The Cow Bingo event offers a chance to win \$500 for \$10 / ticket. Craig had sold 39 tickets at a recent auction event. He stressed that

the tickets were not hard to sell and encouraged all members to take a few and sell as many as they could. When asked how many tickets would be sold, Craig informed the group that 240 works well in the Livestock Barn used for the event as divided into evenly sized spaces, but that any number of tickets sold could be accommodated, and that the maximum number sold was capped at 500, the number of tickets printed.

Next, Craig mentioned that he had been contacted by someone inquiring as to whether a Cruise-In Car Show could be held at the Fairgrounds on Sunday following the Fair. They were not available to approach the Club at the meeting. So Craig informed them that they were just too late (besides it would have been too late to place in the Fair Schedule or Fairbook) and that they could approach the Club next year, but early (like February) for consideration.

Next, Craig informed the group that the Post Office had replaced their Flagpole and that the old flagpole had been offered to the Club. After the meeting, Craig brought a trailer and two members met him. However the Flagpole was more than they could handle *(on Tuesday, the day following the Lions Club Meeting, member Jim Meadows of Rip's Farm Supply, graciously volunteered to pick up the Flagpole on behalf of the Lions Club. Craig then went to the Post Office to inform them that the Club would return and get the Club and the Club was offered flags which the Post Office had been provided for the flagpole which had been removed but which were too big for the new flagpole the Post Office had installed).*

Next, the Club had discussions on entry fee to the grounds during the Fair. The entry fees are staggered, depending upon events and Carnival. There was significant discussion relative to Horse Show admission the first weekend of the Fair, the Horse Show weekend, which had been set at \$10, but included additional events in addition to the Horse Show. The fairbook is being printed, handbills/flyers are out, no changes were made.

Under New Business, John Redmond reported that he and Alan Henderson had repaired the gate.

Trash collection after the Trade Days Event: Members of the Baseball team would gather trash and prepare for pickup.

Lee Thomas brought up that it had been mentioned to paint the rear wall of the Pageant Hall black so as to highlight streamers utilized during pageants. Brad Schultz indicated that he could paint the wall. He was asked to consult with Betty Hampton about what kind of black paint she preferred (flat, satin finish, or gloss finish). A motion was made and seconded to paint said wall to suit, which was approved.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

*NOTE: Craig forgot to report to the Club the meeting with the cell phone tower company, CitySwitch. Craig met with a representative at the Fairgrounds the day following the Club's last meeting. The meeting was good, the site was considered, and Craig did reach out with the company following the meeting by sending them an email.*





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*Craig A. Stanfield, President, on behalf of the Tollesboro Lions Club*










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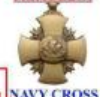


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**2025 Tollesboro Lions Club Fair**


**COW BINGO**

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

A messy FUN GAME OF CHANCE where a cow picks the winner (by doing "her business") while supporting the TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB!

To be given away JULY 26, 2025 (time solely up to the cow)!



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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*The time that the winner will be determined is strictly up to the cow! Only 1 winner will be awarded the prize. A Judge that is "intimately familiar with the materials" will determine the winner. Judge's decision will be final. No more than 500 tickets will be Sold! Judge to be solely responsible for layout of the "field". Winner DOES NOT Need to be Present to Win. Winner will be announced at the Fair and will be contacted by phone if not present.*







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# 68TH ANNUAL TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIR

