

Tollesboro Lions Club last March meeting

By Craig Stanfield

The Tollesboro Lions Club met Monday, March 25, at the Tollesboro Lions Club Clubhouse on the grounds of the Tollesboro Lions Club at 7 p.m. for their regularly scheduled meeting, the second meeting in March. This is the first meeting of the year with two meetings in the same month, and therefore the meeting was not heavily attended, with only 10 members and one guest in attendance.

President Craig Stanfield opened the meeting, asking Secretary/District Governor Steven Pedersen to give the blessing, followed by member Jim Harris leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. The group then broke for dinner, a wonderful meal including pork loin, barbecued chicken thighs, baked potatoes, scalloped cabbage, and beans and cornbread provided by Skeeter and Sonia Shaw.

Following the meal, the President introduced guest speaker, candidate for Commonwealth Attorney representing Lewis and Greenup counties, Troy Breeze. Mr.

Breeze addressed the group, gave some background. His parents Gary Breeze and Judy Breeze, long-time Tollesboro residents. He is a Tollesboro resident, recently moving back to Tollesboro, renovating his grandmother's home on KY 10. He is a former FBI agent, a former SWAT officer, and a former Border Patrol officer, and currently an assistant Commonwealth Attorney. While operating in the FBI, SWAT, and the Border Patrol, his efforts concentrated on limiting violent crime. In the Commonwealth Attorney's office, he uses his background to encourage stopping the flow of narcotics and curbing violent crime. With regards to narcotics, he thinks it is imperative to differentiate between users versus those distributors who prey on their communities, operating only for greed and their own self-satisfaction. When he moved back to the area in 2018, he settled in Greenup County with his family (while renovating the Tollesboro home which he now occupies) and began coaching basketball – origi-

nally in a church gymnasium – that led to him coaching a team at Holy Cross. He explored all persons of the county to vote for him in the Primary election, May 21st, reminding everyone that he would be at the Tollesboro Lions Club Pavillion March 26th for a Meet and Greet and invited anyone to attend.

Following the presentation by the guest speaker, the business part of the meeting began. President Stanfield read the press release he prepared relative to the last meeting as Secretary Phil Cropper was not present last meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer Pedersen indicated that he had no Treasurer's report, indicating that he would provide the Club with a financial report next meeting.

President Stanfield then went over a list of items – mostly informational in nature – to bring before the Club, all to do with upcoming events on the local, zone, district, state, or international level:

1. He informed the Club that the Cornerstone Commu-

nity Church had an Easter Egg Hunt on the Fairgrounds March 23.

2. He informed the Club that the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation presented Mr. & Miss Basketball presentations March 24, with the title Mr. Kentucky Basketball going to Travis Perry of Lyon County High School who is planning his college career at the University of Kentucky with the title Miss Kentucky Basketball awarded to Trinity Rowe of Pikeville High School who plans to play in college at the University of Southern Mississippi.

3. He noted that the Club should have noticed as they pulled into the grounds that the Playground, as well as the ball field, was being used by youth.

4. He mentioned that Peoples Bank (of Ohio) had their sign ready for placement on the building that they provided to the Club last year.

5. He mentioned that Candidate Troy Breeze would be at the fairgrounds March 26, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

6. He mentioned that he would be receiving 312 trees March 26 for the Club to give-away to the public at large free for Arbor Day. The trees include Southern Red Oak, Black Walnut, and Dogwoods (provided by the Kentucky Division of Forestry) and Paw-Paws (provided by Kentucky State University).

7. He mentioned that Auntie Anne's Pretzels would be on the grounds of the Tollesboro Lions Club Thursday, March 28, from noon to 6:30 p.m. selling their delicious pretzels as a fund-raiser for the Tollesboro Elementary School.

8. The upcoming Saturday, March 30, Community Easter Egg Hunt would be held on the grounds.

9. President Stanfield informed the membership that an Archery Tournament would be held on the grounds Saturday (March 30).

10. Mentioned that the Multiple District 43 Lions Club State Convention would be held April 27 at Elizabethtown, KY. Members wishing to register need to do so before April 9 (a date rapidly approaching).

11. Informed the membership that the Tollesboro Lions Club's 70th anniversary was rapidly approaching (April 30). He suggested that the Club's April 22 meeting be a

"Ladies Night" where members and their spouses or significant others could attend, with a special meal. A motion was made and seconded to comply with his suggestion, which was approved unanimously.

