

June 2009

# Hickory Ruritan Club



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## Hickory Mules in Action

**BBQ Cook-Off:** Frontis Cochran, Ed Abrames, Sharon Kelley, Bob Snow = **70 hours** Special thanks to Ed's wife Connie, Bob's wife Jo Anne, and Frontis' daughter Beth for their help in serving and cleaning up.

**Bluegrass Concessions**—Richard Brink, Frontis Cochran, Carl Jensen, Dick McGuire, Gordon Boyd, Frank Williams, Gene Phelps, Bob Snow, Carl Witten, K.D. Hicks, Thurman Alexander, Mike Colbert = **52 hours**

**Cit. & Patriotism:** Food Drive— **35 lbs** of food and **\$13** donated; 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Citizenship Awards: Randy Luton, Sharon Kelley = **6 hours**;

**Pub Service:** Gordon Boyd represented CPRC at the most recent Planning Commission meeting = **3 hours** Fred McKenna liaison with Troop 413 = **3 hours**

**Env. Activities**—Club House Clean-Up: Fred McKenna, K.D. Hicks, