

TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB
2023 – THE YEAR IN REVIEW



Articles by Craig A. Stanfield

NOTE: We begin this Year-In-Review with a few articles from late November and December, 2022 as our Club has experienced the loss of a number of members, long-term members who contributed greatly to the Club's successes over the years. It seems only right and proper that they be remembered in the beginning of 2023 as the loss of these members represents over a century of membership.



TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB LOSES LONG-TERM MEMBER, LARRY TUCKER



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

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

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

member for 61 years; and Don McCann, who at the time of his passing in 2019, had been a member for 60 years. Charter member Elmo Gillespie served the Tollesboro Lions Club for 50 years).

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

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

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

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

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

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

Larry Tucker 1942 - 2022

Obituary - Tollesboro Funeral Home

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

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

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

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

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

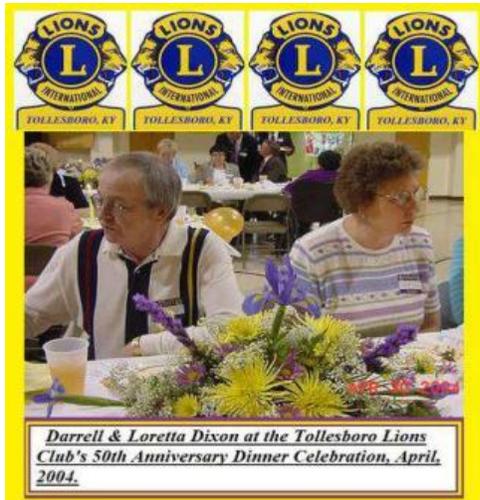
Friends may visit after 11 a.m. until the service hour, Saturday, December 3, 2022 at Tollesboro Funeral Home.

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

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



TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB LOSES ANOTHER LONG-TERM MEMBER, DARRELL DIXON



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

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

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

Darrell Dixon Obituary --- Tollesboro Funeral Home

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

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

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

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

He is survived by his loving wife of 22 years, Loretta Hord Dixon; one son, Troy Dixon of

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

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m., Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at Tollesboro Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 11918 KY 57, Tollesboro, Kentucky with Brother Rex McGinnis officiating. Burial will follow in the Ebenezer Cemetery in Lewis County.

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

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

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

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

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



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



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

OBITUARY, JOHN C. "JOHNNY" WALLINGFORD

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

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

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

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

John is survived by his wife of 58 years Linda A. Hughes Wallingford; one son Shane

Kimberly Wallingford of Tollesboro, Kentucky; three grandchildren Seth, Bryce, and Jenna Wallingford of Tollesboro, Kentucky; John is also survived by many nieces and nephews, cousins and extended family who will sadly miss him.

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

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

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

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

*In Loving
Memory*



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

TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB

FIRST MEETING OF 2023

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

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

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

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

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

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

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.



TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB

HOSTS FEBRUARY MEETING

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Following these discussions, President Stanfield invited new members Shane Wallingford and Zach Tully to approach the podium and he presented each with their new member packets and member certificates.

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





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

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

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

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



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

\$8.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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

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

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



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

Mackenzie is a 13 Year Old Leukemia Patient

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

Mackenzie Forman Benefit Mud Sling

Saturday April 1st Gates open at 12:00



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

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

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

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

100% payback for the following
Any 2-wheel drive
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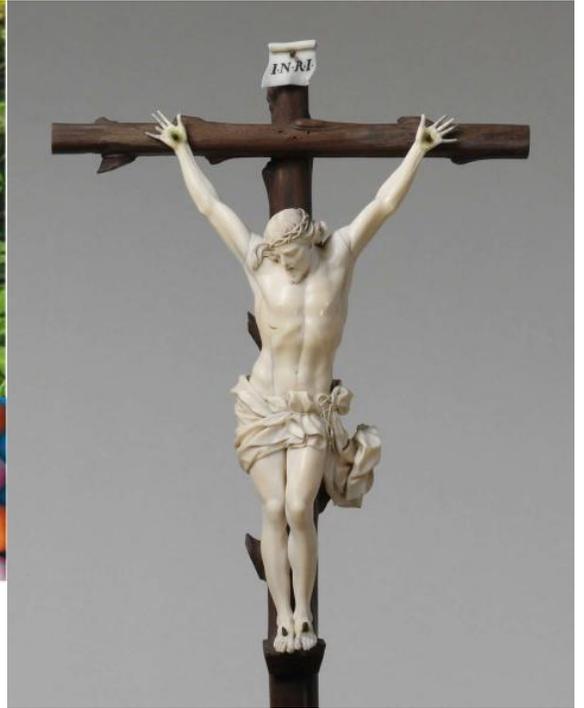


Location
Lions Club Road, Tollesboro Ky, 41189
Contact information

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

TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB TO HOST COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT APRIL 1, 2023

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





JOIN US FOR AN
EASTER EGG HUNT

STARTS AT NOON
SENSORY HOUR 11:00 AM TO NOON

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

TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB WILL OFFER BASEBALL DIAMOND FOR LITTLE LEAGUE

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



TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB MEMBERS ATTEND
DISTRICT 43-Y QUARTERLY CABINET
MEETING;
TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB MEMBER
HONORED

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

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

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

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

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



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

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



Above: Award & Letter Presented to Tollesboro Lions Club Member/District Governor Steven G. Pedersen by International Lions Club President Brian E. Sheehan.

TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB LOSES ANOTHER LONG-TERM MEMBER, CLINTON APPLGATE



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



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

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

During his nearly 33 years of service to the Tollesboro Lions Club, he has been the face of the Tollesboro Lions Club Tug Tractor Pulls (both during the Annual Fair and those individual events conducted at various times throughout the past 32 plus years), as well as

the most visible member at the Livestock Shows each year at the Fair. As the Tollesboro Lions Club Fair does not offer a sale in addition to their livestock show, he was also active in supporting youth as a part of the Lewis County Livestock Boosters, present each year at the Germantown Fair at the Annual Show & Sale, spending monies from local groups and businesses so as to insure that Lewis County youth showing livestock received premium sales prices for their livestock.

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

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

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

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

CLINTON K. APPELEGATE OBITUARY

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

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

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

After marrying his high school sweetheart, Nickie Thomas in 1979 and becoming a father

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

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

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

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

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

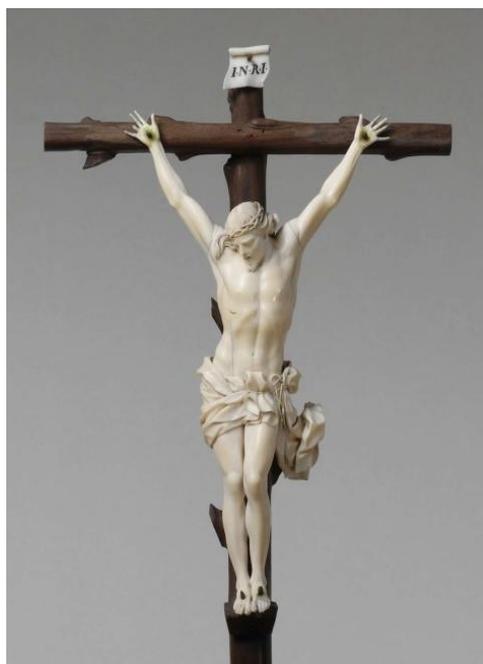
Clinton will be laid to rest in Mount Carmel Cemetery.

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

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

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

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



Clinton
Applegate



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

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

TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB

HAS MARCH MEETING

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

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

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

Under new business, Craig mentioned that the Club had qualified for the Club Excellence Award and that a patch had been sent to the Club from Lions Club International to place on our Club Banner. Craig also informed the Club that he had submitted an application for the Club to receive recognition for a new Marketing Award that Lions Club International had

recently created. Craig also passed out Scholarship Applications. He then brought up for consideration a new member, Eric Bloomfield, sponsoring him, and who was immediately accepted into the Club as a member.

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

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



*Chili Supper and
Auction*

HARVESTING FOR HOTROD

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

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

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

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

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!



Above: 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 Tolles donated his winnings to support Dwight). The Tollesboro Lions Club gave away 120 trees during the event in honor of Arbor Day (214 trees total between the two events). Bottom photos: Huge crowd gathering in the Pavillion prior to the beginning of the auction.

FATHER & GRANDFATHER OF **TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB MEMBERS PASSES**

Death struck close to the Tollesboro Lions Club yet again with the recent passing of Billy Applegate of Tollesboro. Billy was the father of longtime/recently deceased member Clinton Applegate and the grandfather of two current members of the Club, Travis and Trevor Applegate, Clinton's sons.

OBITUARY, BILLY GENE APPLLEGATE

Billy Gene Applegate, 86, of Tollesboro, passed away Saturday, April 15, 2023, at Saint Joseph East in Lexington. He was the widower of Donna Lou Tully Applegate.

He was born in Tollesboro on February 14, 1937, to the late William Belvin Applegate and Hildred Mason Applegate.

Billy was a farmer and a member of the Pine Valley Christian Church. He enjoyed turkey hunting.

He is survived by his son, Darrin Applegate; his daughter-in-law, Nickie Thomas Applegate; two grandchildren, Trevor Applegate and Travis Applegate; two siblings, Rena Thomas and Paul (Jenny) Applegate; along with many extended family members and friends.

In addition to Donna, his wife of 58 years, who passed away in November 2014, and his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Clinton Keith Applegate; and two of his siblings, Howard Applegate and Gary Ray Applegate.

Services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at Pine Valley Christian Church, 3847 Ribolt Epworth Road, Tollesboro with Bro. Phil Cropper officiating.

Visitation will be held at 11:00 a.m. until the hour of service at Pine Valley Christian Church.

Burial will follow at Pine Valley Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Travis Applegate, Trevor Applegate, Darrin Applegate, Frank Mawk, Jim Lightner, Brad Schultz, and Mike Thomas.

In place of flowers, please consider a donation in memory of Billy to Pine Valley Christian Church (P.O. Box 282, Tollesboro, KY 41189).

Boone-Nickell Funeral Home in Flemingsburg is caring for all arrangements for Billy.

Friends may offer online condolences at www.boonenickellfuneralhome.com.



Billy Applegate



TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB SPRING TRADE DAYS **EVENT MAY 4th THROUGH MAY 6th, 2023**

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



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



Photo showing the Fall 2022 Trade Days Event.

TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB APRIL 10TH MEETING

The Tollesboro Lions Club met at 7 pm., April 10th, 2023 at the Tollesboro Lions Clubhouse for their regular first April meeting. The meeting was well attended with 18 persons and 8 guests. President Craig Stanfield opened the meeting, welcoming guests, introducing new member Eric Bloomfield, then asking Lion Steve Pedersen to give the blessing, followed by Lion Charles Kendall leading the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The group then broke for dinner.

Following the meal, President Stanfield invited Loretta Dixon (the surviving spouse of Darrell Dixon) and Missy Dixon (Darrell's daughter), to the front of the room and presented them with the Finis Davis Fellowship and the Melvin Jones Fellowship posthumously in honor of Darrell Dixon, a 50 year member of the Club who passed away in Dec., 2022. Next, Craig invited Brenda Tucker (the surviving spouse of Larry Tucker), daughter Ann Marie Scott, her husband Shaun and their daughter Makenna, as well as Carolyn Hughes (the sister of Larry Tucker) and presented them the Finis Davis Fellowship and the Melvin Jones Fellowship, honoring Larry Tucker's 55 years of service to the Tollesboro Lions Club, Larry having passed away in Nov., 2022. Craig informed the families of the namesakes of the awards: Melvin Jones was the founder of Lions Clubs; Finis Davis Kentucky's only International Director, having served 1960-1961. The Tollesboro Lions Club contributed funds for disaster relief to Lions Club International Foundation for the Melvin Jones Fellowships, and for sight preservation to the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation for the Finis Davis Fellowships.

Following the posthumous presentations of the awards, the business meeting began. The minutes from the March 13th meeting were read and approved. No Treasurer's report was presented. Under old business, brief discussions were made about the potential acquisition of a large fan for the agricultural livestock show barn and an AED unit purchase/training. Under New Business, the Club was informed about several recent events (Community Easter Egg Hunt; Arbor Day Tree Giveaway; Makenzie Forman benefit Mud Sling; Hot Rod Ruark benefit; Eastern Kentucky donations and deliveries; Tollesboro PTO benefits (Auntie Anne's Pretzels and a luncheon; the placement of garage doors on the south side of the Pavillion; and the recent visit to the Fairgrounds by Ryan Quarles, current Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture and Candidate for Kentucky Governor. Upcoming events were also mentioned: The Tractor Poker Run, Dinner, and Benefit Auction for Dwight Malone (as well as second round of Arbor Day Tree Giveaway) set for this weekend (April 15th); and the Spring Trade Days for the first weekend in May (May 4th through May 6th). The rapidly approaching 2023 Tollesboro Lions Club Fair (July 14-22, 2023) was briefly mentioned. It was also mentioned that Tollesboro Lions Club Scholarship applications needed to be turned in by next meeting; applications could be downloaded from the Tollesboro Lions Club website, www.tollesborolions.com. Lion John Redmond was named to the Scholarship Committee to fill the vacancy created by Larry Tucker's passing (he will serve alongside Secretary Lion Phil Cropper and fellow Lion Denny Hornback).

Treasurer/First Vice District Governor Steve Pedersen announced that over \$9,000 had been donated by various Lions Clubs and other organizations throughout Kentucky to purchase food to deliver to Eastern Kentucky Flood Victims. Enough food was purchased to arrange for boxes of food to serve 500 families, with a trailer load located on the grounds in an enclosed trailer that needed to be unloaded. A work-night was immediately arranged to follow the meeting to unload the trailer. An additional trailer load would be picked up for delivery and unloading in a few days, with plans to box and then deliver the food to Eastern Kentuckians to be scheduled in the near future.

Under New Business: President Stanfield indicated that he was contacted by County Judge George Sparks asking the Club to consider paying \$75 / month for mowing (this is consistent with what the Club paid towards mowing last year). A motion was made and seconded, which passed unanimously.

Next, President Stanfield informed the members that he had been contacted by new Peoples Bank of Ohio Branch Manager Natalie Stitt about what needs the Club had, and informed her that the Club was in need of an Amish-type building for placement on the grounds as a "lost and found", "first-aid", and multi-purpose structure. He was asked to inquire as to the cost of such a building and if the Bank would arrange for payment of such a structure, could a sign be placed on the structure to promote the Bank. Craig obtained a quote for a 14' x 20' structure, single door, no windows, no porch, at a delivered cost of around \$7,000. He informed the Club that the Bank would provide for said building in exchange of a sign placement for a period of 7 fairs. A motion was made to accept said building and permit sign placement on said structure (sign to be provided by the Bank) for a 7 year period. The motion was seconded, and approved unanimously.

The Mud Sling Pit was being enlarged and it was determined that there would be a need to obtain 100 or more 6' concrete barriers to place alongside the wall. Cost of the concrete barriers was estimated to be between \$35 and \$40 each. A motion was made to approve the purchase of up to 125 concrete barriers, as needed, with a per barrier cost not to exceed \$40. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

President Stanfield then presented new member Eric Bloomfield with a new member packet and Lions Club lapel pin. Being no further business, the meeting adjourned. However, before departing, members went to the Floral Hall for the purpose of unloading the trailer load of various cans of food items purchased from donations for the purpose of donating said food to Eastern Kentucky Flood Victims.



