

Tollesboro Lions Club

By Craig Stanfield



The first weekend of May (April 30 through May 3) was a busy one at the Tollesboro Lions Club. The Spring Trade Days took place April 30 through May 3, and a Garden Tractor Pull was held on the fairgrounds on May 2. Although some rain impacted the crowds at the Trade Days event on Friday, sunny weather on Saturday and Sunday blessed the event, with good crowds appearing to inspect and purchase merchandise from the numerous vendors who showed up to sell their wares.

The Garden Tractor Pull was also blessed with sunny weather, although a cool wind during the evening event brought out long sleeves and jackets.

The next Garden Tractor Pull will take place May 16. The next Trade Days event, the Summer Trade Days, will take place June 18-21.

Upcoming Events/Activities

The Tollesboro Lions Club ball-field, playground, basketball, and pickle-ball courts continue to see significant use. In addition, the Tollesboro Lions Club will host a number of events on the fairgrounds in the upcoming weeks throughout May and June and through

July's 69th Annual Fair, including:

May 16: Garden Tractor Pull

May 21: "You Make the Difference," a "think tank" meeting of county fairs within the region to be conducted at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds from 5 to 8 p.m. EST. (NOTE: The Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds was selected as one of eight locations throughout the Commonwealth where this event will be conducted. Generally—with one exception—the event will be in the evening, with a meal provided. Online registration is required for each location.)

May 23: Mud Sling

May 30: Eastern Kentucky Walking & Racking Horse Celebration Horse Show

June 6: Garden Tractor Pull

June 18-21: Summer Trade Days

June 20: Garden Tractor Pull

June 27: Mud Sling

July 17-25: 69th Annual Tollesboro Lions Club Fair (this year's fair will be as "action-packed" as ever! The annual Tollesboro Lions Club Fair Parade will be July 19.)

Garden Tractor Pulls and Mud Slings will continue as

part of the Tollesboro Lions Club Fair, with additional Garden Tractor Pulls scheduled for the first and third Saturdays of each month from August through October and Mud Slings scheduled for the fourth Saturday of each month from August through October. A Fall Trade Days event will also take place Sept. 10-13.

Tollesboro Lions Club April 27 Meeting

The Tollesboro Lions Club met Monday, April 27, at 7 p.m. at the Tollesboro Lions Club for its regularly scheduled second meeting in April. With 17 members in attendance (including a guest who expressed a desire to join and was accepted into membership during the meeting), the meeting was called to order by President Craig Stanfield, who asked Lion Phil Cropper to offer prayer, followed by Lion Charles Kendall leading the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The group then broke for dinner.

Following the meal, Secretary John Redmond presented the minutes from the April 13 meeting, which were approved as read. Due to Treasurer Steve Pedersen's absence, no financial report was provided.

Tony Tully expressed a desire to join the club as a member and was accepted.

President Stanfield noted that the ball-field was in use the night of the meeting and is utilized quite often, with the playground, ball-field, and pickle-ball court also seeing significant activity.

John Redmond, chairman of the Scholarship Committee, reported that the committee had met to review applications and make selections. The committee consisted of Redmond, Denny Hornback, and Phil Cropper. A total of 25 applications were received. The club had approved awarding up to 10 scholarships in the amount of \$500 each. The committee recommended awarding scholarships to the following individuals: Ree-ce Hull, Jenna Brooke Walters, Brody Lykins, Olivia Arnold, Brianna Carver, Naomi Miller, Bella Raeann Tully, Shayla Jolly, Makaylan Linebaugh, and Keiara R. Polley. The recommendations were accepted. Redmond was tasked with notifying recipients and inviting them to the June 22 meeting for presentations and photos. All recipients have since been contacted and agreed to attend.

Lion Lee Thomas, fair chairman, provided an update on the 69th Annual Tollesboro Lions Club Fair events and the parade grand marshal.

The club was notified that following the April 13 meeting, the Lewis County Sheriff had been contacted regarding individuals operating a vehicle recklessly on the fairgrounds. While the fairgrounds are offered as a community park, they are privately owned by the Tollesboro Lions Club, and such activity will not be permitted. A deputy was dispatched, and follow-up action was taken when the individuals returned.

President Stanfield informed members that Jeff Barbour, a former Tollesboro resident and supporter of the club, has proposed improvements to the system used to hang veteran signs. He is evaluating options and will report back.

