

# Tollesboro Lions Club

By Craig Stanfield



The Tollesboro Lions Club met Monday, March 9th, at 7 pm at the Tollesboro Lions Club Clubhouse on the grounds of the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds in Tollesboro, KY, for their regularly scheduled March meeting.

With twenty-two members in attendance, the meeting was well attended, with more members in attendance than expected with the weather being so nice.

President Craig Stanfield opened the meeting, asking member Phil Cropper to give the blessing, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by member Charles Kendall. The group then broke for dinner provided by Skeeter and Sonia Shaw.

Following dinner, the meeting began, while Secretary John Redmond took notes with regard to attendance. President Stanfield provided information on upcoming events, with a

staves for Kentucky bourbon, as well as producing acorns for Whitetail Deer and other wildlife); 100 Paw-Paw and Persimmon (fruit trees that attract Whitetail Deer and wildlife with human uses—think Ale-8-1's most recent Paw-Paw flavor variety—and persimmons make a wonderful pudding); and 100 Chinese Chestnuts (a nut-producing tree and the tree that is taking over acres and acres of farmland in Mason County, KY, for commercial growing, and the provider of "Chestnuts roasting on an open fire" from Christmas carols).

The tree giveaway has been popular with the public for several years and is in keeping with Lions Club International's Improve the Environment Initiative. The trees are provided by the Kentucky Division of Forestry. To reserve trees, contact Club President Craig Stanfield at 606-301-3350. Last year, some vari-

able, with the hunt to begin at noon.

**APRIL 4TH, THE FIRST OF MANY GARDEN TRACTOR PULLS** – Garden Tractor Pulls are scheduled throughout the year, beginning in April and extending through October, each 1st and 3rd Saturday (except during July, when the only Garden Tractor Pull will be that held as part of the Annual Tollesboro Lions Club Fair).

**APRIL 18TH – SHOW PIG AUCTION** – Auction of show pigs from Shoemaker Farms.

**APRIL 25TH, THE FIRST OF MANY MUD SLING EVENTS** – Mud Slings will occur throughout the year, beginning April 25th and scheduled for the 4th Saturday of each month from April through October (except during July, when the only Garden Tractor Pull will be that held as part of the Annual Tollesboro Lions Club

**HORSE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL HORSE SHOW** will be held at the Tollesboro Lions Club. This will be the third year in a row that the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds will be the host location of the event.

**69TH ANNUAL TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIR** – The annual Tollesboro Lions Club Fair will take place July 17th through 25th, with the Tollesboro Lions Club Parade on Sunday, July 19th.

President Stanfield informed the membership of the significant use of the Fairgrounds, with many persons on the Fairgrounds on the evening of the meeting, with the ball-field, basketball court, and playground seeing significant use. Craig had taken photographs of the use of the fairgrounds and, while taking photographs, was asked by several persons when the nets would be placed on the pickle-ball

cial report was provided. Being no old business (other than the discussion of upcoming events), under **NEW BUSINESS**, John Redmond informed the Club that an individual has applied for assistance in obtaining eyeglasses. A motion was made to assist the individual up to \$250. Motion approved unanimously.

Also under **NEW BUSINESS**, Lion Cody Moore informed the membership that the Lewis County Cubs was a youth travel team and that they were looking for sponsors. A motion was made to donate \$250 as a Home Run Sponsor to assist with the costs of travel. Motion was approved unanimously.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned, with members heading to the pickle-ball court to install the nets.

## Blankenship named Kentucky Colonel



LEWIS COUNTY HERALD

Dana L. Blankenship of Vanceburg has recently received the award of Kentucky Colonel. The Kentucky Colonel is the highest honorary title bestowed by the Governor of Kentucky for noteworthy service, community contributions, and accomplishments.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

**BEGINNING AGAIN GROUP OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** - Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, 239 KY 59, Vanceburg.

**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](http://www.benchmarkfs.org).

### Full-Time Jail Transport Position Available

Lewis County Judge Executive's Office is accepting applications for a full-time transport officer. This position will be up to 40 hours a week.

Applications may be picked up and turned in at the County Judge Executive's Office, 112 Second St., Room 201, Vanceburg, KY 41179. Applications will be accepted until Friday, March 27, 2026.

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Graduation will be here before you know it! If you will be graduating from High School and: Considering Higher Education? Apply for a Tollesboro Lions Club Scholarship, available online from the Tollesboro Lions Club website: [www.tollesborolions.com](http://www.tollesborolions.com)

Class of 2026!!!

PLANT A TREE FOR ARBOR DAY!!

[www.tollesborolions.com](http://www.tollesborolions.com)

considerable number of events planned on the grounds in the near future, including:

**APRIL 3RD & 4TH:** The Arbor Day Tree Giveaway. The Club will be offering FREE TO THE PUBLIC 600 trees for Arbor Day. This year's varieties include 200 White Pine (a variety offering excellent shade, windbreak, and which can be planted close together so as to offer privacy); 100 White Oak (think furniture and barrel

eties—approximately 580 trees of the 600 available—were claimed prior to the date of the giveaway.

**APRIL 4TH EASTER EGG HUNT** – On Saturday, April 4th, the annual TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB EASTER EGG HUNT will take place on the grounds of the Tollesboro Lions Club. Registration will begin at 11, with several age groups as well as special needs persons. Prizes will be given, photo backdrops will be avail-

able, with the hunt to begin at noon.