Presentation of the Melvin Jones Fellowship and Finis Davis Fellowships to the Larry Tucker Family. L to R: Shaun Scott, Brenda Tucker, Lions Club Pres. Craig Stanfield, Ann Marie Scott, Makenna Scott, and Carolyn Hughes.



Members of the Darrell Dixon Family being presented with the Melvin Jones Fellowship and Finis Davis Fellowship Awards. L to R: Missy Henderson, Lions Club Pres. Craig Stanfield, Loretta Dixon.



Tollesboro Lions Club Pres. Craig Stanfield presents Eric Bloomfield with new member packet, certificate and lapel pin.

TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB SECOND APRIL MEETING; OFFICERS ELECTED

The Tollesboro Lions Club met Monday, April 24th at their Clubhouse at the Fairgrounds at 7 pm for their regularly scheduled April meeting, their second meeting of the month, and a business-filled meeting! 14 members were present. Just prior to the beginning of the meeting, Shirley Williams of Woodmen Life made an appearance to present the Club with a 5' x 8' US Flag after which she left for another meeting. At 7, President Craig Stanfield opened the meeting, asking Lion Jim Meadows to offer Prayer, followed by Lion Denny Hornback leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance, after which the group broke for dinner.

Following the meal, President Stanfield read the press release of the last meeting in lieu of the minutes in the absence of Secretary Phil Cropper. The press release was accepted, as read, as a true and accurate account of the last meeting.

Treasurer Steve Pedersen then presented the group with the financial report, which was approved as read (NOTE: Treasurer reported that the garage doors installed on the Pavillion had been paid for, total cost \$18,400).

Under Old Business: Lion Shane Wallingford presented the group with a cost estimate to purchase a 12' fan for use in the Livestock Show Barn Arena (cost \$4200 plus tax and shipping, plus installation). He also presented cost estimates for smaller fan units that could be placed in various locations as needed as an option, and as a non-permanent installation. While mulling over the options, and at one point considering tabling the issue for the next meeting, it was brought up that the 12' fan was an idea of now deceased member Clinton Applegate and that monies had been collected to pay part of the costs of said fan, and that Clinton's support and dedication to the event was significant. Lion Jim Meadows made a motion, which was quickly seconded by Zach Tully, to purchase and install the 12' fan, basically in homage to Clinton's desire and dedication to the event, and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Club is in the process of improving the Mud Sling Track. Construction was discussed as the improvement will require considerable costs, as will require relocating an existing waterline and hydrant, upgrading electrical and lighting (including replacement of poles and purchase/installation of new light fixtures, as well as installation of a new electrical breaker box), erecting a new fence, backhoe/grader/excavator work to widen the pit, and purchase/transport/installation of concrete barriers.

An upcoming event at the grounds will be a dinner and auction to support former Lion member Kenny Cooley who is suffering from various health issues. It was discussed that at the last auction event, a woman had fallen over the lip of the stage. It was discussed about painting the stage; however a better option was determined to be placement of a railing. Under discussion, President Stanfield stressed that the stage "lift" improved his sight visibility as auctioneer by slightly lifting him somewhat above the crowd. Someone suggested limiting the public from accessing the stage; however President Stanfield stated that the stage would need to be accessible by the public to permit the public to view items that were to be sold at the benefit auctions conducted in the Pavillion. It was suggested that removable "gates" or barriers (rather than hinged gates) could be placed centrally and on each end to permit opening to allow podium, public address systems, tables and chairs, musical/audio equipment, or other items to be placed on the stage. Lion Wallingford indicated that there was a sale on 3" pipe that could be used to fabricate a rail extending across the entire stage area similar to a handrail, and that removable gates could be placed within the handrail for accessibility. A motion was made by Lion Denny Hornback, seconded by Lion Charles Kendall to approve the installation, with the hope that the installation could be performed prior to the May

13th Kenny Cooley Benefit Event.

Next, Lion Wallingford indicated that he had been in contact with the Athletic Director about utilizing student athletes on the grounds during the fair for parking in order to free up some of the members for events. It was also discussed that several members of the Amish Community had been assisting with parking and had experience in parking vehicles. It was also mentioned that the Fleming County Archery Club was interested in assisting in cleanup of the grounds and trash collection again this year. No motion was made, however it was suggested that these groups be kept in the loop and in consideration to assist in parking services.

It was announced that Scholarship Applications were due next meeting and that the Scholarship Committee would be meeting to select Scholarship recipients at the next meeting (May 8th; Scholarship applications may be downloaded from the Lions Club website, www.tollesborolions.com). The Scholarship Committee is made up of Lions Phil Cropper, Denny Hornback, and John Redmond .

Lion Lee Thomas mentioned that the Tollesboro Elementary School PTO would be conducting two fund-raisers in May: A lunch would be available some day in May (date to be announced), and Auntie Annie's Pretzels would make another appearance on the Fairgrounds May 26th.

The Spring Trade Days Event would be conducted on the Fairgrounds May 4th through 6th.

Lion Pedersen mentioned that it would soon be time to nominate officers. President Stanfield asked for volunteers for a nominating committee; however Lion Denny Hornback made a motion, seconded by Lion David Hampton, to re-elect the officers to another term. It was then brought up that due to the passing of Lions Clinton Applegate and Darrell Dixon, as Clinton was First Vice President and Membership Chairperson, and as Darrell was Club Administrator. Nominations were made to move Second Vice President Lee Thomas to First Vice President and Third Vice President Jim Meadows to Second Vice President. Clinton's sons, Trevor and Travis Applegate were nominated to fill the unfilled positions opened by Clinton's passing, with Trevor nominated as Third Vice President, and Travis nominated as Membership Chairperson, with John Redmond nominated as Club Administrator. Lion Hornback accepted the changes to his motion, and Lion Hampton accepted the second of the nominations. With no further discussion, the motion was approved. 2023-2024 officers are as follows: President: Craig A. Stanfield; First Vice President: Lee Thomas; Second Vice President: Jim Meadows; Third Vice President: Trevor Applegate; Secretary: Phillip Cropper; Treasurer: Steve Pedersen; Membership Chairperson: Travis Applegate; LCIF Coordinator: Zach Truesdell; Service Chairperson: Steven Pedersen; Marketing Communications Chairperson: Craig A. Stanfield; 2 Yr. Directors: Paul Hampton and Mike Setters; 1 Yr. Directors: Denny Hornback and Daymond Thomas; Tail Twister: Charlie Kendall; Lion Tamer: David Hampton; Immediate Past President: Craig Stanfield Club Administrator: John Redmond.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

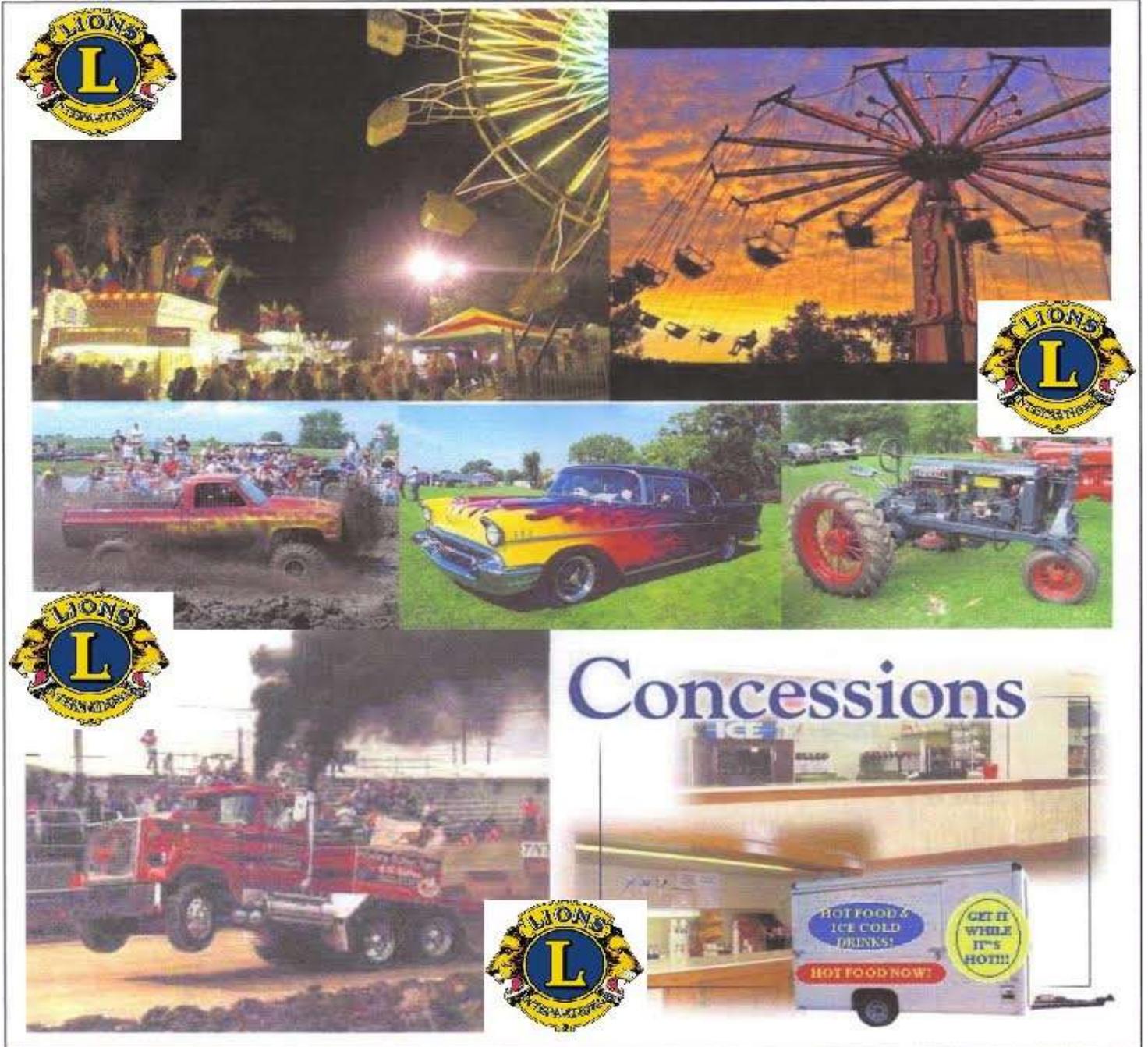


Above: Flag Presentation: Club President Craig Stanfield accepts 4' x 6' flag from Woodmen of the World representative Shirley Williams at the April meeting of the Tollesboro Lions Club..

2023 TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIR

JULY 14TH THROUGH JULY 22ND

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



TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB SITE OF **PTO FUND-RAISER**

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

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



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

\$8.00

Thank you for your support!

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

The 4th Annual David Iery Foundation Log-Jam Bluegrass Festival will be expanded to include two days of events and will be hosted this year at the Tollesboro Lions Club, Friday, August 18th and Saturday, August 19th, roughly noon to 10 pm each day, with breaks for dinner each day, and with 6 performers scheduled for each day of the event. While this is the fourth year of this event, this year it is being expanded to include 2 days (past events were always one-day affairs), it is the first time that the event has been presented off the hill on "Quick's Run Mountain", and the first time it has been hosted at the Tollesboro Lions Club. For additional information, contact Myron Iery at 606-202-3753.

Tollesboro Lions Club presents the

FOURTH ANNUAL
LOG JAM
BLUEGRASS
FESTIVAL

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

**PRE SALE TICKETS
AVAILABLE**

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

LIMITED vendor crafts
available for set up

**\$40 for a 20x20 spot

CAMPER HOOKUPS
AVAILABLE

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

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



Friday, August 18th and Saturday, August 19th

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

TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB PRESENTS

Log Jam
BLUEGRASS
FESTIVAL

AUGUST 18TH & 19TH, 2023

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

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



PONY & MULE PULL RETURNS TO THE TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIR

The Pony & Mule Pull will return to the Tollesboro Lions Club Fair this year. It has been a few years since the Ponies and Mules graced the Fairgrounds, and this event is a fan-favorite, watching the beasts pull more than their weight is an event worth watching. The Pony & Mule Pull Event will be on Saturday evening, July 15th and the event is operated by the Bluegrass Pony & Mule Pullers Association. Come on out and watch these animals flex their muscles!

Pony team pulling at the 2018 Tollesboro Lions Club Fair. Nothing wants to pull and get to work like a well-trained team of horses!!



MECHANICAL BULL RETURNS TO THE TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIR!

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

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

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

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



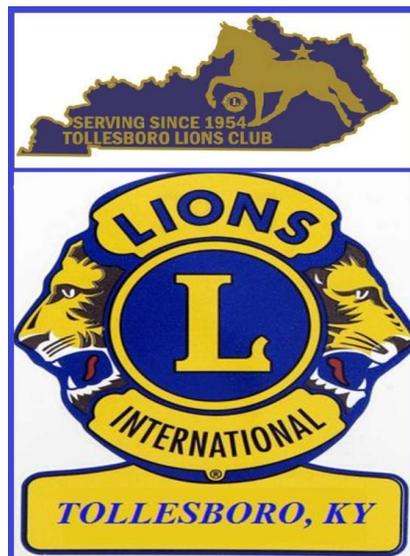
SCENES FROM THE PAST: From the 2004 Tollesboro Lions Club Fair, the last time that a mechanical bull made an appearance at the fair: Top left: Little Haleigh Hutchinson is a little apprehensive with this ride, needed a little assistance from Papa Craig. Top right: Wallis Stanfield shows proper bull-riding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

COW BINGO EVENT TO BE HELD AT THE 2023 TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIR

After being missing from the Fair for the past several years, the always popular "COW BINGO" will join the schedule of events this year! Tickets will be available for purchase beginning April 1st, and are just \$10 for a chance to win \$500!!! Tickets can be purchased at Rip's Farm Center, Craig Stanfield Real Estate, or from any Lions Club member! Buy your tickets today (get one for each member of the family, children, grandchildren, whoever is important to you!). You don't even have to be present to win!

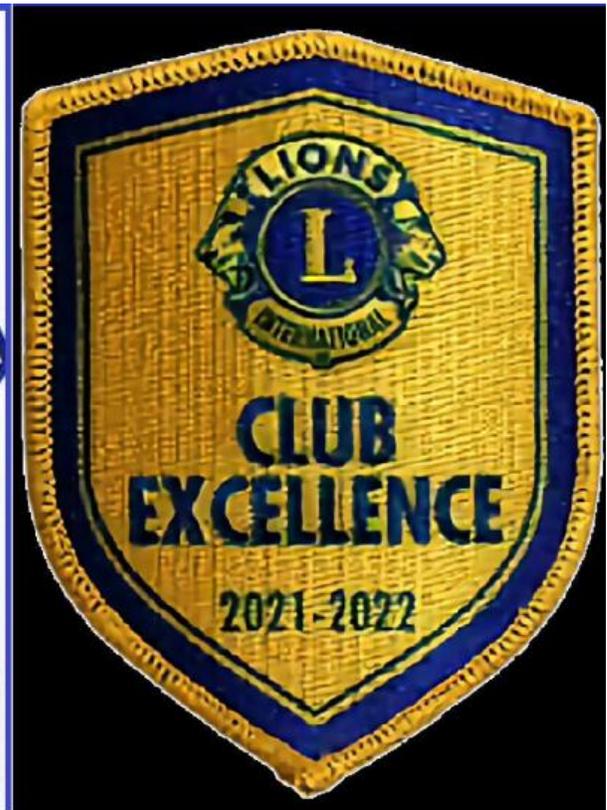
THIS IS A FUN AND INEXPENSIVE WAY THAT YOU CAN HELP SUPPORT THE TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB!