New member Tony Tully informed the club that a rodeo organization has expressed interest in operating on the fairgrounds in September. A motion was made and approved to lease the grounds for a potential two-day rodeo event at \$750 per day, with the organization responsible for insurance

and event operations. This is not yet a confirmed event.

Discussion was also held regarding recognition of the nation's 250th anniversary, though no action was taken.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

County Fair Tour Meeting

The Tollesboro Lions Club will host a "You Make the Difference" Kentucky County Fair Tour presentation on May 21, 2026, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds. The tour is part of a nationwide initiative and a statewide effort led by Ian Hill to assist fair boards and organizers in addressing modern challenges through networking, workshops, and resources. Advance registration is required (<https://youmakethedifference.com/ky>).

At least three members of the Tollesboro Lions Club have pre-registered and plan to attend.

Eight workshops will be held across Kentucky between May 18 and May 26, including the Tollesboro stop on May 21.

The Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds is honored to have been selected as one of the host sites for this event.

Kinniconick Homemakers

By Donna Carver

The Kinniconick Homemakers met on Tuesday, April 14th, at noon, at the home of Ruby Rayburn. Our hostess, Brenda Clark, gave the blessing for the meal of hotdogs, with homemade sauce, chips, baked beans, potato salad, and dessert (strawberry shortcake roll tuffe).

After the fellowship and a delicious meal, our president, Leoma Rigdon, called the meeting to order, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ruby Hord read our devotional, "Easter" by Beth Merrill Neel. If you describe Easter as a smell, it would be the turning of soil for new crops or fresh flowers. If you describe Easter, as a sound, it would be birds chirping or fresh rain, falling against the window pane. If you describe Easter as a feeling, it would be wearing a fresh new dress to church or the feeling of that little girl miserable in her curls and sagging tights, who would rather be playing in the mud. Most of all, Beth remembers Easter as celebrating Christ for "He is risen!".

After the devotional, Donna Carver read the minutes of the last meeting, which were approved. Roll call was conducted, by members, sharing their favorite spring color. The pop-

ular answer was "pink". The treasurer report was given and club dues and "coins for change" were collected.

Our president then discussed the following new business:

-Homemaker Council Meeting - April 21st at 12:00 p.m.

-Plans for our class to dine out in May.

Ruby Hord taught our lesson "Introduction to Yoga" Regardless of what some people think, yoga is not a religion! It is a practice that unites the mind, body, and spirit. These movements are called poses. Each pose has a different health benefit and purpose.

What are some benefits of yoga?

- Yoga is a great way to make you stronger and flexible.

- Yoga can help with your balance and helps lower your risk of getting hurt.

- Many yoga poses help strengthen your core, which are the stomach and back muscles.

- Yoga can help with health conditions, such as pain or depression.

- Yoga can lower stress and anxiety.

- Yoga is a fun way to do your daily physical activities.

Ruby concluded by leading us in a few yoga activities, which we enjoyed, even

though we groaned and moaned!

After the lesson, Marsha Wells gave us a beautiful poem, "The Jelly Beans", which discussed what the different colors represented, in respect to the resurrection. For example, Red is for the Blood He gave. Black is for our sins. She also led us in a number game, in which Leoma Rigdon and Karen Edwards were winners.

Before closing the meeting, a get-well gift was presented to our president, Leoma, who has had a rough time since our last meeting. She fell and hurt her foot and has been in pain. Also, she had the flu, prior to her accident. She is a hard working lady and a great president. Get well soon, Leoma!

Our meeting was adjourned, with the plans to eat at Cattleman's in Morehead on May 12th. We are very excited, especially our 93-year-old member, Ruby Rayburn, who has so been looking forward to the occasion!



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

LEWIS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY - Will meet the third Saturday of each month at Noon at the Historical Society building on Market Street, Vanceburg.

The Barn at 4C Farm:
Located at 7130 KY 57, Vanceburg, KY

Saturday, May 22 — Jeff Tolbert & Primitive Road with Jonathan Wilburn, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 13 — The LeFevre Quartet, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 18 — Divinity Trio, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 8 — Kingsmen Quartet, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 3 — Poet Voices, 6:00 p.m.

Friday, October 16 — Master's Voice Quartet, 7:00 p.m.

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8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
MONDAY-SATURDAY

CLOSED MAY 14TH

- ✓ HANGING BASKETS
- ✓ PLANTERS
- ✓ ANNUALS
- ✓ PERENNIALS
- ✓ VEGETABLE PLANTS
- ✓ ONION SETS
- ✓ FERTILIZER
- ✓ STRAWBERRY PLANTS
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