## SCHEDULE

### JULY 18 THROUGH JULY 26, 2025

<u>DATE/ADMISSION</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>CHAIRPERSON/CONTACT #</u>
<b><u>FRIDAY, JULY 18 - \$10</u></b>		
7:00 PM	DEMOLITION DERBY	LEE THOMAS 606-584-3327
7:30 PM	ROCKY MOUNTAIN HORSE SHOW	PAUL HAMPTON 606-541-9991
<b><u>SATURDAY, JULY 19 - \$10</u></b>		
8:00 AM REG./8:30 AM WALK	RUN/WALK DAVID IERY FOUNDATION	CAROL CUNNINGHAM 606-202-1883
10:00 AM	TUG TRACTOR PULL (WEIGH-IN 8 AM)	MARK CONRAD 859-801-2485
12/5:00	MICRO-MINI TRACTOR PULL	JAY ARTHUR 606-584-3414
7:00 PM	MUD TRUCK DRAG RACE	ZACH TRUESDELL 606-306-3425
7:30 PM	WALKING HORSE SHOW	PAUL HAMPTON 606-541-9991
<b><u>SUNDAY, JULY 20</u></b>		
2:00	PARADE/BICYCLE PARADE (LINE-UP 1 PM)	STEVEN PEDERSEN 606-301-1904
<b><u>MONDAY, JULY 21 - \$10</u></b>		
6:00 PM	ARCHERY TOURNAMENT	JOSH HAWKINS 606-748-3771
7:00 PM	PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT	DAVID HAMPTON 606-202-3802
7:00 PM	YOUTH GOAT SHOW (WEIGH-IN 6 PM)	MARY SHOEMAKER 606-798-4113
7:00 PM	CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT	ZACH TULLY 606-584-9995
7:00 PM	ATV/SXS RODEO	LEE THOMAS 606-584-3327
7:00 PM	MISS TEEN PAGEANT (13-15 YRS.)	BEVERLY PEDERSEN 606-202-1982
8:00 PM	MISS PRE-TEEN PAGEANT (8-12 YRS.)	CRYSTAL THAYER 606-541-0652
<b><u>TUESDAY, JULY 22 - \$10</u></b>		
12 NOON/6 PM	FLORAL HALL (ENTRIES)	NICKIE APPEGATE 606-584-5173
6:00 PM	BABY SHOW (BIRTH - 18 MONTHS)	CAROL CUNNINGHAM 606-202-1883
6:30 PM	ATV/DIRT BIKE/SXS DRAG RACING	TERRELL McCALL 606-202-3056
7:00 PM	HOG SHOW (WEIGH-IN 6 PM)	MARY SHOEMAKER 606-798-4113
7:30 PM	CUTIE PIE (AGES 19-36 MONTHS)	STACY LEWIS 606-202-1890
<b><u>WEDNESDAY, JULY 23 - FARM BUREAU NIGHT \$20 CARLOAD - INCLUDES RIDES!</u></b>		
5:00 PM	DAIRY SHOW	TRAVIS APPEGATE 606-782-1595
6:00 PM	BOYS 3-ON-3 BASKETBALL	PHIL CROPPER 606-798-2320
6:30 PM	GARDEN TRACTOR PULL	TYLER STAMPER 606-541-5425
7:00 PM	YOUTH SHEEP SHOW (WEIGH-IN 6 PM)	MARY SHOEMAKER 606-798-4113
7:00 PM	SEMI-TRUCK/TRUCK/CAR DIRT-DRAG RACING	TERRELL McCALL 606-202-3056
7:00 PM	TODDLER SHOW (3-4 YRS)	SARAH HARRIS 606-202-1194
8:00 PM	LITTLE MISS & MISTER (COUPLES ONLY, 5-7 YRS)	STACY LEWIS 606-202-1890
<b><u>THURSDAY, JULY 24 - \$10</u></b>		
11 AM - 1 PM	SPECIAL NEEDS (SN DAY)	STEVEN PEDERSEN 606-301-1904
<i>(S/N RIDES FREE 11 AM -12 PM; LUNCH PROVIDED BY LIONS CLUB 12 -1 PM)</i>		
6:00 PM	STEER SHOW (WEIGH-IN 5 PM)	MARY SHOEMAKER 606-798-4113
7:00 PM	TUFF TRUCK	LEE THOMAS 606-584-3327



7:30 PM  
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8:00 PM

LIONS QUEEN PAGEANT (16-21 YEA  
BEEF SHOW  
MECHANICAL BULL CHALLENGE

BETTY HAMPTON 606-798-6247  
MARY SHOEMAKER 606-798-4113  
LEE THOMAS 606-584-3327

**FRIDAY, JULY 25 - \$15**

7:00 PM  
7:00 PM  
8:00 PM

PRO-PULLING LEAGUE  
DEMOLITION DERBY  
MECHANICAL BULL CHALLENGE

MATTHEW MEADOWS 606-782-2373  
LEE THOMAS 606-584-3327  
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**SATURDAY, JULY 26 - \$15**

7:00 PM  
7:00 PM  
8:00 PM  
8:00 PM

MUD SLING  
PRO-PULLING LEAGUE  
MECHANICAL BULL CHALLENGE  
COW BINGO

ZACH TRUESDELL 606-306-3426  
MATTHEW MEADOWS 606-782-2373  
LEE THOMAS 606-584-3327  
CRAIG STANFIELD 606-301-3350

**FARM BUREAU NIGHT, WEDNESDAY, JULY 23 - \$20 / CARLOAD, RIDES  
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**FREE ADMISSION CHILDREN 3 AND UNDER**  
**BRACELETS FOR RIDES FOR CHILDREN UNDER 3 ARE \$6**  
**FREE PARKING!!!**