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<p>2023 Tollesboro Lions Club Fair</p> <p> COW BINGO</p> <p>\$10 Chance to WIN \$500!!!</p> <p>The messy game of chance where a cow picks the winner (by doing "her business")!!!</p> <p>To be given away Sat., July 22nd, 2023.</p>	<p>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.</p>



TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB RECOGNIZED BY LIONS INTERNATIONAL

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

Introduction:

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

Culture:

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

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

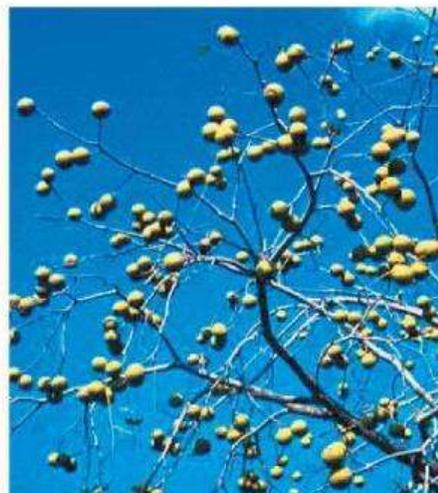
Additional information:

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

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

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

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



Botanical Characteristics:

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

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

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

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

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

Hardiness: Winter hardy to USDA Zone 4.

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

Introduction:

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

Culture:

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

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

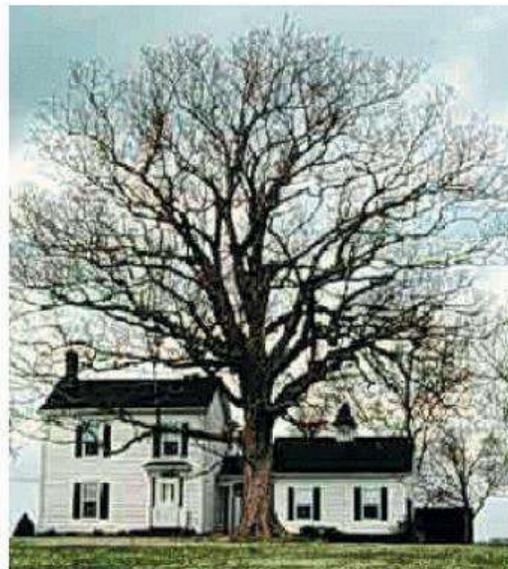
Although bur oak has no serious disease or insect problems, potential problems include obscure scale, two-lined chestnut borer, bacterial leaf scorch, oak horn gall and gypsy moth. In addition, as little as 1 inch of fill soil can kill an oak.

Additional information:

The species name, *macrocarpa*, is derived from the Greek words *macros* (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)**
Beech Family (Fagaceae)
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Additional information (continued):

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

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



Acorn fruit



Chinese Chestnuts

Cheryl Kaiser¹ and Matt Ernst²

Introduction

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

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

Marketing

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

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



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

Market Outlook

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

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



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

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

Production Considerations

Planting material and cultivar selection

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

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

Site selection and planting

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

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

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

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

Pest management

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

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

Harvest and storage

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

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

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

Labor requirements

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

Economic Considerations

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

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



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

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

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

Selected Resources

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

- Chestnut Decision Support Tool (University of Missouri Center for Agroforestry, 2012) <http://www.centerforagroforestry.org/profit/> (under Specialty Crops: Chestnuts)
- Chestnuts (Agricultural Marketing Resource Center, 2018) <http://www.agmrc.org/commodities-products/nuts/chestnuts/>
- Commercial Chestnut Costs of Production and Comparative Analysis with Tart Cherry Production (Michigan State University, 2013) <https://www.canr.msu.edu/chestnuts/establishing-orchards/cost-of-production>
- Chestnut: American Chestnut (Northern Nut Growers Association, Inc., 2009) <https://nutgrowing.org/research-and-resources/types-of-nut-trees/chestnut-american-chestnut/>
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- Commercial Chinese Chestnut Production in Virginia (Virginia Tech, 2017) https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/dam/pubs_ext_vt_edu/ANR/ANR-279/ANR-279.pdf
- “Harvesting and Storage” (Michigan State University) https://www.canr.msu.edu/chestnuts/harvest_storage/
- Asian Chestnut Gall Wasp (ACGW) in Kentucky (UK Entomology) <https://entomology.ca.uky.edu/entfact/asian-chestnut-gall-wasp-acgw-kentucky>
- Route 9 Cooperative <http://www.route9cooperative.com>

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Diospyros virginiana (Common Persimmon) Ebony Family (Ebenaceae)

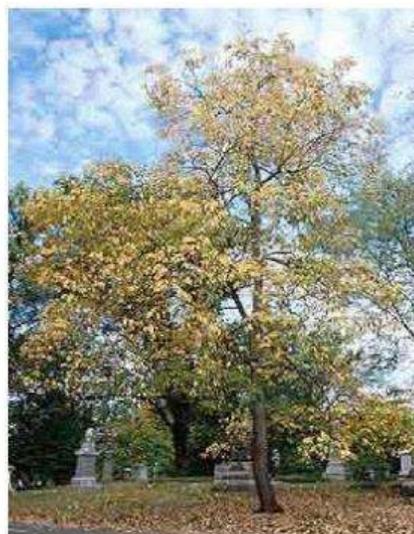
Introduction:

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

Culture:

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

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



Additional information:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Botanical Characteristics:

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

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

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

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

Leaf: Alternate, simple leaves are 2 ¼ to 5½ inches long, and ¾ to 2 inches wide. Leaves are dark green in summer but have little or no fall color other than occasional purple blotches.

Hardiness: Winter hardy to USDA Zone 4.

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

Introduction:

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

Culture:

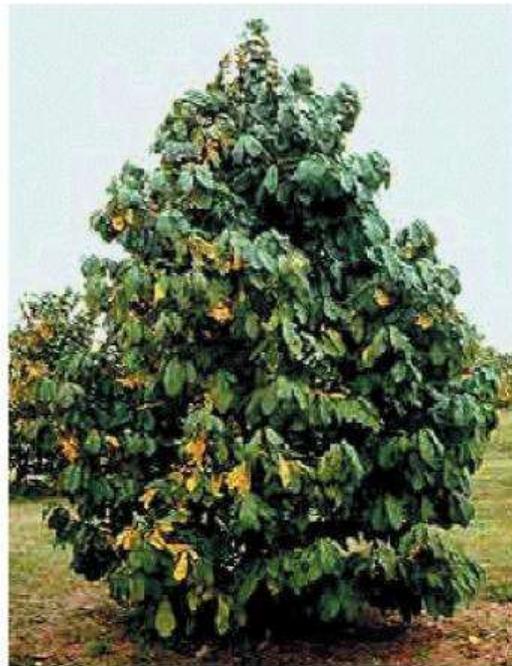
Pawpaw prefers fertile, moist soil that is slightly acidic, and will sometimes tolerate wet soil. It can be grown in sun or shade, exhibiting dense growth in sun and open growth in shade. Pawpaw grows quickly if mulched and watered during droughts; it is drought-sensitive when grown in sun. Seedlings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

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

Cultivars:

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

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



Botanical Characteristics:

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

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

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

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

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

Hardiness: Winter hardy to USDA Zone 5.

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

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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 15th 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 15th Dwight Malone Benefit Dinner & Auction. Feel free to stop by and pick up a few trees!



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



Customers waiting in line to be served from the Auntie Anne's Pretzel Truck at the October 28th, 2022 appearance of the food truck at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds, as a fund-raiser for the Tollesboro Elementary School. The event was well-attended, with a good crowd of supporters, resulting in a "sold-out" sign coming up at the end of the event! Always a good sign when an event surpasses the expectations of the event provider!

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

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

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

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

ARBOR DAY TREE GIVEAWAY

WELL RECEIVED

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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.

TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB SITE OF FUND-RAISER FOR DWIGHT MALONE

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

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

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

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



TRACTOR DRIVE POKER RUN, MEAL, & AUCTION

DRIVING FOR DWIGHT

SATURDAY - APRIL 15TH
TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB

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



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

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

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

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



Supporters in line near closing time to purchase pretzel products March 23, 2023.

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

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**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT
OF AGRICULTURE**

Dr. Ryan F. Quarles, Commissioner



SECOND ROUND OF ARBOR DAY TREE **GIVEAWAY APRIL 15TH!**

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

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

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

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Tollesboro Lions Club member Steve Pedersen (left) and Michael Carter (right), Forest Ranger, Kentucky Division of Forestry, stand holding just a few trees that were donated to the Tollesboro Lions Club in 2019 for the Club to give away for Arbor Day.

TREE GIVEAWAY A SUCCESS!

The Tollesboro Lions Club gave away 214 trees (in two rounds) to celebrate Arbor Day! The tree giveaway was well-received, with each round completely running out of trees. This year's trees were Black Walnut, Burr Oak, Chinese Chestnut, White Pines (compliments of the Kentucky Division of Forestry) and Paw-Paw (provided by Kentucky State University).



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**FREE TREES
TO PLANT
FOR ARBOR
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**Black Walnut
Chinese Chestnut
Burr Oak**

The block contains text for a tree giveaway, a list of tree types, and the Lions International logo for Tollesboro, KY. The logo features a lion and the text "LIONS INTERNATIONAL TOLLESBORO, KY".



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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!!!).

A few select items donated to the Dwight Malone Auction Benefit



3 Knife Old Timer Set (1 blade, 2 blade, & 3 blade knives), donated by Tommy Skaggs Family.



Two CASE 3 blade Stockman knives donated by W. W. Turner, Sharon Thomas, Wes Thomas & Family



3 Blade Pull-A-Part/Slot "HOBO KNIFE" (knife, fork/bottle opener, spoon) knife donated by Craig A. Stanfield Real Estate & Auction Services, Craig & Beverly Stanfield



Winchester .22 Rifle donated by W. W. Turner & Family



Tranquilizer Dart Gun donated by Corey Story, Mill Creek Farms



Handmade (pieced, stitched and quilted) quilt by Catherine Clark Stanfield when she was 96 years of age.



Original Steve White painting of the Fleming County Courthouse donated by Steve & Susan White.

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!

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Commissioner Quarles made his appearance at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds. He also visited Rip's Farm Supply (which coincided with their Customer Appreciation Dinner!), just across the street from the Fairgrounds. Most of the people he met were at the Customer Appreciation Dinner, but he also appeared at the Tollesboro Lions Club where he was met by additional Lewis County residents, including a number of members of the Lewis County Fiscal Court and Courthouse personnel (County Attorney Benjamin Harrison, County Judge George Sparks, County Clerk Leslie Collier, Lewis County Property Valuation Administrator Kenny Ruckel, County Magistrate Mark Horsley, and more).

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Kentucky Agricultural Commissioner and Candidate for Governor Ryan Quarles meets with Lewis County residents at the Tollesboro Lions Club April 7th. The photo shows the candidate with local elected officials. From left to right: Magistrate Mark Horsley, County Judge Executive George Sparks, Candidate for Governor Ryan Quarles, Lewis County Court Clerk Leslie Collier, Lewis County Attorney Benjamin Harrison, and Lewis County Property Valuation Administrator Kenny Ruckel.



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TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB SPRING TRADE DAYS VERY SUCCESSFUL!!!

The first Trade Days Event at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds 2023 is just a memory now, but a great memory it will be! It was the largest turn-out in terms of number of vendors that the Club has yet to host, with people coming from near and far not only to display their wares, crafts, baked goods, antiques, guns, knives and more, but also to look over the merchandise offered for sale and purchase items to add to their own collections or take to their own homes, or just to get a great meal!

There will be two more Trade Day Events at the Fairgrounds, the Summer Trade Days and the Fall Trade Day Events. The Summer Trade Days Event will run beginning Thursday, June 15th and run through Saturday, June 17th. The Fall Trade Days Event will run from Thursday, September 7th through Saturday, September 9th. For details, and to reserve a spot, contact Richard Skeeter Shaw at (606) 798-6134.



Philip Richard Konopka (1980 – 2023)



Philip Richard Konopka Obituary – Lewis County Herald

Philip Richard Konopka, 42, of Grayson, went to be with the Lord Wednesday, May 3, 2023.

He was born in Maysville August 13, 1980, a son of Richard and Joyce Schweickart Konopka.

Along with his parents, left behind to cherish his memory are his wife of 16 years, Rebecca Grubb Konopka; one brother, Joshua (Amy) Konopka of Flemingsburg; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Charles and Sherry Grubb of South Shore; brother-in-law, Jeremy (Chloe) Grubb of South Shore; four nieces, Delaney Konopka, Zoey Nance, Emma Nance, and Reagan Grubb; and a nephew, Karson Konopka. Several other family members and friends also survive who will sadly miss him.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Philip (Hallie) Schweickart and paternal grandparents, Michael (Elizabeth) Konopka.

Philip has served as the Lewis County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources since March of 2005. He was a Kentucky Certified Crop Advisor and member of the Kentucky Forage and Grassland Council, Kentucky Cattlemen's Association, and Kentucky Association of County Agriculture Agents (KACAA). He would have received his KACAA Distinguished Service Award this summer. Philip was a deacon and served as the secretary for the First Christian Church of Olive Hill.

Services will be at 1:00 p.m. Monday, May 8, 2023, at First Christian Church, 110 Caleb Powers Lane at Olive Hill, with Pastor Adam Foster officiating.

TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB MOURNS LOSS **OF PHILIP KONOPKA,** **LEWIS CO. EXTENSION AGENT**

The Tollesboro Lions Club mourns the passing of Philip Konopka, the Lewis County Extension Agent, who was tragically killed in a multi-vehicle automobile accident in Carter County, KY, Wednesday, May, 3rd, 2023, in an accident in which he was not at fault, an innocent person driving on the highway.... Only God knows why.

Philip was only 42 years of age, but was a special person and a well-respected figure by the Tollesboro Lions Club and especially visible during our annual Fair. His presence, dedication, and contributions each year during the Livestock Shows at the annual Tollesboro Lions Club Fair admirably supporting members of both 4-H and the Future Farmers of America had a significant impact upon the youth of Lewis County. His absence will be magnified this year with the recent passing of Clinton Applegate, who was also heavily involved in the Livestock Shows at the Annual Tollesboro Lions Club Fair.

Philip was also instrumental and a driving force for the Tollesboro Lions Club in obtaining a grant for the playground equipment at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds/Community Park. His smiling face and his slow (except when excited) high-pitched country drawl will be missed!

Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture and candidate for Governor of Kentucky Ryan Quarles stated "Saddened by the tragic loss of my close friend and Lewis Co County Agent, Philip Konopka. We both grew up together in Scott County and we have been friends ever since. He touched the lives of many youth in 4-H and served rural Kentucky well. God Bless".

The following story appeared online:

KSP Releases Name Of Fatality On AA Hwy

By Mary Jane Epling, the Daily Independent

One man was killed Wednesday morning following a crash involving two pickup trucks and a tractor trailer.

Kentucky State Police said Philip Richard Konopka, 42, of Grayson was killed just after 8 a.m. on Wednesday.

Troopers say a pickup truck was traveling southbound on the AA Highway when it crossed the center lane headed toward a tractor trailer traveling southbound.

Konopka was traveling behind the semi, according to KSP.

The driver of the semi-truck attempted to avoid collision, but the northbound pickup crashed into the side of the tractor trailer, causing the pickup to spin out of control — eventually crashing into Konopka's truck.

