

Tollesboro Lions Club

By Craig Stanfield



The 2025 Tollesboro Lions Club Fair (July 18 – 26) was a very successful event. The Tollesboro Lions Club's main annual fundraiser and a community staple for 68 years was filled with numerous successful events and virtually every evening was blessed with good weather and great attendance (the first weekend was affected by early morning rains that did cause the Tug Tractor Pull and Horse Show to be cancelled; however all other events all week long went off without a hitch! (Please note that The Horse Show has been rescheduled for August 1st and 2nd!).

Sunday's Parade was an extremely large event and was perhaps the largest of all time, with a heavy rain holding off until after the event was completed but which did not impact Monday's events! Great Parade participation with a huge crowd gathered throughout town along the streets at businesses and in yards adjacent to the street to view the Parade!

Wednesday's \$20 carload event sponsored by the Lewis County Farm Bureau saw the largest weekday crowd the Fair has ever produced! Thursday began with the Special Needs Carnival and lunch, and extended through the evening and saw the crowning of the 2025 Tollesboro Lions Club Queen. Friday and Saturday with the Speed Pulls, Mud Sling and Demolition Derby saw huge crowds as well!

The Tollesboro Lions Club would like to offer a big "thank you!" to all of our many sponsors (our many Elite Sponsors who have supported us for many years have been listed on banners located on the fairgrounds, have been submitted to the local newspapers for publication and provided to radio stations for inclusion in their broadcasts. And we have to mention this year's Diamond Elite Sponsors: Rip's Farm

Center, Meadows Excavating, EDS Emergency Disaster Services, Fannin Trucking/Fannin Truck Repair, JSB Industrial Solutions, Lewis County Farm Bureau, Peoples Bank of Kentucky, Ribolt Fabrication, and Southern Ohio Medical Center all permit our Fair to be a successful event and allows our Club's many projects throughout the year to be completed), our many supporters and volunteers, the wives and families of our membership, the concessionaires, the Carnival, all of those who attended the Fair whether for one night or every night, and all of our friends and neighbors (especially those living in close proximity who have to put up with a bit of noise one extended week a year) for helping our Club celebrate our 68th Annual Fair and our 71st Year as a Club and Community Partner! We could not accomplish all that we do without you!

Let's clean up illegal dumps

By Robin Hartman

Applications are now being accepted for grants that will help protect the health and safety of local communities and the beauty of the commonwealth's natural resources. The two signature programs provide funds for the cleanup of illegal open dumps and the removal of litter along public roads.

"These two successful programs honor our commitment for a better Kentucky by restoring the natural environment, reducing pollution and protecting local ecosystems," said Rebecca Goodman, secretary of the Energy and Environment Cabinet. "The Illegal Open Dump Grant has funded the cleanup of nearly 3,000 dump sites since 2006 and the Litter Abatement Grant has assisted every county in maintaining the scenic beauty of our roadways."

The grants are awarded based on a county's road miles, rural population and total population. Counties may request specific amounts for an illegal open dump cleanup grant based on the estimated dump costs.

Cleanup of Illegal Dumps

Counties compliant with their five-year solid waste management plan can now apply for funds to clean up illegal dumps.

If sufficient funds are not available to award every request, grant awards may be prioritized on several factors, including location of the dump relative to sensitive populations or protected areas, the relative hazard posed by the contents of the dumps and the size of the dump.

Applications must be received by Lisa Evans at the Division of Waste Management no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 3, 2025. The completed application, signed original agreement and any supporting documentation must be submitted by email in order for the request to be considered complete.

Funding comes from the Kentucky Pride Fund, which is supported by a \$1.75 per ton fee on municipal solid waste produced in Kentucky and disposed of appropriately.

Each dumpsite under \$50,000 requires a 25%

local match. Grant application packets are being sent by email to county judge-executives and solid waste coordinators. For more information, contact Lisa Evans by calling 502-782-6355 or emailing lisa.evans@ky.gov.

Since 2020, the Beshear administration has allocated \$5,084,049.51 in grants to clean up 491 dumpsites throughout Kentucky.