# **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.

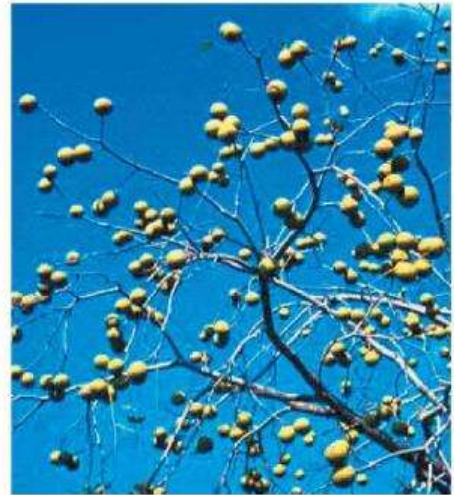
**Additional information:**

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.

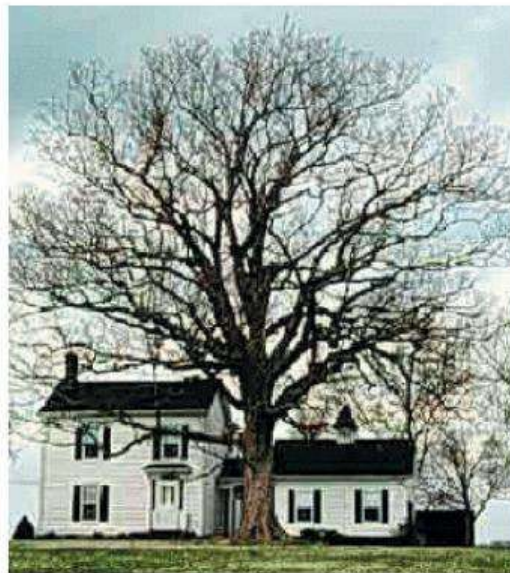
Although bur oak has no serious disease or insect problems, potential problems include obscure scale, two-lined chestnut borer, bacterial leaf scorch, oak horn gall and gypsy moth. In addition, as little as 1 inch of fill soil can kill an oak.

**Additional information:**

The species name, *macrocarpa*, is derived from the Greek words *macro* (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 1 1/2 -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)**  
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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

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## 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](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/](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)

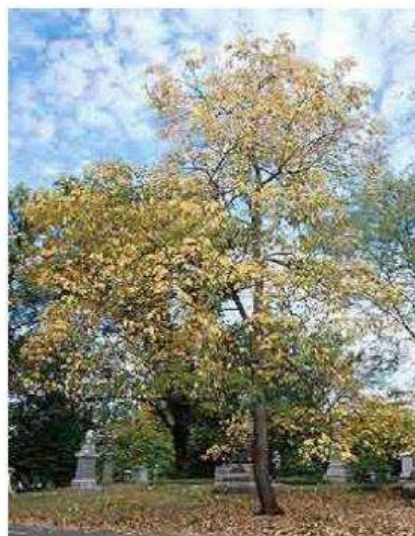
### **Introduction:**

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 in+ches long and 4 to 6 inches wide. Light green, turning yellow in fall.

**Hardiness:** Winter hardy to USDA Zone 5.



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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

# **APRIL 1ST EVENTS AT TOLLESBORO LIONS**

## **CLUB VERY SUCCESSFUL!**

On Saturday, April 1, 2023, the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds was the site of multiple events. While the weather was sunny and warm, heavy rains had fallen overnight, leaving some mud puddles and dampness on the grounds. But the heavy winds the day of the event made for less than an ideal conditions for success. However, the "show must go on" and it did just that, and to great success regardless!!! The events included an Easter Egg Hunt, a Mud Sling, and a Tree Giveaway.

The Easter Egg Hunt was a SPECTACULAR SUCCESS with more than 110 kids participating and close to 300 in attendance including parents, grandparents, Lions Club members, organizers and friends. This was the first Community Easter Egg Hunt ever conducted at the Fairgrounds, so no one knew what to expect. Weather conditions were not ideal for outdoor events. So all we could do was set up the event and hope for the best. But as time neared for the event to start, families started arriving with children in tow, and they were not disappointed. The organizers had worked hard and had somewhere between 3,000 and 4,000 plastic eggs hidden on the fairgrounds (each with a small prize inside, a piece of candy or a prize ticket!). The children were organized into 5 age groups with eggs set up in zones for each age group. An abundance of prizes was available, including a bicycle! A big round of applause to Tabby Liles, Carol Cunningham, Kyra Bane, Vanessa May and Becky Walker who did the hard work behind the scenes planning and organizing the event.