The AA was closed for several hours on Wednesday but has since reopened as of 4 p.m.

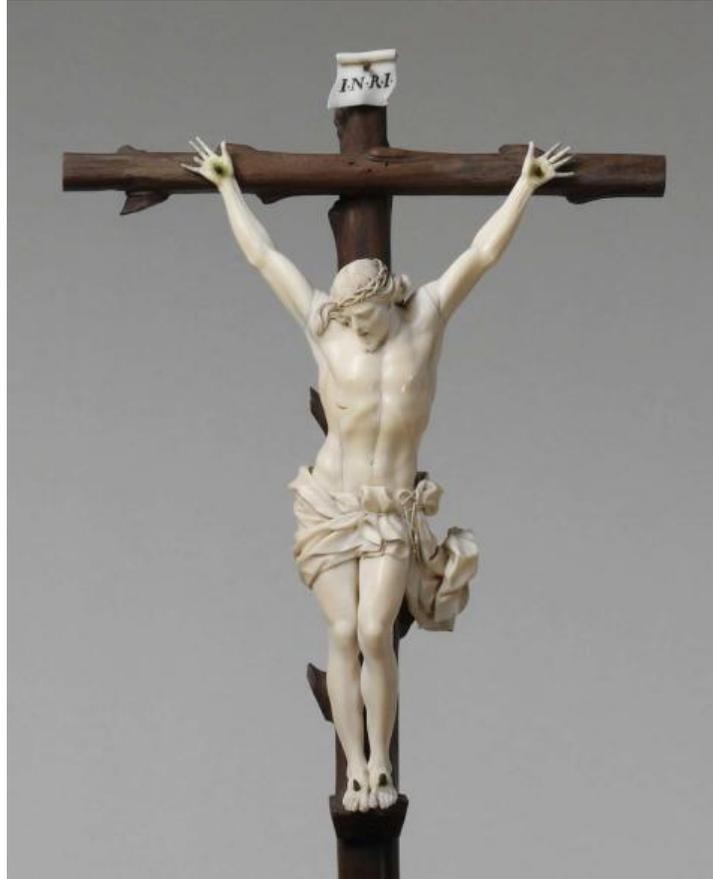
The driver of the southbound pickup was flown to Cabell-Huntington Hospital and details of their condition are unknown.

The driver of the tractor trailer sustained no injuries.

Visitation will be at the church Sunday, May 7, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and after 11:00 a.m. Monday.

Burial will be at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at Maple Grove Cemetery, 77-171 Bridgeville Road at Germantown. Morton-Hunt Family Funeral Home in South Shore is caring for arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to First Christian Church of Olive Hill or the organization of choice.



TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIPS TO AREA GRADUATES!



At the May 8th meeting of the Tollesboro Lions Club, the Tollesboro Lions Club chose to present 7 scholarships to local graduates intending to further their education, each in the amount of \$500 for a total of \$3,500.

Originally there were 6 persons who submitted scholarship applications and the Scholarship Committee chose 3 of the 6 to be recipients to receive scholarship, each in the amount of \$500, meeting the \$1,500 budgeted for Scholarship recipients for 2023. **HOWEVER**, one of the Club's ANONYMOUS members opted to match the \$1,500 total in order that all six applicants received \$500 scholarships, doubling the number of recipients and doubling the total scholarship funds offered by the Tollesboro Lions Club. Ultimately (see explanation following, in italics), the Club opted to donate \$3,500 for 7 students, by the donation of an additional \$500 (donated by Brenda Tucker in memory of recently deceased 55 year member Larry Tucker, an educator for many years).

The full list of Tollesboro Lions Club Scholarship Recipients for 2023 is as follows: From Lewis Co. High School: Jason Parker Evans, Jaden Lewis, Sarah Paige Weddington, Mikayla Kielman and Mary Miller. From Mason County High School: Jaclyn Cropper and Philip Bierly (total recipients: 7; each recipient to receive \$500; total funds awarded \$3,500).

The following statement will reflect the process that the Tollesboro Lions Club utilized to select 7 local students to receive Scholarship funds from the Club for 2023:

The Tollesboro Lions Club submitted a newspaper article/press release informing the public that the Tollesboro Lions Club was offering graduates intending to further their education the opportunity to apply for our Scholarships. The newspaper article correctly stated that applications were due to be turned in by 5 pm., May 8th, 2023, this date being Monday and coinciding with the night of our Club's first meeting in May. It also indicated that the Scholarship Applications were available for download from the Tollesboro Lions Club website, www.tollesborolions.com (Note: Scholarship Applications downloaded from the website included the statement that applications were due to be turned in by 5 pm., May 8th, 2023. NOTE: This date/time was utilized so that applications would be turned in so that the Scholarship Committee could make the selections that evening, so that schools could be notified of the Tollesboro Lions Club Scholarship Recipients during Graduation and/or Awards Day events).

Six students turned in Scholarship Applications that were available at Monday's meeting (it should be noted that of the 6 applications that were reviewed Monday evening, all had been received at least several days prior to Monday's deadline/meeting, with at least one received 2 or 3 weeks prior and one - from a

grandchild of a member of the Tollesboro Lions Club - submitted possibly as early as November of 2022). The Scholarship Committee had selected 3 of the applicants to receive Scholarships, each in the amount of \$500, fulfilling the \$1,500 budgeted sum set aside by the Tollesboro Lions Club for said Scholarships. However when the Scholarship Committee announced to the Club the selections and the number of applications received, a generous ANONYMOUS member of the Club offered to match the budgeted funds in order that all six applicants would receive the full \$500, thus doubling not only the number of students selected to receive Scholarships (6 rather than 3), but also the amount of dollars awarded (\$3,000 rather than \$1,500); this was significantly more (number of students as well as total dollars awarded) than the Tollesboro Lions Club had ever given away in the past for Scholarships (over the past 4 years: 2019, five \$300 scholarships were provided; in 2020, three students received \$300 each; in 2021, \$300 each was provided to 3 students, with a 4th student receiving \$150; and in 2022, 4 students were awarded \$400 each). This was approved at the meeting of the Tollesboro Lions Club, thus members of the Tollesboro Lions Club knowing some of the recipients were able to notify some students Monday evening, and some were notified on Tuesday.

On Tuesday afternoon, I (as Club President) was contacted and informed that there were 9 additional scholarship applications that had not been turned in, as they relied upon an application from last year that erroneously stated that the date of last year's application - May 9th - was the date that applications were due (although in all fairness, this application stated that they were due May 9th, 2022 rather than 2023), a terrible and unfortunate oversight.

We could not go back and take away from those that had already been awarded (whether or not those students had been contacted officially or not), as the generous anonymous donor had donated under the impression that ALL the students who had submitted applications at that time had been approved to receive funds (basically we could not make changes as we had already committed far more than our budgeted funds). However, Brenda Tucker (the widow of a recently deceased member of the Tollesboro Lions Club), opted to provide \$500 to the Tollesboro Lions Club to offer an additional Scholarship, this Scholarship to be awarded in Memory of Larry Tucker. Larry Tucker was a long-time resident of Tollesboro, a former teacher/educator, coach, guidance counselor, pastor, member of the Tollesboro Volunteer Fire Department, a Tollesboro Lions Club Citizen of the Year recipient, a former President of the Tollesboro Lions Club, and a member who served the Tollesboro Lions Club for 55 years (including being a part of the Scholarship Committee for decades). This generous donation permitted the Tollesboro Lions Club to offer one more \$500 Scholarship, thus permitting the Tollesboro Lions Club to offer a total of \$3,500 scholarship funds to 7 area graduates intending to further their education. This last Scholarship would be awarded to ONE of the 9 applicants whose application was received late and, as Brenda Tucker did not want to be involved in the selection process, she suggested that the Scholarship Committee (of which her deceased husband Larry Tucker had been a member for decades) make the selection.

THEREFORE, as President, I called the members of the Scholarship Committee together and tasked them with selecting ONE MORE Scholarship recipient. They met at 4 pm. this evening at the Tollesboro Lions Club with the 9 additional applications to review from which to make the selection (I was not present at the Committee meeting and had no part of the decision process).

Ultimately, the Scholarship Committee reported to me that they selected Mary Miller as the recipient of the Larry Tucker Memorial Scholarship from the Tollesboro Lions Club. She will join the 6 other students chosen to receive Tollesboro Lions Club Scholarships, two of whom were from Mason County High School, the other four from Lewis County High School (these six being chosen Monday evening prior to the receipt of the nine scholarship applications provided today and of whom we were only made aware of Tuesday afternoon. Unfortunately, we cannot change the original recipients as some of them had been informed Monday evening or Tuesday morning AND as the only reason that the Club was provided the additional \$1,500 in Scholarship funds was that a generous donor offered to match the budgeted Scholarship funds permitting us to give to all 6 of the original applicants, thinking that this fulfilled ALL of those students applying for our Scholarship funds). Please note the following: There were 15 Scholarship Applications submitted, from which 7 were chosen to receive Tollesboro Lions Club Scholarships; each

scholarship award is in the amount of \$500; the total committed by the Tollesboro Lions Club for Scholarships for 2023 is \$3,500 (of which \$2,000 came from private donations with the Club committing \$1,500 of the total). The full list of Tollesboro Lions Club Scholarship Recipients for 2023 is as follows: From Lewis Co. High School: Jason Parker Evans, Jaden Lewis, Sarah Paige Weddington, Mikayla Kielman and Mary Miller. From Mason County High School: Jaclyn Cropper and Philip Bierly (total recipients: 7; each recipient to receive \$500; total funds awarded \$3,500).

TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS WERE PRESENTED AT JUNE 12TH MEETING TO 4 RECIPIENTS, AND AT LATER DATES FOR OTHER RECIPIENTS WHO COULD NOT BE AVAILABLE JUNE 12TH. STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES WERE PROVIDED DINNERS AT THE MEETING.

Above, Scholarship recipients (left to right) Mikayla Kielman, Sarah Paige Weddington, Jaclyn Cropper, and Jason Parker Evans



Above: Tollesboro Lions Club President Craig Stanfield with Scholarship recipients Jaden Lewis and Phillip Bierly.



Above: Scholarship recipient Jaclyn Cropper with Kennedy and Sophia Cropper and President (Grandpa) Craig Stanfield.



Above: Mikayla Kielman with grandparents Kathy and Sammy Applegate, accompanied by President Stanfield.



Above: President Craig Stanfield, Secretary Phil Cropper (Grandpa and namesake) with Scholarship recipient Phillip Bierly and parents.

Above: Several scholarship recipients with family members.



Above: Scholarship recipient Jason Parker Evans with parents Jason and Sherry Evans and Lions Club member (Grandpa) Paul Hampton and President Craig Stanfield

Scholarship recipients and guests present at the meeting.



Above: Scholarship recipient Mary Miller receiving her Scholarship check and certificate from President Craig Stanfield.

Above: Sample Certificate provided to Scholarship recipients by the Tollesboro Lions Club.

TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB JULY MEETING

The Tollesboro Lions Club met Monday, July 10th at their Clubhouse at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds. 19 members and 8 guests were in attendance. President Craig Stanfield opened the meeting, welcoming all members and guests, then gave the blessing. Lion Charlie Kendall then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. The President then invited the guests to lead the procession through the buffet dinner line, followed by the members.

Following dinner, the President invited the guests in attendance, two scholarship recipients and their parents, for a presentation of a scholarship certificate and their checks for scholarship funds. Two scholarship recipients were in attendance, Philip Bierley and Jaden Lewis. Presentations were made, photos taken, congratulations presented, and then the recipients and their families were dismissed prior to the Tollesboro Lions Club business meeting.

The Secretary's report was presented by Lions Club Secretary Phil Cropper, which was approved as read.

There was no Treasurer's report as Treasurer Steve Pedersen was in Boston attending the 105th Lions Club International Convention in capacity as District Governor of District 43-Y Kentucky.

Under Old Business, President Stanfield reported that the building - which had been purchased with funds provided by Peoples Bank - had been delivered upon the Fairgrounds. He also reported that Nikki Applegate had approached him about having special awards created and presented at the Tollesboro Lions Club Tug Tractor Pull to the winners of the Heavy Load and Percentage in both the 3500 - 6000 lb. class and the 6000 - 9,000 lb. class in memory of Clinton Applegate (these awards would be prepared and available at the event Friday and Saturday during the Fair). He also gave a brief report on the Club's "health" as reported by Lions International as compared to that of other Clubs within the Zone. The Tollesboro Club had a net gain of one member, and compared to other clubs, had the highest average length of service of those members who were dropped, as the Club has lost 3 members whom had a combined membership of 137 years (an average of 45 years, although Lions Club International considered the average as only 34 years as Lion Darrell Dixon's terms were incorrectly calculated as he had temporarily dropped out of the Club and then rejoined and his prior years of service were not calculated with his total years of service/membership).

It was decided that this year's Parade Grand Marshals would be a posthumous honor to Clinton Applegate, Larry Tucker, Darrell Dixon and Philip Konopka, 4 persons who had passed away since last year's Fair, all of whom had integral and important contributions to the Lions Club and the Tollesboro Lions Club Fair.

Lion Secretary Phil Cropper, who had been a part of the Tollesboro Lions Club Eyeglass Committee for many years, brought up a person in the local community who needed assistance with obtaining eyeglasses. He asked the Club to consider raising the amount that the Club would contribute towards eyeglasses as the amount of contribution had not changed in many years and as costs of obtaining eyeglasses had increased substantially. A motion was made to increase the cost contribution from \$75 to \$150, motion carried.

A member had been approached about the Lewis County Middle School Academic Team setting up a booth during the Fair. It was approved.

It was noted that Flags had been installed through Tollesboro by Lee Thomas and Charlie Kendall. Electrical improvements had been ongoing, with the grounds being a flurry of activity recently, with the Demolition Derby/Mud Sling Track improved (widened and with safety barriers installed, electrical and lighting improvements, and waterline relocation). A railing was to be installed at the Pavillion. Bleachers had been delivered to Ribolt Fabrication for repairs and maintenance. And fans had been purchased for installation in the Livestock Showbarn for use during the Fair.

With regards to highway safety during the Fair: The Kentucky Department of Transportation District 9 had agreed to place warning signs up on the "AA" Hwy during the Fair for traffic safety. The

Lewis County Fiscal Court had not approved the one-way only travel request made by the Club to Fairgrounds Road (the Club had desired to have the roadway made a north-bound traffic only roadway from 6 pm. to 10 pm during the Fair; the Fiscal Court did not approve the change).

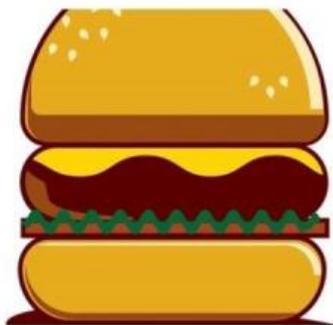
The Fairbooks had been printed and were available to the public for review.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

TOLLESBORO PTO FUNDRAISER LUNCH AT THE FAIRGROUNDS!

The Tollesboro Elementary School Parents-Teacher Organization (PTO) will host a fund-raising lunch at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds Wednesday May 10th, 2023. The meal will consist of a hamburger or tenderloin sandwich with the "fixins", plus baked beans, cheesy potatoes, drink, and dessert, ALL FOR JUST \$10! Drop by and support this fine organization!