12. Mentioned that the next Zone Meeting would be hosted by the Vanceburg Lions Club, May 16, 6:30 p.m. at the Black Oak Volunteer Fire Department, with a meal that would include ribs, baked po-



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A group of children using the playground.

tatoes, green beans, and dessert.

13. Mentioned that the Club had approved the use of the Fairgrounds to host the Eastern Kentucky Walking and Racking Horse Association Horse Show June 8.

14. The International Lions Club Convention would be held in Melbourne, Australia, June 21-25. District Governor Steve Pedersen was asked if he intended to attend this event. When Steve answered in the affirmative, Craig suggested that he be the Club's Voting Delegate. A motion was made to that effect, property seconded, and approved unanimously.

15. The Club had also approved the use of the fairgrounds to host the David Iery Foundation Log Jam Concert June 29.

16. The Tollesboro Lions Club Fair would be July 12-July 20, with the Horse Show held on July 26 and July 27.

The president then mentioned, under "Old Business" that he had been in contact with Kountry Komer buildings about the building the Club had approved to purchase for placement at the main gate on Fairgrounds Road (as the building utilized in the past had been destroyed following last year's fair).

Also under Old Business,

Lion Pedersen mentioned that all of the items damaged by underage vandals last fall had been repaired. The bathrooms had been improved with stainless steel sinks and soap dispensers installed, the stalls had been repaired; the announcer's stand had been repaired; the carport (which had been damaged by fire set to a piece of equipment owned by a member) had been completely renovated with new roof and new wiring/electrical services.

The Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds busy week

By Craig Stanfield

The last week of March was an eventful week at the Tollesboro Lions Club.

On Monday, March 25, the Tollesboro Lions Club met for their regularly scheduled meeting. On Tuesday, March 26, candidate for Commonwealth Attorney, Troy Breeze, had a Meet and Greet Event at the Fairgrounds. On March 27 and 28, the Club gave away 312 trees (100 each of Shumard Red Oak, Black Walnuts, Dogwoods, and 24 Paw-Paws) to the public in recognition of Arbor Day. Later in the day March 28, Auntie Anne's Pretzels was on the grounds as a fundraiser for the Tollesboro Elementary School. On Friday, March 29, several members of the Club performed grading improvements and built forms for placement of a concrete slab upon which the new bleachers the Club had purchased and which the Club is assembling shall be placed. In addition, more materials were unloaded for completion of the Bleacher Assembly Project. Saturday, March 30, several events took place at the Fairgrounds. A Community Easter Egg Hunt took place. There were 112 children who took part, with six age groups PLUS a Sensory Hour, with over 1,700 eggs hidden (different age

groups searched for eggs in different areas of the grounds, so as to be able to have simultaneous groups searching for eggs by age group in different areas. Areas utilized included the baseball field, the horse ring, areas around the ball courts, areas around the Pavilion, and around the Livestock Arena. It should be noted that while 112 children participated, the overall crowd (which included par-

ment included youth, male and female events, and adults. There was a large crowd on hand to participate, including a very surprisingly large number of youth!

In addition, Lions Club members Craig Stanfield and John Redmond placed a sign on the Peoples Bank of Ohio Building located on the grounds (once the sign was placed on the structure, Craig sent a photo to the



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Participants in the Archery Tournament.

ents, grandparents, siblings, and more) was huge!!! There were probably more than 300 persons involved in the Egg Hunt!

Also taking place March 30 was an Archery Tournament. The Archery Tourna-

ment included youth, male and female events, and adults. There was a large crowd on hand to participate, including a very surprisingly large number of youth!

Tollesboro Lions Club Tree Giveaway an overwhelming success!

By Craig Stanfield

The Tollesboro Lions Club project to donate trees to the public in honor of Easter and Arbor Day was a truly successful event. The trees included Dogwoods, a symbol of the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ and the Resurrection, thus soooooo appropriate as a gift as we prepare to celebrate Holy Week and Easter! Whereas Arbor Day is a date that people are encouraged to plant trees.