The tree giveaway was also a very successful venture. 94 trees were offered free to the public to celebrate Arbor Day (Arbor Day in Kentucky is April 7th, although celebrated nationally on April 28th. The Tollesboro Lions Club will be giving away trees on two dates, coinciding with events at the Fairgrounds, April 1st and April 15th). The trees included 50 Black Walnuts, 10 Chinese Chestnuts, and 10 Burr Oak provided by the Kentucky Division of Forestry, plus there were 24 Paw-Paw trees provided by Kentucky State University. This event landed solely upon the shoulders of Tollesboro Lions Club President Craig Stanfield who organized the event, and made the necessary contacts with the Kentucky Division of Forestry and Kentucky State University, arranging to acquire tree varieties that had been requested since last year's giveaway, coordinating the donation and delivery of the trees from the Kentucky Department of Forestry and picking up the trees donated by Kentucky State University, then promoting the event and giving the trees away. All the trees had found new homes **BEFORE NOON**, with a few late arrivals who were informed that the trees had already been given away but that **MORE TREES WOULD BE AVAILABLE AT THE APRIL 15TH EVENT** coming up in two weeks at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds (the April 15th event being a Tractor Poker Run, dinner, and a live auction, with the proceeds raised earmarked for Dwight Malone, a local farmer and electrician - as well as a former member of the Tollesboro Lions Club - who was recently diagnosed with Testicular Cancer).

The Mud Sling event was a fund-raiser for Makenzie Forman, a 13 year old young lady who has leukemia. Lewis County's own music artist Nate Stone performed for the crowd prior to the event, picking chords on the guitar and vocals, singing a number of country hits.



Unfortunately, the high winds did not permit him to perform in front of the crowd, as he had to take cover and perform from the announcer's booth and make use of a microphone and speaker system for the entertainment of the crowd.

Several fancy trucks (high octane/high horsepower/high performance engines, with big tires and nice paint jobs) were on site to show the crowd (and the competition) what their trucks would do. Eight classes showed up, 4/6 Cylinder, Hot Stock, Pro-Street, Pure Stock, Pro-Stock, Super-Stock, Diesel, and ATV. There were 27 entries total. The first class, the 4/6 cylinder had 4 entries. The winner was Cody Fryman, with Austin Gordman taking second, and with third going to J. J. Grayson. The second class was the Hot Stock, with 4 entries. Taking the win was Shawn Palmer, with David Senters finishing second, and Justin Howe taking third. The third class was the Pro-Street the largest class, with 6 entries. With the fastest time going to the first place winner, with David Sent Alex Bruce, with Kyle Walcott taking second and third going to Nick Wilson. Class 4, the Pure Stock class, had only 2 entries with Zac Bloomfield taking over Austin Nolder taking second. Class 5, the Pro-Stock class had 4 participants, with Jeremy Preston taking first, second going to Jerry Hoskins, and finishing third was Justin Tanner. Class 6, the Super-Stock Class had 3 entries, with Jason Hoskins taking first, Justin Tanner settling for second, and Troy Nolder ending up in third. Class 7 was the diesel class, with 2 entries with Hayden Smith the faster of the two taking first, edging out Aaron Denton settling for second. Class 8 was the ATV Class, with 3 entries in this class with Brandon Overbee taking first, with Josh Hazelbaker taking second, with Trenton Applegate in third.

Overall, the Mud Sling event was a great success, earning just under \$6,400 for Makenzie and her family. Our Prayers go to her for a speedy recovery!



ABOVE: LARGE CROWD GATHERED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE EASTER EGG HUNT FOR THE GIVING AWAY OF PRIZES AFTER THE HUNT.



PARTIES PICK UP THEIR SELECTION OF TREES AT THE TREE GIVEAWAY CELEBRATING ARBOR DAY, AT THE TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB.



TRUCKS PARTICIPATING IN THE MUD SLING, BIG ENGINES & TIRES, FANCY PAINT JOBS & ALL HITTING THE MUD FOR A GOOD CAUSE!!!



LEWIS COUNTY'S OWN NATE STONE PROVIDED LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, VOCALS AND GUITAR CHORDS ON THE GROUNDS AT THE EVENT!