**Tollesboro Lions Club
May PTO MEAL
May 10th, 10:30AM-1:30PM**



Grilled Cheeseburger OR grilled pork tenderloin (lettuce, onion, tomato, ketchup, and mustard available) baked beans, cheesy potatoes, drink and free dessert with meal purchase.

\$10.00

Thank you for your support!

SUMMER TRADE DAYS A ROUSING SUCCESS!!!

The Tollesboro Lions Club Trade Days Event just continues to GROW!!! The Summer Trade Days Event was held June 15th through June 17th AND WAS THE BEST WE HAVE EVER HAD!!! Great weather all weekend long, led to a large number of both vendors and customers, the biggest number of vendors AND customers we ever had attend a Trade Days Event, surpassing the Spring Trade Days Event which had been the best event we ever had! The Trade Days Event is a flea-market type event and takes place along the AA Hwy on the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds. A very visible location, due to the high traffic "AA" HWY, We had vendors from near and far offering their wares including crafts, baked goods, antiques, guns, knives, tools, and SO MUCH MORE!

There will be one more Trade Day Event this year at the Fairgrounds, the Fall Trade Day Event this year at the Tollesboro Lions Club, the Fall Trade Days Event, Thursday, September 7th through Saturday, September 9th. For details, and to reserve a spot, contact Richard Skeeter Shaw at (606) 798-6134.



These panoramic photos show that the Tollesboro Lions Club was the place to be for the Summer Trade Days Event at the Fairgrounds, June 15th through 17th. Beautiful weather brought in the largest number of vendors/exhibitors to date, with large crowds of customers, a great combination for a perfect event!

The top two photos are taken from the AA Hwy; the bottom two photos taken from a vantage point from the bleachers at the Speed Pull Track.

PEOPLES BANK OF OHIO PROVIDES FUNDS FOR BUILDING ON FAIRGROUNDS

The Peoples Bank of Ohio contributed \$7,000 to the Tollesboro Lions Club expressly for the purchase of a building for First-Aid, Lost & Found, and other uses of the Club.

Natalie Stitt, Branch Bank Manager for the Tollesboro Branch of the bank, presented the Club with a check at the Tollesboro Lions Club meeting. Later, a more formal “large-check” presentation at the Bank. Lion President Craig Stanfield received both check presentations, with Tollesboro Lions Club Treasurer Steve Pedersen present at both presentations.



Peoples Bank (of Ohio) employees met at their Tollesboro Branch Bank to present a check to members of the Tollesboro Lions Club Wednesday, June 7th. Left to right: Patrick Mason, Morgan Hackworth, Regan Pullin and Natalie Stitt (representing the Peoples Bank) present a check to Tollesboro Lions Club President Craig Stanfield and Tollesboro Lions Club Treasurer/Lions Club District Governor Steve Pedersen.



Above, Top: Peoples Bank of Ohio Tollesboro Branch Bank Manager Natalie Stitt presents Tollesboro Lions Club President with a check for \$7,000 for purchase of a multi-purpose building that will offer First-Aid and Lost & Found uses at the Fairgrounds.

Immediately Above: The building purchased by the Tollesboro Lions Club.

LOTS OF ACTIVITY AT THE TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIRGROUNDS PREPARING FOR THE FAIR

Lots of activity is underway improving the Fairgrounds before this year's fair. **HUGE IMPROVEMENTS** are being made to the grounds including widening of the Mud Sling/Demolition Derby Track as well as implementing safety improvements, which further required moving waterlines and electrical lines as well as installing new electrical and lighting poles. In addition, improvements were made to the grounds as well as to the Horse Show Ring.

The biggest improvements are evident in the Mud Sling/Demolition Derby Track. The widening of the track involved moving waterlines and electrical lines/electric poles, which naturally required replacing this infrastructure. Safety --- always a concern --- measures taken included the purchase and placement of large concrete berms to place on each side of the track for the safety of spectators in the event that a vehicle went out of control. These concrete berms, which are quite heavy, were obtained, hauled, and then placed along the sides, with a topper berm placed over the first level to increase the size of the "wall" created. Additional electrical and lighting improvements were then made as well.

In other parts of the grounds, a large ditch which extended through a significant part of the grounds, was improved with piping and grate placement.

At the Horse Show Ring, the announcer's booth was painted.

In addition, the central Pavillion (the First Guaranty Bank Pavillion) was improved. Garage doors were placed all along the southern side of the building. These doors can be closed during rains and heavy winds making the facility much more weather ready (not rain-proof but definitely an improvement as most of the weather comes from the southwest). Also, a railing was placed in front of the stage (to avoid tripping, a common occurrence in the past), and the back room of the building had significant improvements made, insulation, interior walls, electrical upgrades, etc., to permit the building to provide alternative uses (mostly during the fair).

Also added to the grounds improvements prior to the Fair was the Peoples Bank of Ohio building, a 14' x 20' enclosed building, metal sided, metal roof (with skylight roof) that will provide for First-Aid, Lost & Found, and other uses on the ground. Peoples Bank of Ohio contributed \$7,000 towards the cost of this building (the building was ordered for a cost of \$7,000, however it did not include the sales tax). This building will eventually be insulated, plumbed and electrified.

These improvements were necessary and functional/desirable improvements that will pay big benefits throughout Fair Week as well as at other events held on the grounds.













Top Left: Row of 12 doors rolled up in place along the length of the Pavillion. Top Right: A close-up of one of the doors in the "shut" position. Bottom. A view of the building from the end, with the rollup doors on the left side of the building.

NEW FANS INSTALLED IN SHOW BARN

Two new large fans were permanently installed in the Show Barn and saw widespread use during the fair. These fans – installed at the request of now deceased member Clinton Applegate – were used for all the livestock shows (Beef Show, Dairy Show, Hog Show, Sheep and Goat Show) and will be an important addition to the show barn for years to come!



Photo shows two new fans installed in show ring (in use during Beef Show Event).

TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB PLACES FLAGS THROUGHOUT TOWN IN ADVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY & ANNUAL FAIR

The Tollesboro Lions Club placed American Flags throughout town on electric poles along KY 10 , KY 57 and Fairgrounds Road/Lions Club Lane.

Lion Lee Thomas provided his lift which was able to traverse through town, with Lion Charles Kendall installing the flags on the poles. This will correspond with a significant portion of the Annual Lions Club Fair Parade route.



RAILING AND ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PAVILION

The Pavilion was improved just in time for the Fair. The railing – a much needed improvement to prevent tripping and falling at the elevated stage – was installed, and the back room completely finished/renovated to provide for storage and other uses, including impromptu meetings during the fair when the Clubhouse was in use for Pageant events.



Improvements made to main Pavillion include the new railing in front of stage area, lighting improvements, and you can make out the new garage doors on the southern facade. Note the Elite Sponsor banner hung on back wall).



Finished interior of the room behind the stage of the main Pavillion.

2023 TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIR OFFICIAL T-SHIRT

Tabby Tully Liles, owner of Take It Personal Gifts (Tollesboro and Vanceburg) has designed the 2023 Official Tollesboro Lions Club t-shirt. The design features an outline of the shape of Lewis County, a Ferris Wheel, the Lions Club emblem, and the words "TOLLESBORO LIONS FAIR". The shirts are available in gray or pink and Tabby will have a booth at the Fair where you can get yours!



TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIR

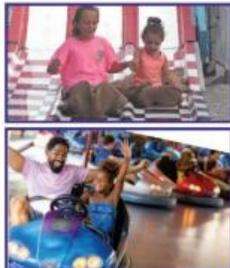
July 14-22, 2023



66th ANNUAL TOLLESBORO LIONS FAIR SCHEDULE JULY 14TH THRU JULY 22ND, 2023

DAY/DATE/TIME	PROGRAM	CHAIRPERSON/PHONE
FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2023		
7:00 p.m.	Tug Tractor Pull (weigh-in 5:30 p.m.)	Tanner Hord (606) 584-5206
7:30 p.m.	Rocky Mountain Horse Show	Paul Hampton (606) 541-9991
SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2023		
8:00 a.m. Reg/8:30 Walk	Run/Walk David Iery Foundation	Carol Cunningham (606) 202-1883
7:00 p.m.	Tug Tractor Pull (weigh-in 5:30 p.m.)	Tanner Hord (606) 584-5206
7:00 p.m.	Horse Pull	Craig Starfield (606) 301-3350
7:00 p.m.	Mud Truck Drag Race	Zach Truesdell (606) 306-3425
7:30 p.m.	Walking Horse Show	Paul Hampton (606) 541-9991
SUNDAY JULY 16, 2023		
2:00 p.m.	Parade/Bicycle Parade	Steven Pedersen (606) 301-1904
MONDAY, JULY 17, 2023		
6:00 p.m.	3D Archery	Josh Hawkins (606) 748-3771
7:00 p.m.	ATV/SXS Racing	Lee Thomas (606) 584-3327
7:00 p.m.	Youth Sheep & Goat Show (Weigh in 6:00 p.m.)	Mary Shoemaker (606) 798-4113
8:00 p.m.	Mechanical Bull Challenge	Lee Thomas (606) 584-3327
TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2023		
12 noon/6:00 p.m.	Floral Hall (entries)	Nicke Applegate (606) 584-5173
6:00 p.m.	Baby Show - birth to 18 months	Carol Cunningham (606) 202-1883
6:30 p.m.	ATV/Dirt Bike/SXS Drag Racing	Terrell McCall (606) 202-3056
7:00 p.m.	Hog Show (weigh in @6:00 p.m.)	Mary Shoemaker (606) 798-4113
7:30 p.m.	Cutie Pie - 19-36 months	Kennedy Wellman (606) 541-6109
8:00 p.m.	Mechanical Bull Challenge Mechanical Bull Challenge	Lee Thomas (606) 584-3327
WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2023 (Farm Bureau Night - \$10 per car load-including Rides)		
5:00 p.m.	Dairy Show	Travis Applegate (606) 782-1595
6:00 p.m.	Boys 3 on 3 Basketball	Phil Cropper (606) 798-2320
6:30 p.m.	Garden Tractor Pull	Timmy Shoemaker (606) 584-4023
7:00 p.m.	ATV/Dirt Bike Racing	Lee Thomas (606) 584-3327
7:00 p.m.	Toddler Show - 3-4 years	Sarah Harris (606) 798-6344
8:00 p.m.	Little Miss & Mr. (couples only) 5-7 yrs	Missy Henderson (606) 541-1002
THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2023		
11:00-1:00	Special Needs (SN) Day (SINC Ride free 11:00 - 12:00) Lions Club providing lunch 12:00-1:00	Steven Pedersen (606) 301-1904
6:00 p.m.	Steer Show (weigh-in 5:00 p.m.)	Mary Shoemaker (606) 798-4113
7:00 p.m.	Semi-truck/Truck/Car Dirt Drag Racing	Lee Thomas (606) 584-3327
7:00 p.m.	Bluegrass Music	Craig Starfield (606) 301-3350
7:30 p.m.	Lions Queen Pageant - 16-21 years	Betty Hampton (606) 798-6247
8:00 p.m.	Beef Show	Mary Shoemaker (606) 798-4113
FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2023		
7:00 p.m.	Battle of the Bluegrass Pull	Matthew Meadows (606) 782-2373
7:00 p.m.	Demolition Derby	Phillip Bussell (606) 748-4628
7:00 p.m.	Cow Bingo	Craig Starfield (606) 301-3350
7:00 p.m.	Miss Teen Pageant - 13-15 years	Beverly Pedersen (606) 202-1982
8:00 p.m.	Miss Pre-Teen Pageant - 8-12 years	Crystal Thayer (606) 541-0652
SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2023		
7:00 p.m.	Mud Sling	Zach Truesdell (606) 306-3425
7:00 p.m.	Lucas Pro Pulling League Silver Series	Matthew Meadows (606) 782-2373

GATE Admission \$5 Friday, July 14th & Saturday, July 15th
Gate Admission \$10 Starting Monday July 17th through Saturday, July 22nd RIDES INCLUDED
FARM BUREAU NIGHT Wednesday, July 19th
\$10 Per Car Load-Rides Included FREE Admission for children 3 & under
Bracelets for rides for children 3 & under - \$5 - FREE PARKING!!!!!!!!!!!!



2023 TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIR

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July 18, 2023

FIRST GUARANTY BANK
ATTN.: AMMON COOPER
RE: Tollesboro Lions Club

Dear Mr. Cooper,

I write this letter to you late Tuesday evening, July 18th, 2023, after coming in from the Tollesboro Lions Club Fair which is going on this week (this year's fair began July 14th and will run through July 22nd; it is the 66th Annual Tollesboro Lions Club Fair).

The Tollesboro Lions Club is an organization made up of local citizens and business owners in Tollesboro, Lewis County, Kentucky. We were chartered in 1954 and held our first Annual Lions Club Fair in 1957, and are conducting our 66th Annual Tollesboro Lions Club Fair this week (July 14 thru July 22nd). We have our own fairgrounds which consist between 25 and 30 acres. Our annual fair is our biggest fundraiser. We have many buildings and improvements in place. We host a fine fair full of events. It is impossible to make a "short list" of our Fair Events; but a brief description of our 2023 Lions Club Fair Events follows:

The Fair began Friday, July 14th with two events, the Tug Tractor Pull and the Tollesboro Lions Club Fair Rocky Mountain Horse Show (which includes 26 classes including classes for road ponies, road horses, and two Mule events!).

On Saturday morning, the David Iery Foundation 5K Run/Walk event was conducted, raising funds for the David Iery Foundation for use in Spinal Cord Research. Saturday evening, the Tollesboro Lions Club Fair Walking Horse Show (with 27 classes) took center stage, and a Mud Truck Drag Race Event was conducted on our newly improved Mud Sling/Demolition Derby Track (however rainfall earlier in the day caused the cancellation of two events, the heavier class tractor Tug Pull and a Mule and Pony Pull event).

Sunday, July 17th, is the always popular Tollesboro Lions Club Fair Parade. This year's parade was an EXTREMELY well attended event, perhaps 3 miles in length, extending from the Fairgrounds to the Tollesboro Elementary School and back to the Fairgrounds, with significant crowds along the parade route to watch the participants, wave, and collect candy thrown from the Parade participants.

On Monday evening, a 3-D Archery event was held, as well as ATV and Side-By-Side Racing (the track included hills and jumps), a youth (4-H and FFA) sheep and goat show, and a Mechanical Bull Challenge (this a new event that gained a rapidly increasing following and which will be extended through the rest of the Fair Week). Also, beginning Monday July 17th through Saturday July 22nd, the Carnival will be in operation each evening.

Tuesday's events include Floral Hall Entries from Noon until 6 pm., with evening events including a Baby Show (birth to 18 months); a Hog Show, the Cutie Pie Contest, and a second evening of Mechanical Bull Challenge (that resulted in an impromptu offering from several businesses getting together to increase

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the challenge payout from \$100 to \$300 and adding a class for females to compete as well, also offering a \$300 payout! This resulted in a significant “challenge” that was met by numerous members of the public, both by male and female participants and made for a great show for the attending public to watch!!!). Due to earlier rains, the ATV/Dirt Bike/Side-By-Side Drag Racing had to be postponed, but will be moved to Wednesday evening.