**APRIL 30TH THROUGH MAY 3RD, THE FIRST OF THREE TRADE DAYS EVENTS** – The first Trade Days event, the SPRING TRADE DAYS, will be April 30 through May 3rd. The SUMMER TRADE DAYS EVENT will be June 18 through 21st. The FALL TRADE DAYS EVENT will run September 10–13.

**MAY 30TH – THE EASTERN KENTUCKY WALKING & RACKING**

courts.

Lee Thomas informed Craig that—provided the meeting didn't take too long—the nets would be placed on the courts that evening (the nets were installed upon the closure of the meeting).

After discussing upcoming events, Secretary John Redmond read the minutes from the last meeting, which were approved as read. As the Treasurer was not in attendance, no finan-

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## FIRE TRUCK FOR SALE - SEALED BIDS

### Tollesboro Volunteer Fire Department

The Tollesboro Volunteer Fire Department is accepting SEALED BIDS for the sale of the following vehicle:

### 1991 Chevrolet Kodiak Fire Pumper

- Pierce body
- 1000 GPM Waterous pump
- 1000-gallon water tank
- 5-speed transmission with 2-speed rear
- Only **11,959 miles**
- Passed pump test in February
- **Outstanding condition**



The vehicle is being sold **AS-IS, WHERE-IS**, with no warranties expressed or implied.

Additional specifications, condition details, or to arrange an inspection, contact: **Chief Lee Thomas at 606-584-3327**

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#### Bid Submission

Sealed bids must be clearly marked "Vehicle Bid" on the outside of the envelope and received no later than:

**5:00 p.m. – April 10**

Mail or deliver to: **Tollesboro Volunteer Fire Department**  
P. O. Box 82  
Tollesboro, KY 41189

Bids will be opened at **7:00 p.m. April 11** following the **Fish Fry** at the fire department.

The Tollesboro Volunteer Fire Department reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities in the bidding process. Successful bidder must remit payment within **10 days of award**. Truck may be picked up after title transfer is completed.

Public Notice

## SUPPORT THE TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB WITH A \$10 COW BINGO TICKET PURCHASE!

Would you like to support the Tollesboro Lions Club and have a chance to win \$500 in the process? Purchase a chance in the **COW BINGO CONTEST!** A game of chance whereby a cow picks the winner. No more than 540 tickets will be sold (and we have never sold out, so your chances are likely better than 1:540), **AND THE BEST PART:** your \$10 purchase will support all of the Tollesboro Lions Club's projects and endeavors! We are a busy club (if you are a local and read the local newspapers regularly, you will be familiar with the club's constant projects and events, which include disaster relief—including projects within and outside of Kentucky—Arbor Day tree giveaways, sight preservation, scholarships, community and youth involvement, AND MUCH MORE!).

**TO PURCHASE A TICKET**, mail a check payable to the TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB in the amount of \$10 (or in multiples of \$10 if you want to purchase more than one. Think children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews, friends, family, a Sunday School class, employees, co-workers, as a birthday present or door prize, or anyone you want to recognize with a gift!) and mail it to **COW BINGO CHAIRMAN CRAIG A. STANFIELD, 2126 W. KY 10, Tollesboro, KY 41189**. You may memo your check COW BINGO, DONATION, SUPPORT, or whatever your preference. The Tollesboro Lions Club is a 501(c)(4) nonprofit service organization of dedicated, unpaid members supported by volunteers. Include the names you are purchasing the ticket or tickets for, and he will fill in the ticket for you!

### THE WINNER DOES NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!

Tickets will also be available throughout the fair (this year's fair will be July 17 through July 25), and feel free to ask any Tollesboro Lions Club member about obtaining a ticket. **The event will take place on the last evening of the 69th Annual Tollesboro Lions Club Fair, Saturday, July 25, 2026.**

The Tollesboro Lions Club would like to thank the "Under Construction/Opening Soon" Tollesboro Freedom Stockyards for sponsoring the Cow Bingo event this year! Watch for news on their construction progress and grand opening, and support this business when it begins operations on the AA Highway at Tollesboro.

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**COW BINGO** # # #

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

**NO MORE THAN 540 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD!** Actual odds of winning based upon the number of tickets actually sold. The time that the winner will be determined is strictly up to the cow! Cow will be released onto the "field" at the conclusion of the sale of tickets, to be determined by the Judge. Only 1 winner will be awarded the prize. A Judge that is "intimately familiar with the materials" will determine the winner. Judge's decision is final. Judge to be solely responsible for layout of the (digital) "field". Winner does not need to be present to win. Winner to be announced at the Fair and will be contacted by phone if not present. All proceeds generated support the Tollesboro Lions Club's many projects. The Tollesboro Lions Club thanks you for your purchase, and your continued support is always appreciated!

**2026 Tollesboro Lions Club Fair COW BINGO**  
\$10 Chance to WIN \$500!!!  
A messy FUN GAME OF CHANCE where a cow picks the winner (by doing "her business") while supporting the TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB!  
To be given away July 25th during the Tollesboro Lions Club Fair, in the livestock show ring, the time will be strictly up to the cow!

COW BINGO SPONSORED BY FREEDOM STOCKYARDS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AA HWY. - TOLLESBORO OPENING SOON!