# **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.



*Above: Tollesboro Lions Club President Craig Stanfield accepts the first donation of trees 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.*





# **DIVISION OF FORESTRY DROPS OFF TREES** **FOR SECOND ROUND ARBOR DAY TREE** **GIVEAWAY!**

Michael Carter, Forest Ranger from the Kentucky Division of Forestry, dropped off additional trees for the April 15<sup>th</sup> second round Arbor Day Tree Giveaway. He dropped off 50 black walnuts, 10 Chinese Chestnuts, 10 Burr Oaks, and 50 White Pines. These trees will be available free to the public at the April 15<sup>th</sup> Dwight Malone Benefit Dinner & Auction. Feel free to stop by and pick up a few trees!





# **APRIL 15TH TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB EVENT**

## **AN OVERWHELMING SUCCESS!!!**

**On Saturday, April 15th, the Tollesboro Lions Club was full of activities! Kids were playing on the Playground; children were using the Ballfield; and the Tollesboro Lions Club hosted a number of events!!!**

**First, the Tollesboro Lions Club gave away 120 more trees to celebrate Arbor Day (the Club had given away 94 trees April 1st; this makes 214 trees given away by the Club for Arbor Day in 2023!). These trees were distributed free to the Public! 190 trees were provided by the Kentucky Division of Forestry; 24 trees were provided by Kentucky State University.**

**Next, the Dwight Malone Benefit began, starting with a Tractor Poker Run that extended through Tollesboro. Forty tractors participated, leaving the Fairgrounds and returning after making a trek through town at various locations to pick up a card, before returning to the Fairgrounds for an additional card. The winner was Jamie Tolle and he graciously donated back his winnings to support Dwight Malone.**

**This part of the event was followed by a dinner. Tenderloin sandwiches, baked beans, chips, cookies, and more were served to a huge crowd who had gathered in the Pavillion.**

**Lastly, the auction event occurred! The most valuable item donated was a whole beef with processing which was purchased for (considerably) more than the estimated value! Many items far exceeded their values, with some gift cards doubling their value! Items included two guns, two pedal tractors, weed-eaters, leaf blowers, chainsaw, several quilts, a bunch of pocket knives, coolers, gift cards, cakes and desserts, AND MORE!!! Over 200 items total!!! All in all a HUGE SUCCESS!**

**The event was successful in raising over \$52,000 to support Dwight Malone!**



**Top Left: The auction included over 200 items donated to support Dwight Malone, and was extremely well attended. Top Right: Many people took advantage of having dinner at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds. Middle Left: 40 tractors participated in the "Driving for Dwight" Tractor Poker Run; winner Jamie Tolle donated the winnings to support Dwight. Middle Right: The Tollesboro Lions Club gave away 120 trees during the event in honor of Arbor Day. Bottom Photos: Huge crowd gathering in the Pavillion prior to the beginning of the auction.**



**ABOVE: A large group of children and their parents make use of the Ballfield Saturday. More kids were also making use of the Playground (even as dusk approached!!!).**

# **ARBOR DAY TREE GIVEAWAY**

## **WELL RECEIVED**

**The Tollesboro Lions Club gave away a total of 214 trees to the public for planting in honor of Arbor Day. The Club gave away 94 trees (50 Black Walnut, 10 Chinese Chestnut, 10 Bur Oak, and 24 Paw-Paw) on April 1<sup>st</sup>, and gave away 120 more trees (50 Black Walnut, 10 Chinese Chestnut, 10 Burr Oak, and 50 White Pine) on April 15<sup>th</sup>. The tree giveaway events were made to coincide with events conducted at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds on April 1<sup>st</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup>, book-ending the weekend preceding and immediately following April 7<sup>th</sup>, the official Arbor Day Celebration for Kentucky (nationally, Arbor Day is celebrated April 28<sup>th</sup> this year). These trees were distributed free to the Public! Of the 214 trees given away, 190 (bareroot) trees were provided by the Kentucky Division of Forestry and 24 trees (the Paw-Paw trees, container trees in soil) were provided by Kentucky State University.**

**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". 2023 marks the third year that the Tollesboro Lions Club has offered free trees to the public in honor of Arbor Day, having previously given away trees in 2019 and 2022. This year's event's success was enhanced as the Tollesboro Lions Club just happened to have busy events at the fairgrounds the weekend immediately preceding and immediately following Kentucky's Arbor Day Celebrations, thus making the trees available to a larger group of persons who may not have been offered the opportunity to obtain free trees during past events.**