Wednesday is FARM BUREAU NIGHT (sponsored by Lewis County Farm Bureau) when an ENTIRE CARLOAD OF FAIR GOERS IS ADMITTED FOR JUST \$10 INCLUDING RIDES!!! (regardless of the number of persons in the vehicle). We have a full night of events planned for Wednesday, including the Dairy Show; 3-on-3 Basketball; Garden Tractor Pull; ATV/Dirt Bike/Side-By-Side Racing; Toddler Show (3 and 4 year olds); and Little Miss & Mister (5 to 7 year olds, couples only). We also will add the ATV/Dirt Bike/Side-By-Side Drag Racing (a slightly different even that that which was already scheduled for this evening) that had to be canceled on Tuesday evening due to rainy weather to this evening's events.

On Thursday, from 11 am until noon, Special Needs persons may ride Carnival Rides free, and lunch will be provided at 1 pm. (compliments of the Tollesboro Lions Club and Woodmen Life). Thursday evening has a full slate of events with the Steer Show, Semi-Truck/Truck/Car Drag Racing, Bluegrass Music, the Lions Queen Pageant (16 to 21 years), and the Beef Show.

Friday evening will be the always popular Battle of the Bluegrass Speed Pull; the Demolition Derby, Miss Teen (13 to 15 year olds) Pageant; and the Miss Pre-Teen (8 to 12 year olds) Pageant.

Saturday evening will be the Mud Sling, the Lucas Pro-Pulling League Silver Series events, and a Cow Bingo Event (keep in mind that the Mechanical Bull will be appearing at the Fairgrounds from Wednesday through Saturday, the sole exception being perhaps on Thursday night when the Pavilion in which the mechanical bull was set up will be used for Bluegrass Music).

While our Annual Fair is obviously our most visible event through the year, OUR CLUB IS BUSY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. We utilize our fairgrounds to provide for a blacktop walking track for the citizens of our community. We installed a playground for the youth of our community (it is even handicapped-accessible). We provide a baseball field used by Little League and T-Ball Organizations; a basketball court for the youth to utilize. We have two pavilions which are used not only during the fair, but throughout the year for use for family reunions, church events, and benefits for organizations and those who are ill.

Since Jan. 1, 2023, the Tollesboro Lions Club has:

- 1). Unfortunately had to mourn the loss of 3 long-term members of the Club (admittedly two died in November and December, 2022 and one passed away in March, 2023. These 3 members held membership in the Tollesboro Lions Club for 55 years, 50 years, and 32 years respectively, a significant loss to the Club. They will be missed. In addition, the Club mourned the loss of two persons who were the fathers of Lions Club members AND the Club also lost a dear friend and supporter when the Lewis County Extension Agent was killed in an automobile accident.
- 2). Made SIGNIFICANT financial contributions (as well as the provision of food, coats, socks, and

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- more) to assist Eastern Kentucky Flood Victims.
- 3). Made donations to Lions Club International Foundation and Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation for 4 Melvin Jones Fellowships and 4 Finis Davis Fellowships to present to the survivors of lost Lions Club members and to the family of the Lewis County Extension Agent (the Finis Davis Fellowship is named for Kentucky's ONLY International District President; the Melvin Jones Fellowship is named for the founder of Lions Club International. These are prestigious awards, the highest level of recognition by Lions Club International and the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation).
 - 4). Permitted the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds to be used by the Tollesboro Elementary School for several fund-raisers (these included the provision of meals to the public at large on 3 occasions; it also permitted the grounds to be used as a fund-raiser whereby Auntie Anne's Pretzels setup on the grounds, which also resulted in significant monies being earned by the Tollesboro Elementary School PTO as the host).
 - 5). Hosted a Community Easter Egg Hunt on the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds.
 - 6). Hosted a tree giveaway in recognition of Arbor Day in which 214 trees were given away to the public at large for planting on their private lands. This event is to improve the environment, a Lions Club International goal.
 - 7). Permitted the use of the grounds for a Mud Sling Benefit to raise funds for a 13 year old girl with childhood cancer (leukemia).
 - 8). Had a member recognized for contributions in organizing deliveries of food, clothing, blankets, coats, and other items to Eastern Kentucky Flood Victims by the International Lions Club President.
 - 9). Had a member named District Governor of Kentucky District 43-Y (Kentucky is divided into two districts; District 43-Y is the District in which the Tollesboro Lions Club is a part).
 - 10). Had a member named as Zone Chairman for the local Zone, over 9 Clubs within District 43-Y.
 - 11). Have hosted 2 (of 3, the next event will be in September) Trade Day Events (this is a Flea-Market/Court Day style event whereby numerous vendors set up at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds and sell items to the public at large; this event has grown significantly in the past few years, and the two events conducted to date were both on dates whereby perfect weather conditions permitted the two largest and most successful such events to date).
 - 12). Will permit the grounds of the Tollesboro to be used to host the 4th Annual David Iery Foundation Log-Jam Bluegrass Festival, a two day event. While this is the fourth year of this event, this year brings several changes to the event. For the first time, the event has been to include 2 days (past events were always one-day affairs). It is also the first time that the event has been presented off the hill on "Quick's Run Mountain". And lastly, this is the first time the event has been held at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds.
 - 13). The Club was recognized by Lions Club International with the Club Excellence Award for meeting and exceeding Lions Club International's goals for community involvement, growth, and

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promoting Lions Club International's core values.

- 14). Conducted a benefit auction event to support a local citizen who had undergone heart surgery.
- 15). Conducted a benefit auction/Tractor Poker Run/Meal to raise funds for a former member who had been diagnosed with cancer requiring surgery and treatment.
- 16). Made significant financial contributions to permit the improvement of the main pavilion on the grounds by installing 12 garage doors on the southern exposure (this is the First Guaranty Bank Building, the building on which your bank has a sign).
- 17). Greatly improved the Mud Sling Pit/Demolition Derby Track by: Relocating waterlines and electrical lines to permit the track to be widened. Placing new poles, electrical services, and lighting at this site. Significantly widening the track and improving safety by the purchase/hauling/installation of 100+ concrete berms to be placed on either side of the track.
- 18). Noted that a member of the Club had continuously donated the use of his own privately owned building for the local food pantry for 10 years.
- 19). Purchased and installed permanent fans for the livestock show barn for use during the annual Fair.
- 20). Improved the grounds of the Fairgrounds by covering up a ditch and placing a concrete drain and culvert pipe in the ditch to permit use of this previously unusable section of land (this also permitted the Club to cover underground water, electric, and gas lines that had been exposed by erosion in the ditch).
- 21). Presented 7 graduating students with \$500 (each) scholarships for purposes of higher education.
- 22). Hosted a benefit auction and meal to support a former Lions Club member with cancer.
- 23). Placed a new building on the grounds compliments of a local business.
- 24). Made improvements to the Horse Show ring (painting the announcer's booth).
- 25). Placed a safety barrier at the junction of the stage and the flat concrete floor (a trip hazard) at the Pavilion (this is the same pavilion that the First Guaranty Bank has their sign on, the main pavilion on the fairgrounds).
- 26). Installed U.S. Flags through town along KY 10 (approximately 60 signs placed on utility poles through town).
- 27). Have invited members of the 101st Airborne who participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom I to make an appearance at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds on Saturday, July 22nd (the last evening of the Fair). They will appear at 7:00 pm prior to the beginning of the Lucas Pro-League Silver Series Truck & Tractor Pull during the National Anthem. These are true American Heroes and deserve your respect!
- 28). This brings us to present day, with the Fair ongoing.

Our history since 1954 has been compiled. Since 2018, we have reported numerous press releases to the local newspapers and to Lions International. The press releases have been compiled and listed on our

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website for download/review. The original history (through June 30, 2020) consists of 264 pages. Our 2020 Year In Review consists of 36 pages (and this was during the height of Covid); our 2021 Year In Review is 86 pages. Our 2022 Year In Review consisted of 142 pages. To date, the 2023 Year In Review is already 130 pages in length (AND I have not even added the Fair Events yet --- But I will within a week or so, AFTER the Fair!). The history of the Tollesboro Lions Club, the Year In Reviews (from 2018 through 2022), our 2023 Fairbook, and the 2023 Fair Schedule are all available for download/review from our website: www.tollesborolions.com.

We permitted the First Guaranty Bank to place signage on our main pavilion (to date, only temporary signage has been placed, but we expect it to be replaced with more permanent signage at any time and were surprised that it had not been placed on the pavilion prior to this year's Fair). As far as our "wish list" for additional structural improvements on the fairgrounds: We would like to have this pavilion (that structure in which your signs are in place) improved with rollup garage doors on the north side to match those we placed on the south side earlier this year. This improvement has already greatly improved the functional capabilities of this structure, allowing us to offset weather/rain to some potential as most of our weather comes from the southwest exposure. However if we were to further improve the structure to add matching doors on the north side, it would potentially permit events during cold weather conditions, both as fundraisers for the Lions Club as well as use by the general public for events attended during either cold weather or to improve conditions during surprise weather conditions (rain, frost, early snow, etc.). This would leave only the eastern exposure as open (the western exposure provides for a stage and storage/multi-purpose room and is already sealed off by a permanent wall).

Sincerely,

Craig A. Stanfield
President
TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB

TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB HORSE SHOW

The 66th Annual Tollesboro Lions Club Horse Show was conducted July 14th and 15th, 2023. The Friday Night event was a Rocky Mountain Horse Show with 26 potential classes offered. Saturday Night was the Walking Horse Show with 27 potential classes.

The Tollesboro Lions Club Fair began in 1957 as a one-day event with the sole event being a Horse Show. This year marked the 66th Annual Horse Show (even the Covid-19 Pandemic did not stop the Horse Show from being a part of the Fair (although the Fair was an abbreviated event in 2020)).



16.	SSH COUNTRY PLEASURE.....	\$40.00	\$175.00
	SPONSORED BY COMMUNITY TRUST BANK		
17.	3 YEAR OLD WALKING HORSE.....	\$40.00	\$175.00
	SPONSORED BY TIRE WORLD, VANCEBURG, KY		
18.	LITE SHOD WALKING WESTERN OR ENGLISH.....	\$40.00	\$175.00
	SPONSORED BY US BANK, MAYSVILLE, KY		
19.	17 & UNDER WALKING HORSE.....	\$40.00	\$175.00
	SPONSORED BY TRACE CREEK CONSTRUCTION, VANCEBURG, KY		
20.	OPEN SHOD SADDLE HORSE.....	\$40.00	\$175.00
	SPONSORED BY SOUTHERN STATE, FLEMINGSBURG AND MAYSVILLE, KY		
21.	OPEN WALKING PONY.....	\$40.00	\$175.00
	SPONSORED BY WOODMEN LIFE, VANCEBURG, KY		
22.	LADIES AMATEUR WALKING HORSE.....	\$40.00	\$175.00
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23.	OPEN 15.2 & UNDER WALKING HORSE.....	\$40.00	\$175.00
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26.	ALL DAY PLEASURE CHAMPIONSHIP.....	\$50.00	\$250.00
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27.	WALKING HORSE SPECIALTY CHAMPIONSHIP.....	\$100.00	\$750.00
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66th Annual
**Tollesboro
 Lions Club
 Fair and
 Horse Show**
 CLASS AAAA

Spotted Saddle Horse • Road Horse • Mule Race • Walking Horse

Members of: SSHAK • KWHA • CKFSA
 American Horse Service-HIO • EKWRHA

JULY 14, 2023 – 7:30 P.M.
JULY 15, 2023 – 7:30 P.M.
Tollesboro Lions Park

1,000 Feet off Rt. 9 • Tollesboro, Kentucky

Show Manager Contact Numbers
 606-798-6247 or 606-541-9991

**All members must abide by all rules of affiliations
 and suspensions must be enforced.
 If less than three horses in class, start with second place money**

All Entries Must have Negative Coggins Test for 2023

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HORSE SHOW / ROAD HORSE / MULE RACE
ROAD PONY / WALKING MULE

FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2023 - 7:30 P.M.

Sanctions Class B Show (RMHA) (KHBF points) (SCHA) (CKFHSA) (KAOFHS)

All classes with less than three horses will start with second place premium. All horses must have negative coggin paper for 2023. All exhibitors must abide by all rules of affiliations.

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1. RMHA YOUTH SHOW PLEASURE (17 & UNDER) SPONSORED BY FLEMING MASON ENERGY COOP	\$30.00	\$175.00
2. RMHA AMATEUR TRAIL PLEASURE SPONSORED BY MCFARLAND CHEVROLET, MAYSVILLE, KY	\$30.00	\$175.00
3. 48 AND UNDER ROAD PONY SPONSORED BY COMMUNITY BANK OF FLEMINGSBURG, KY	\$30.00	\$175.00
4. RMHA OPEN SHOW PLEASURE SPONSORED BY MIKE'S BODY SHOP, GARRISON, KY	\$30.00	\$175.00
5. RMHA 3 & 4 YEAR OLD SHOW PLEASURE SPONSORED BY PRIMARY PLUS, ALL LOCATIONS	\$30.00	\$175.00
6. RMHA YOUTH TRAIL PLEASURE 17 & UNDER SPONSORED BY STORY REALTOR "WE WORK FOR YOU", FLEMINGSBURG, KY	\$30.00	\$175.00
7. JUVENILE EXHIBITOR ROAD PONY SPONSORED BY CASIO MANAGEMENT	\$30.00	\$175.00
8. RMHA OPEN COUNTRY TRAIL SPONSORED BY STATE FARM INSURANCE, BRIAN PAYNE, MAYSVILLE, KY	\$30.00	\$175.00
9. RMHA YOUTH TRAIL PLEASURE SPONSORED BY HARDYMONS HOME AND HARDWARE, MAYSVILLE, KY	\$30.00	\$175.00
10. RMHA AMATEUR SHOW PLEASURE SPONSORED BY AG PRO, FLEMINGSBURG, KY	\$30.00	\$175.00
11. RMHA 17 & UNDER JUVENILE TRAIL PLEASURE SPONSORED BY LEWIS COUNTY CLERK, LESLIE COLLIER	\$30.00	\$175.00
12. MULE RACE SPONSORED BY CRAIG STANFIELD REAL ESTATE & AUCTION SERVICES, TOLLEBORO, KY	NONE	\$300.00
13. RMHA MARE & GELDING SHOW PLEASURE SPONSORED BY STOVER DRIVES, MAYSVILLE, KY	\$30.00	\$175.00
14. 52 INCH & UNDER ROAD PONY SPONSORED BY YOUNG FARM MACHINERY, FLEMINGSBURG, KY	\$30.00	\$175.00
15. RMHA AMATEUR TRAIL PLEASURE SPONSORED BY PEOPLES BANK OF KENTUCKY, TOLLEBORO, KY	\$30.00	\$175.00
16. RMHA OPEN COUNTRY TRAIL PLEASURE SPONSORED BY BRYON WALKER AUCTION, TOLLEBORO, KY	\$30.00	\$175.00
17. WALKING MULE SPONSORED BY KENTUCKY FARM BUREAU INSURANCE, VANCEBURG, KY	\$30.00	\$175.00
18. AMATEUR ROAD PONY SPONSORED BY ON THE SYCAMORE BOUTIQUE, TOLLEBORO, KY	\$30.00	\$175.00
19. RMHA OPEN TRAIL PLEASURE SPONSORED BY BROWN COUNTY CONSTRUCTION, ABERDEEN, OH	\$30.00	\$175.00
20. RMHA 3 & 4 YEAR OLD COUNTRY TRAIL SPONSORED BY MARK AND KIM RIPATO, TOLLEBORO, KY	\$30.00	\$175.00
21. ROAD HORSE TO BIKE CHAMPIONSHIP SPONSORED BY FIRST GUARANTY BANK, VANCEBURG, KY	\$50.00	\$250.00

22. RMHA OPEN TRAIL PLEASURE CHAMPIONSHIP SPONSORED BY BOONE-NICKELL FUNERAL HOME, FLEMINGSBURG, KY	\$50.00	\$250.00
23. RMHA AMATEUR SHOW PLEASURE CHAMPIONSHIP SPONSORED BY TOLLEBORO FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION, TOLLEBORO, KY	\$50.00	\$250.00
24. RMHA OPEN COUNTRY TRAIL CHAMPIONSHIP SPONSORED BY TIRE WORLD, MAYSVILLE, KY	\$50.00	\$250.00
25. RMHA AMATEUR TRAIL CHAMPIONSHIP SPONSORED BY JOHNNY BIVENS, LEWIS COUNTY SHERIFF	\$50.00	\$250.00
26. RMHA OPEN SHOW PLEASURE CHAMPIONSHIP SPONSORED BY FANNIN TRUCKING	\$50.00	\$250.00

WALKING HORSE SHOW

SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2023 - 7:30 P.M.