In February, Gov. Andy Beshear announced \$952,657 in grants to clean up 87 illegal dumps in 17 counties across the commonwealth.

Litter Abatement Grant requests for litter cleanup will be accepted from counties in compliance with their five-year solid waste management plans and from incorporated cities that, by solid waste ordinance or other means, provide municipal solid waste collection service.

The Litter Abatement Grant program is supported

by KRS 224.43-505 with funding from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. Since 2003, state and local governments have cleaned 3.78 million miles of roadways with help from these grants.

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In December 2024, \$5.23 million was awarded to Kentucky counties and cities in Litter Abatement Grants.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH will be meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Lewis County Health Department on Thursday, August 7, 2025.

BENCHMARK FAMILY SERVICES - Benchmark Family Services is taking applications for foster parenting. As the largest private foster care agency in the state of Kentucky, we are able to provide our foster parents with an unmatched level of training, support, and financial reimbursement. To learn more about becoming a foster parent, please call 606-783-0268 or go to www.benchmarkfs.org.

REUNION NOTICES

O'CULL, DAVENPORT, AND SELLERS RE-UNION to be held on Sunday, August 17, 2025, at the Fleming Energy Building, 1449 Elizaville Rd., Flemingsburg, KY 41041. The potluck dinner will be approximately 12:30 p.m. Doors will open at about 11:30 a.m. Chicken, ice, and paper products will be furnished. Please pass the word to all family. Hoping to see you there.

JORDAN REUNION – The Descendants of Albert Dallas and Elizabeth Jordan to be held at the Black Oak Fire Dept., 41 Industrial Park Rd., Vanceburg, August 24 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please bring a covered dish.

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Legislative Update

State Representative Patrick Flannery



Session Results: Appropriations and Revenue, Part 1

The Appropriations and Revenue Committee is one of the most influential committees in the legislature because it oversees how state funds are raised and spent. Every budget, tax policy, and major financial decision must pass through this committee, making it central to setting the state's priorities and ensuring fiscal responsibility. Its work affects every aspect of state government, from education and public safety to infrastructure and healthcare, because funding ultimately determines which programs can be supported. By carefully reviewing revenue projections and balancing needs with available resources, the committee helps maintain a sustainable financial path for the state. Since becoming the majority in 2016, conservatives in the Kentucky House have adopted responsible budget philosophies that focus on meeting the state's needs and investing with an eye towards benefitting every Kentuckian. After all, these are resources that belong to you, the people of Kentucky. As elected officials, we are just stewards of the public's resources.

Here are a few of the measures approved by the Appropriations and Revenue Committee that made their way into law during the 2025 Regular Session:

Cutting the State Income Tax on Working Kentuckians – HB 1 lowers the state's individual income tax to 3.5% as of January 2026, leaving approximately \$718 million in the pockets of Kentucky taxpayers in the first fiscal year of full implementation.

Addressing Improper Sales Tax Collection – HB 2 provides Kentuckians improperly charged sales and use taxes on bullion transactions, such as gold and silver, an avenue to seek refunds and additional compensation for the illegal and undue burden. Vetoed and Overridden.

Expanding Funding Opportunities for Ambulance Providers – HB 152 allows eligible public ground ambulance providers to receive additional federal funding for transporting Medicaid patients by creating a voluntary Medicaid supplemental payment program for public ground ambulance providers.

Ensuring Proper Use of Opioid Settlement Funds – HB 537 strengthens over-

sight of the Opioid Abatement Trust Fund, ensuring that financial resources are directed toward evidence-based treatment, recovery services, crisis intervention, and other programs that provide real solutions for those struggling with addiction. Under the measure, recipients of these funds must adhere to strict reporting requirements, increasing transparency and preventing misuse.

Providing Disaster Relief – HB 544 establishes the State Aid Funding for Emergencies (SAFE) 4860 Fund to assist communities impacted by the severe storms, straight-line winds, flooding, and landslides that began on February 14, 2025.

Paying Outstanding Claims – HB 545 authorizes the payment of certain outstanding claims against the Commonwealth that had been audited and approved but remained unpaid due to issues like lapsing appropriations or missing procurement documentation.