President Craig Stanfield traveled to Frankfort Tuesday, March 26, to the Harold R. Benson Research and Demonstration Farm of Kentucky State University (the state's foremost producer of Paw-Paw trees) to meet Sheri Crabtree, MSc (the Horticulture Research and Extension Associate Academic Affairs agent of Kentucky State University College of Agriculture, Community and the Sciences; and yes, that is her real name) to pick up a dozen Paw Paw trees (potted, fully leafed out, the best trees that Craig has picked up from the University to date, and this is the third time he has visited the farm to pick up Paw Paw trees to offer as part of the Arbor Day Tree Giveaway Event) to give away (in pairs, as Paw Paws require a pollinator for fruit production). The next day, Wednesday, March 27, Craig traveled to the Morgan

County Tree Nursery of the Kentucky Forestry Service in West Liberty, Kentucky to pick up 100 Dogwood Trees, 100 Shumard Red Oak, and 100 Black Walnut trees (Michael Carter, Forest Ranger, normally delivers these trees; he did arrange for the trees but - due to a forest fire Monday evening-Tuesday morning, he was unable to deliver the trees and - while he could arrange for delivery on Wednesday, the date that trees were supposed to be available to pickup by the public, he could not guarantee a noon delivery; therefore Craig picked up the trees). These trees are bare-root trees, thus cheaper to supply, ready to plant. All in all, 312 trees picked up to giveaway to the public at large, an event that will result in improving the environment!

Upon his return at 11:00 a.m. from West Liberty, people were already contacting Lions Club to arrange pickup (Craig had received approximately 20 calls prior to the event from persons wanting to reserve trees. All of the Paw-Paw trees were claimed before Craig returned from Frankfort). To permit him to have access to internet and continue to work on the computer in between visits to pick up trees, Craig gave them away from his office, located at the intersection of KY 10

and KY 57, a highly visible location, placing a sign in his parking lot to alert people of the tree giveaway event. The sign included the Tollesboro Lions Club emblem, the logos of the Kentucky Forestry Service and Kentucky State University and indicated that the trees were free for Arbor Day planting and indicated the types of trees available.

Between 11 a.m. until 3:45 p.m., over half of the trees had been claimed/given-away/distributed, with additional calls for pickup the next day. Craig had planned to have trees available at the Tollesboro Lions Club Thursday, March 28 during the Auntie Anne's Pretzel/Tollesboro Elementary School Fund-raiser, and at the Tollesboro Lions Club Saturday for the Community Easter Egg Hunt, March 30. However demand far exceeded expectations and all 312 trees were claimed and picked up from Craig at his office before the Auntie Anne's Pretzel Truck was setup, with the remaining trees (estimated to be 40 to 45% of the 312 trees) picked up between 10:30 and 11 a.m.! In all, 312 trees distributed to plant, free to the public, a good variety, resulting in improving the environment, with all trees claimed and given away in less than 24 hours! An overwhelming success all the way!

Lions Club Zone meeting scheduled for May 16

By Craig Stanfield

The Vanceburg Lions Club has volunteered to host the next Lions Club Zone Meeting for Lions Clubs including Lions Clubs in Vanceburg, Tollesboro, Maysville, Orangeburg, Mays Lick, and Lewisburg-Mill Creek. The Zone Chairman is Craig Stanfield, the President of the Tollesboro Lions Club (as well as the Marketing/Communications Director). Craig will invite the Clubs located within the Zone and ask for a head count from each Club so as to how many members to expect, as the Vanceburg Lions

Club will provide a meal for those in attendance.

The Vanceburg Club offered to host the Zone Meeting as the Club's second May meeting, May 16 (the Vanceburg Lions Club meets the 1st and

3rd Thursday of each month), hosting the meeting at the Black Oak Volunteer Fire Department at 6:30 p.m. (hopefully, the new members of the Vanceburg Lions Club who could not be present at their March 21 meeting will be able to attend and be installed. The same goes for any other members of any other Clubs within the Zone, as the District Governor and the Zone Chairman will both be present).

The Vanceburg Lions Club will provide the same meal for the Zone Meeting as that provided for their recent meeting whereby new members were installed, which was a wonderful meal that included pork ribs, baked potatoes, green beans, dessert, and drink.

All members of Clubs located within the Zone are invited and encouraged to

attend, however are asked to contact Zone Chairman Craig Stanfield to RSVP (before April 30 by calling Craig at 606-301-3350 or reporting their attendance to their Club so that members of their respective Club may report the number of members of their Club's intentions to attend. Members are also encouraged to spread the word to other members of their Clubs to insure that they are aware of the meeting) to insure that adequate is prepared (and I assure you the meal is worth the trip!).

The Zone Chairman has provided plenty of time for members of the Zone to arrange to fit this meeting in their schedule. The last Zone Meeting was attended by 45 persons and all Clubs within the Zone were represented.



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