(KWAH) (CKFHSA) (EKWRHA) (American Horse Service—HIO) (SSHAK)

All classes with less than three horses will start with second place premium. All horses must have negative coggin paper for 2023. All exhibitors must abide by all rules of affiliations.

CLASS	ENTRY FEE	Premium & RIBBONS
1. STICK HORSE SPONSORED BY BANE FARMS, TOLLEBORO, KY	NONE	TROPHY & RIBBON
2. LEAD LINE SPONSORED BY BANE FARMS, TOLLEBORO, KY	NONE	TROPHY & RIBBON
3. 2 YEAR OLD WALKING HORSE SPONSORED BY LEWIS COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE, GEORGE SPARKS	\$40.00	\$175.00
4. COUNTRY PLEASURE SPONSORED BY BOCK AUTO AUCTION, MT STERLING, KY	\$40.00	\$175.00
5. SSH TRAIL PLEASURE SPONSORED BY CHEAP CHEVROLET, FLEMINGSBURG, KY	\$40.00	\$175.00
6. JUVENILE 11 & UNDER WALKING SPONSORED BY MISUBISHI ELECTRIC, MAYSVILLE, KY	\$40.00	\$175.00
7. TRAIL PLEASURE WALKING SPONSORED BY LEWIS COUNTY PVA KENNY RUCKEL, VANCEBURG, KY	\$40.00	\$175.00
8. ALL DAY PLEASURE SPONSORED BY STANDARD QUICK PRINT AND OFFICE SUPPLIES, MAYSVILLE, KY	\$40.00	\$175.00
9. OPEN PARK PERFORMANCE SPONSORED BY NICK HINES INSURANCE AGENCY, MAYSVILLE, KY	\$40.00	\$175.00
10. TRAIL PLEASURE RACKING SPONSORED BY COMMUNITY TRUST BANK, FLEMINGSBURG, KY	\$40.00	\$175.00
11. PLANTATION PLEASURE SPONSORED BY TOTAL CARE PHARMACY, FLEMINGSBURG, KY	\$40.00	\$175.00
12. AMATEUR SHOW PLEASURE SPONSORED BY GAYDOS FUNERAL HOME, VANCEBURG, KY	\$40.00	\$175.00
13. OPEN 4 YEAR OLD WALKING SPECIALTY SPONSORED BY OSMAN PHARMACY, VANCEBURG, KY	\$40.00	\$175.00
14. JUVENILE COUNTRY PLEASURE SPONSORED BY CHUCK MARSHALL REAL ESTATE AND AUCTION	\$40.00	\$175.00
15. AMATEUR OWNED & TRAINED WALKING SPECIALTY SPONSORED BY ARRICK'S PROPANE	\$40.00	\$175.00

FRIDAY NIGHT TUG TRACTOR PULL, 2023 TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIR, 3500-6000 LB. CLASS



3500-6000 lb. Tug Pull Class Friday night: 100 entries. Tractors included Ford, Long, Allis Chalmers, Dexter, John Deere, Oliver, Case, Farmall/International Harvester.



First place percentage winner Jason Smoot on a John Deere B receiving \$80 prize money, trophy, and the inaugural Clinton Applegate Memorial Award (photo on next page); Second place percentage went to Tyler Cooper on a 430 Case receiving \$60 and trophy; Third place went to Mike Jackson and an Allis Chalmers WD receiving \$40 and trophy; Fourth place percentage went to William Young on an Allis Chalmers CA receiving \$20 and trophy. Jacktop winner was Preston Northcutt on a John Deere B receiving \$100.

In the Heavy Load portion of the class, pulling 10,000 pounds, First place went to Tommy McVey on a 510 Long receiving \$80, trophy and the inaugural Clinton Applegate Memorial Award; Second place went to Rick Kalb on an Allis Chalmers D17 receiving \$60 and trophy; Third place went to Tyler Cooper on a 630 Case receiving \$40 and trophy; and Fourth place went to Rick Kalb on a 400 International Farmall receiving \$20 and trophy.



Clinton Applegate Memorial Award given to First Place Winners of Heavy Load and Percentage at Friday Night Tractor Pull, 2023 Tollesboro Lions Club Fair



TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIR PARADE A HUGE SUCCESS!!!

The 2023 Tollesboro Lions Club Fair Parade was held Sunday, July 16, 2023. The Parade began on the grounds of the Tollesboro Lions Club and went through the town. It included a number of floats representing local businesses, churches, families, and graduating classes from the Tollesboro High School; ATVs, Side-by-Sides, and Motorbikes; Semi-Trucks, Fire and Rescue Vehicles; individuals marching; horse-back (and buggy!) riders; and more!!! Great weather permitted a huge number of exhibits participating in the Parade, and a huge crowd was present along the entire Parade route (which extended all the way to the Tollesboro Elementary School, and then circled back to the Fairgrounds! A long, extended Parade route!).



TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB PARADE GRAND MARSHALLS POSTHUMOUSLY IN NAME OF THREE DECEASED LIONS CLUB MEMBERS. THEIR WIDOWS RIDE IN HONOR IN THEIR STEAD.

Brenda Tucker, Loretta Dixon, and Nikki Applegate, widows of members of the Tollesboro Lions Club Larry Tucker, Darrel Dixon, and Clinton Applegate, were the honorees in the Tollesboro Lions Club Fair Parade, riding through the Parade in Limousines with photos of each of their deceased husbands displayed on the outside of the cars. A fitting honor to three valued and deeply missed members and a fitting tribute to their spouses.

Larry Tucker had been a member of the Club for 55 years; Darrel Dixon had been a member for 50 years; and Clinton Applegate had been a member for 33 years. Their impact on the club was substantial and the loss of so many years of service in such a short time (the three passed away in an approximate 6 month time period) is significant and will be felt for many years to come.



The limousine featuring the deceased Lions Club members (front to back): Larry Tucker, Darrel Dixon, Clinton Applegate, and Philip Konopka (Note: Although not a member of the Tollesboro Lions Club, Lewis County Extension Office Philip Konopka is also honored. His spouse was not present at the Parade).



Brenda Tucker standing next to the photo of her recently deceased husband, Larry Tucker.



Loretta Dixon next to the photo of her recently deceased husband, Lion Darrel Dixon.



Nikki Applegate standing next to the photo of her recently deceased husband, Clinton Applegate, accompanied by their sons and Lions Club members, Treavis and Trevor.

TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIR BEAUTY PAGEANT

Eight contestants competed for the title of 2023 TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIR QUEEN. They were Contestant # 1. Madison Sullivan of Butler, KY; Contestant # 2. Anna Jo Faris of Sylvania, KY; Contestant # 3. Sarah Elizabeth Shriver of Cynthiana, KY; Contestant # 4. Makiah Brooks Rhodes of Flemingsburg, KY; Contestant # 5. Bailey Grace Ann Duff of Beaver Dam, KY; Contestant # 6. Taylor Dale Lippert of Maysville, KY; Contestant # 7. Maci Nicole Davis Wallingford of Dover, KY; and Contestant # 8. Alexis Peyton Barnes of Grant Co., KY.

Following all the portions of the event, evening gown, introductions, swimwear, etc., and with stiff competition and close final scores between the entries, Anna Jo Faris of Sylvania, KY was pronounced as the Queen, with Madison Sullivan of Butler, KY awarded First Runner-Up, Sarah Elizabeth Shriver of Cynthiana, KY proclaimed Second Runner-Up, and Bailey Grace Ann Duff of Beaver Dam, KY named the Third Runner-Up.

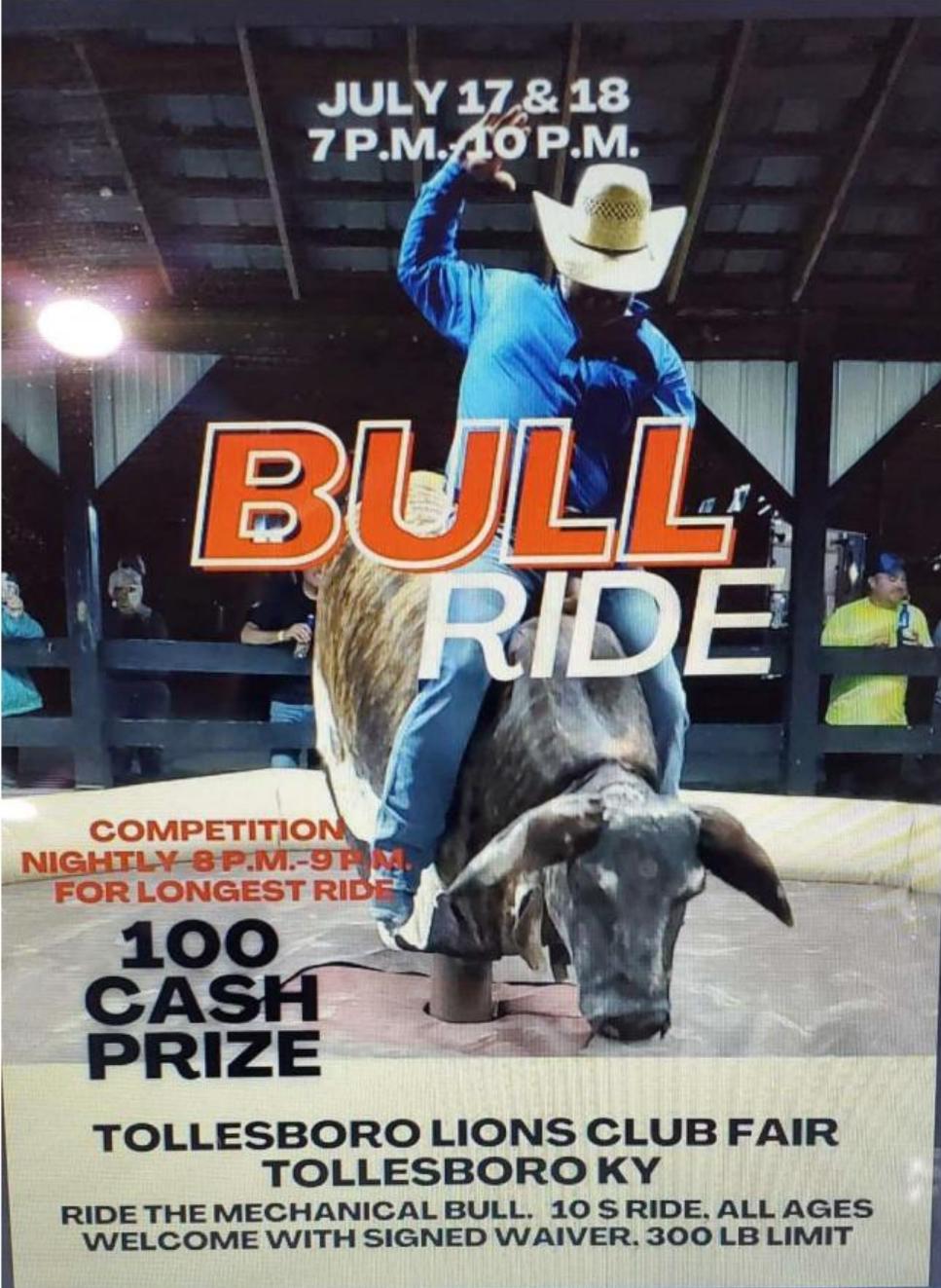
The 2023 Miss Pre-Teen Queen was Kate Elise Henson of Maysville, KY.



2023 Tollesboro Lions Club Queen and her Court: Left to right, First Runner-Up Madison Sullivan of Butler, KY; 2023 Tollesboro Lions Club Queen Anna Jo Faris of Sylvania, Ky; Third Runner-Up Bailey Grace Ann Duff of Beaver Dam, KY; and Second Runner-Up Sarah Elizabeth Shriver of Cynthiana, KY.

MECHANICAL BULL WELL RECEIVED AT FAIR!

The Mechanical Bull's appearance at the Fair was EXTREMELY well-received! Lots of kids (as well as adults) tried their hand to "master the beast" and show-up their friends, brothers, and others in an attempt to "stay on for 8 seconds!". And it wasn't just the boys either! Many girls and women tried their hand as well! While it was originally only intended to have one contest and only be available a night or two, it was in such demand that it was set up almost every night of the fair (the exception being when the building was in use for a Bluegrass music performance) and there were two contests, with money raised from the crowd to make for a good payday to the best (actually longest) ride, both male and female!



JULY 17 & 18
7 P.M. - 10 P.M.

BULL **RIDE**

COMPETITION
NIGHTLY 8 P.M. - 9 P.M.
FOR LONGEST RIDE

100
CASH
PRIZE

TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIR
TOLLESBORO KY

RIDE THE MECHANICAL BULL. 10 S RIDE. ALL AGES
WELCOME WITH SIGNED WAIVER. 300 LB LIMIT

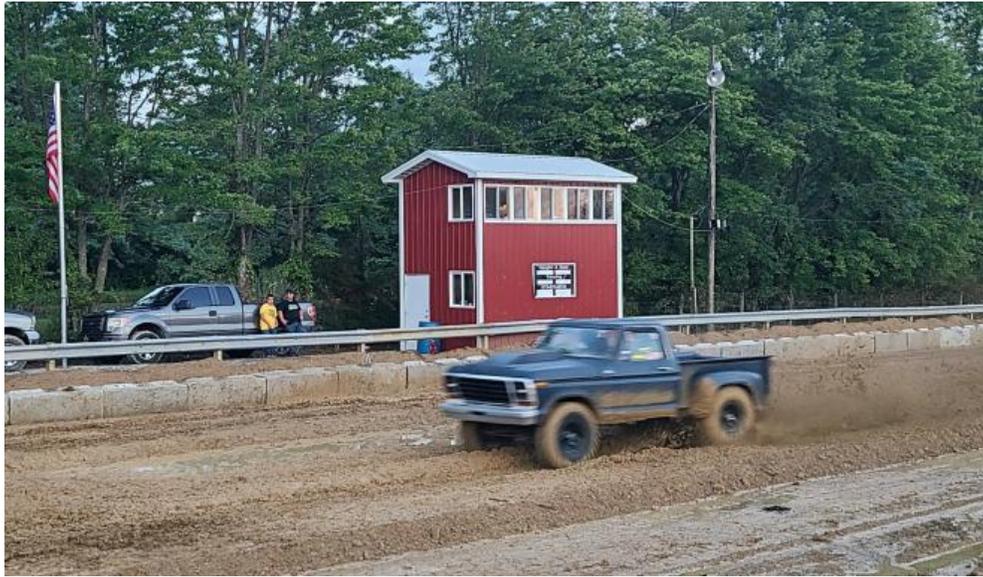


MUD SLING EVENT SUCCESS!