Making Infrastructure a Priority – HB 546 creates the Local Access Road Program to replace the County Priority Projects Program, implementing the same application process, but requiring a 10 to 20% match based on the same population rankings established for the Kentucky Product Development Initiative. The measure also includes language requiring the Transportation Cabinet to enter into a MOU with Indiana to use tolling revenues to finance the I-69 Ohio River Crossing Project and makes a \$150 million GARVEE bond budgeted for in FY 2026 contingent on tolling. Emergency.

Increasing Access to GRANT Program Funding – HB 605 updates eligibility criteria for the GRANT (Government Resources Accelerating Needed Transformation) program to include grants through the Delta Regional Authority which have language emphasizing that local matches make the application more competitive.

Incentivizing Economic Development – HB 606 permits two or more local governments to enter into

interlocal agreements aimed at developing real estate as part of regional economic development projects; allows the creation of taxing districts with the authority to impose occupational license fees, and expands the definition of venue for sales tax incentives to include public property held by the state.

Strengthening the Financial Stability of the Teachers' Retirement System – HB 694 safeguards both pension and healthcare benefits without increasing the burden on taxpayers, beneficiaries, or employers. The measure establishes a default position that ensures once the health trust reaches 100% funding, state and employer payments made on behalf of local districts are redirected to strengthen pension benefits.

Modernizing Medicaid Services – HB 695 establishes a work requirement for recipients who are physically able and not directly providing care to a child or disabled adult; moves the pharmacy rebate fund to the Medicaid program, and introduces data collection and submittal requirements for Medicaid services, specifically behavioral health and managed care.

Incentivizing Work and Economic Investment – HB 775 expands the use of tax increment financing (TIF) to authorize taxing districts organized as part of regional economic development projects to impose a special tax on property located within their boundaries; levies a tax on hemp-derived beverages, and updates seller credits as part of the beginner farmer program. The measure also provides more flexibility in lowering the individual income tax by allowing the adoption of smaller incremental reductions when existing triggers are met.

As always, I can be reached anytime through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via email at Patrick.Flannery@kylegislature.gov and keep track through the Kentucky legislature's website at legislature.ky.gov.

NOTICE

Between the dates of August 4th – 8th, the EPB of Vanceburg will be flushing water lines for most of our system, so the water will likely be discolored and at low pressure for much of the week. This is because of an insurance requirement for the local fire departments ISO rating. There will be no boil water advisories as a result of this.

Public Notice 31c

Lewis County School District

251 Lions Lane

Vanceburg, KY 41179

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Sections 1112(e)(2)(A)-(B) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires the following regarding testing transparency.

(2) TESTING TRANSPARENCY.—

(A) IN GENERAL. – At the beginning of each school year, a local educational agency that receives funds under this part shall notify the parents of each student attending any school receiving funds under this part that the parents may request, and the local educational agency will provide the parents on request (and in a timely manner), information regarding any State or local educational agency policy regarding student participation in any assessments mandated by section 1111(b)(2) and by the State or local educational agency, which shall include a policy, procedure, or parental right to opt the child out of such assessment, where applicable.

(B) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. – Subject to subparagraph (C), each local educational agency that receives funds under this part shall make widely available through public means (including by posting in a clear and easily accessible manner on the local educational agency's website and, where practicable, on the website of each school served by the local educational agency) for each grade served by the local educational agency, information on each assessment required by the State to comply with section 1111, other assessments required by the State, and where such information is available and feasible to report, assessments required districtwide by the local educational agency, including—

- the subject matter assessed;
- the purpose for which the assessment is designed and used;
- the source of the requirement for the assessment; and
- where such information is available—(I) the amount of time students will spend taking the assessment, and the schedule for the assessment; and (II) the time and format for disseminating results.

Information about these requirements can be found on the Kentucky Department of Education's Assessments webpage (<https://education.ky.gov/AA/Assessments/Pages/default.aspx>). For further questions or to obtain a hard copy of this material please direct your inquiry to [name and contact information of the District Assessment Coordinator or other preferred contact person].

Sincerely,

Timothy Underwood - Director of Federal Programs

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