The always popular Mud Sling was again a very successful event at the Fair! Lots of entries, lots of mud, and lots of SPEED! With a large and appreciative crowd in attendance, this event was held on the improved Mud Sling/Demolition Derby Track, under new lighting, with the new announcer's booth, and increased bleacher seating!







NEW LIGHTING, NEW POLES, NEW SAFETY WALL AT EXPANDED (WIDTH & LENGTH) MUD SLING/DEMOLITION DERBY TRACK, AS WELL AS REPAIRED BLEACHERS PUT IN PLACE.

MEMBERS OF IRAQI FREEDOM 101ST AIRBORNE TO MAKE APPEARANCE AT THE TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIR!!!

Members of the 101st Airborne who participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom I will make an appearance at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds on Saturday, July 22nd (the last evening of the Fair). They will appear at 7:00 pm prior to the beginning of the Lucas Pro-League Silver Series Truck & Tractor Pull during the National Anthem. These are true American Heroes and deserve your respect! Come out and join the Tollesboro Lions Club in thanking these heroes in appreciation for their valuable service to the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!!!

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HONORING AMERICA'S WARRIORS



Tollesboro Fair's Tug Tractor Pull Saturday, July 22nd @ 7:00 pm.

Join us in honoring a group of true American Heroes. Warrior Ridge will be hosting the 101st Airborne, 2-44 ADA DFBF and Associates. These Veterans' service during Operation Iraqi Freedom 1 was crucial to protecting our American values. Let's show them the respect and appreciation they deserve during the National Anthem of the Tug Tractor Pull. We hope to see you there.



TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB HOSTS FALL
ARCHERY TOURNAMENT

KY BOW SHOP & FLAT SHOOTIN' ARCHERY

3D ARCHERY TOURNAMENT

AUGUST 26TH
TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB

REGISTRATION 4:30 PM
FLIGHT BEGINS AT 5:00

CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE

**OVER 25
DOOR
PRIZES**



MORE INFORMATION

KY BOW SHOP: (606)748-3771

FLAT SHOOTIN' ARCHERY: (606)541-4311



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

20 TARGETS
50 YARD MAX
KNOWN DISTANCE
BRING YOUR OWN RANGE FINDER

\$20 ENTRY FEE

97 LIONS CLUB LN. TOLLESBORO, KY 41189



TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB HOSTS FUND-RAISER FOR WARRIOR RIDGE

The Tollesboro Lions Club was the site of a fund-raiser Saturday, September 16, 2024 for WARRIOR RIDGE, the Lewis County non-profit organization working for veterans who saw combat in recent wars and conflicts.

The Fund-Raiser was co-sponsored by the Sand Hill Christian Church and included a Side-by-Side Poker Run (over 50 miles from start at the Lions Club Fairgrounds until the return at the Fairgrounds), a meal, a benefit auction, and a Split the Pot (the winners of monies generated by the Poker Run and the Split the Pot events was donated back to Warrior Ridge!). It was a great event with over 40 side-by-sides making up the Poker Run, with many persons taking advantage of the wonderful meal, and with an auction from local persons and businesses offering their wares (guns were donated to the event by individuals and businesses, as well as a number of knives) and making financial contributions to the event. In all, the event raised just shy of \$30,000!!!! The auction was conducted by Tollesboro Lions Club President (and local business owner/auctioneer) Craig Stanfield. Food was cooked by Jim Meadows of Rip's Farm Center in Tollesboro. The Poker Run was led by Lewis County Deputy Sheriff/Chaplain Johnny Byard.



Above: Poker Run participants at a stop along the way of the 50+ mile journey.

FALL TRADE DAYS A HUGE SUCCESS!

The Fall Trade Days was the largest Trade Days Event ever held on the grounds. Coupled with very nice weather (although inclement weather does hamper the event), this event has continued to grow!





Above: Photos of just a few of the items donated to the benefit auction included guns (top), cakes and desserts (middle), and a large selection of new items from local businesses and individuals.

TOLLESBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT CLEANS PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIRGROUNDS

Members of the Tollesboro Volunteer Fire Department brought equipment to the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds and gave the Playground Equipment a good cleaning on a September morning. The playground is utilized almost everyday by families in the Tollesboro Community..



TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIRGROUNDS

DAMAGED BY VANDALS

The Tollesboro Lions Club suffered significant damages at the hands of vandals!

The Tollesboro Lions Club was heavily damaged with damages being to the bathroom facilities, the announcer's booth at the Mud Sling/Demolition Derby Track, and the carport (access to the new building placed on the grounds by the Peoples Bank of Ohio was attempted as evidenced by footprints on the door, however this structure was not damaged).

The men's bathroom was accessed, stalls damaged, sinks damaged, stopped up with toilet paper, water turned on and permitted to overflow, stanchions between urinals destroyed.

The announcer's booth at the Mud Sling/Demolition Derby Track was broken into, chairs and a new Public Address system thrown out of the building into the muddy track, paint sprayed upon the interior walls, etc.

The heaviest damage was done to the Carport in which a privately owned (by a member) loader was being stored in order to assist in moving an setting up (as well as unloading) new bleachers that the Club had purchased) was set on fire causing irreparable damage to the loader with the carport being collateral damage as the flames went through the roof and burned up all electrical improvements in the structure! The loader and the carport were total losses.

Damages to the grounds were significant. The loader (privately owned by a member of the Club) was insured for \$25,000, a total loss; however replacement costs had increased substantially, with the estimated replacement cost \$35,000); damages to the fairgrounds structures exceeded an additional \$12,000. Total damages thus were in excess of \$47,000! Some (the vast majority) of the damage was covered by insurance.

Update: The persons who caused the damage were caught on video cameras set up on the grounds. They were apprehended, underage, and admitted their involvement. Their families were shocked, embarrassed, and dismayed by the actions of the juveniles. Eventually restitution was ordered through juvenile court proceedings. Insurance covered the majority of the damages, however the carport was not covered by insurance and the newly constructed announcer's booth had not been updated on the insurance policy. At a future meeting (in 2024) both of the underage juveniles came to the Club and apologized (both orally and in writing). By that date, one family had made full restitution for their one-half of the damages caused to the Club for his part/involvement in the vandalism.

LIONS HELPING LIONS

TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB MEMBERS

CONDUCTS FUND-RAISER FOR NEARBY CLUB

Tollesboro Lions Club President (and Zone Chairman) conducted the annual Fall Festival Auction on behalf of the Orangeburg Lions Club October 21st (Craig's wife Beverly also donated her time to clerk the auction!). The Fall Festival is the Orangeburg Lions Club's largest annual fund-raiser and consists of a soup supper and an auction. Members gather donations from local businesses which are then sold at auction. This year, Tollesboro Lions Club member and Treasurer, as well as District Governor Steve Pedersen was out of town at a Council meeting in Elizabethtown. However, he had Craig purchase a cake on his behalf for \$50 which was then donated back to the Orangeburg Lions Club and promptly resold for \$50, thus doubling the amount of his contribution and to further aid the Orangeburg Lions Club. The Orangeburg Lions Club had a good night although overall donations were down as well as the crowd size. However one of the Orangeburg Lions Club members was able to secure a large donation from a Farm Supply operation (a whole 16' trailer load of merchandise including 96 bags of feed, 2 rolls of woven wire, 10 rolls of hay wrap, electric fencing supplies, farm insecticides and pesticides, and MORE!) that results in huge benefits for the Club!

The Orangeburg Lions Club has conducted the Fall Festival since 1989 except for 2 years during the Covid pandemic. Craig has conducted all of the Fall Festival Auctions on behalf of the Club with the sole exception being a single year when he was out of town and not available (and even then, one of his apprentice auctioneers conducted the auction, keeping continuity going!). Steve has also supported the Orangeburg Lions Club for several years, an action where Lions of one Club support a fellow Lions Club. Originally the Orangeburg Club had both a Lions Club and a Lioness Club, and the Fall Festival included a fund-raiser with the Lioness Club hosting the meal and a cake and dessert auction and with the Lions Club hosting the items donated from local businesses, with a "haunted house" benefiting both groups. Several years ago, the Lioness Club was merged into the Lions Club, with both men and women making up the membership. The Orangeburg Lions and Lioness Clubs hosts Meet the Candidate events (which also typically include a cake/dessert auction which Craig conducts, with Craig also acting as the Master of Ceremonies during these events on behalf of the Club) during election years. The Orangeburg Lions Club has supported the Orangeburg Volunteer Fire Department for many years, an organization for which Craig has also conducted several auctions over the years.

The Orangeburg Lions Club also hosts pancake breakfasts and the occasional fish fry as other fund-raisers through the years. They own a tract of land donated to the Club a few years ago, that they plan to utilize as a playground. The Club will host their annual Christmas Party in December, wrapping up their annual events.



Tollesboro Lions Club President conducting an auction on behalf of the Orangeburg Lions Club, "Lions Helping Lions".

TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB PRESIDENT/ZONE CHAIRMAN ATTENDS ORANGEBURG LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS DINNER

Craig Stanfield, Tollesboro Lions Club President and Zone Chairman, visited the Orangeburg Lions Club at their Christmas Dinner Celebration on Monday, December 5th, 2023 at the Orangeburg Lions Club Clubhouse located at the intersection of Day Pike, Orangeburg Road and the AA Hwy. Craig, accompanied by his wife Beverly, brought chicken and cole-slaw to the dinner, which was a pot-luck affair that included country ham and lots of fixin's. The current President Dennis Truesdell offered Prayer and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Orangeburg Lions Club attended in force, with 20 in attendance. The Orangeburg Lions Club offered one item of business that evening, a donation to the Orangeburg Volunteer Fire Department of \$500 for Project Merry Christmas. Afterwards, a game was played where gifts were exchanged. Most of the group were still present when a photo was taken.



TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS PARADE **SCHEDULED FOR DEC. 9TH**

The Annual Tollesboro Lions Club Christmas Parade is scheduled for Saturday, December 9th, 2023. 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.

TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS PARADE A **RESOUNDING SUCCESS!!**

The Tollesboro Lions Club hosted their annual Christmas Parade Saturday, December 9th. By request (in order to have Christmas Lights bright), the Parade was asked to begin later than it has in times past, and the parade was large and successful, including many entries and accompanied by large crowds lining the street and standing by to watch and catch candies thrown from the participants.

The bad part about starting late: It does get dark quick, which is fine to permit the Christmas Lights to glow on vehicles in the Parade, but does not provide much light for photographs (UNFORTUNATELY...); my photos were not clear enough to place in the Lions Club history.

TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB HAS CHRISTMAS DINNER!

Members of the Tollesboro Lions Club met Friday, Dec. 1st at Caproni's in Maysville for their annual Christmas Dinner. Members and spouses/significant others were invited to attend, and included in the group were Brenda Tucker, Loretta Dixon, Nickie Applegate and the family of Phillip Konopka (Mr. and Mrs. Richard Konopka, Philip's parents, and his spouse Rebecca) with 33 in attendance. President Craig Stanfield welcomed the group and asked Treasurer/District Governor Steve Pedersen to provide prayer. The group was then provided a wonderful buffet style meal that included ham, turkey, scalloped potatoes, green beans, corn pudding, salad, rolls, and desserts! Entertainment was provided by Randy and Brenda Lucas who sang a number of songs and told stories. Following dinner, District Governor Steve Pedersen presented Lion Paul Hampton with the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award for his support of Lionism. Paul was accompanied by his family, wife Betty, son David and his wife Trish, daughter Sherry Evans and her husband Jason. As the evening drew to a close, a drawing for door prizes occurred, after which the President wished all a Most Merry Christmas, a Happy and Prosperous New Year, and Safe Travels!







TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB BESTOWS HONOR ON ONE OF THEIR OWN!

On Friday, December 1st, at their annual Christmas Dinner, the Tollesboro Lions Club honored member Paul Hampton with the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. The award was in honor of the contributions Paul has made over the years, and his dedication to the Tollesboro Lions Club and the Tollesboro Lions Club Horse Show during the annual fair. The award was presented by Tollesboro Lions Club member/Secretary as well as the 2023 District Governor Steve Pedersen. Present (in addition to members of the Tollesboro Lions Club) at the Award Presentation were Paul's wife Betty, his son David and his wife Trish, his daughter Sherry Evans and her husband Jason.

The Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, named for the founder of Lions Club International, is the highest honor available to Lions Club members. Paul joins several members of the Tollesboro Lions Club who have achieved this recognition.





***BEST WISHES FOR A
MOST MERRY CHRISTMAS
& A PROSPEROUS NEW
YEAR TO ALL!!!***

*AS YOU GATHER TOGETHER WITH
FAMILY AND FRIENDS DURING THIS
CHRISTMAS SEASON, MAY THE SPIRIT OF
THE LORD AND THE TRUE MEANING
OF CHRISTMAS BE BESTOWED UPON
YOU AND YOUR GUESTS AS YOU
CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF THE LORD
JESUS CHRIST!!*

*MAY THE LORD BESTOW HIS
BLESSINGS OF PEACE, LOVE, HAPPINESS,
GOOD HEALTH AND PROSPERITY UPON
EACH OF YOU AND THIS GREAT
NATION THROUGHOUT THE
UPCOMING NEW YEAR!!*

*MAY THE LORD BESTOW HIS GREAT BLESSINGS UPON YOU, YOUR FAMILIES, FRIENDS, AND
ACQUAINTANCES, OUR SOLDIERS FIGHTING TO PRESERVE OUR FREEDOMS, WORLD LEADERS
IN THE DECISIONS THEY MAKE, FOR WORLD PEACE, AN END OF HUNGER WORLDWIDE, AND
MAY GOD BLESS AMERICA NOW AND FOREVERMORE!!!*

*LET US ALSO TAKE A MOMENT TO REMEMBER THOSE PRECIOUS FRIENDS AND FAMILY EI-
THER NOT ABLE TO JOIN WITH US IN THE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION, THOSE IN PAIN OR ILL
HEALTH, AND ESPECIALLY THOSE LOVED ONES WHO HAVE BEEN TAKEN UP TO THE LIFE WITH
THE ALMIGHTY FATHER IN HEAVEN. MAY GOD KEEP THEM ALWAYS AT HIS RIGHT HAND IN
HEAVEN AND LET THEM KNOW THEY ARE LOVED AND MISSED BY THEIR FAMILIES WHO SURVIVE
THEM ON EARTH, AND MAY GOD BE WITH US IN OUR GRIEF.*

*REMEMBER THAT THE REASON THAT WE CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IS TO CELEBRATE THE
BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST, THE ONLY SON OF GOD, SENT TO EARTH TO SAVE US FROM OUR SINS
SO THAT WE MAY LIVE FOREVER IN THE AFTERLIFE WITH GOD THE FATHER!*

*KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS! CHRIST IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON!
A CHRISTMAS PRAYER & WISH FROM ALL OF US TO YOU AND YOURS!!*

***BEST WISHES FOR A MOST MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS & FRIENDS!!!
WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO EXTEND A HUGE "THANK YOU!!" TO ALL OUR
SUPPORTERS & FRIENDS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR! WE COULDN'T
ACCOMPLISH WHAT WE DO WITHOUT YOU!!!***



SINCERELY, THE TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB, MEMBERS & SPOUSES

***MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO ALL!!!***

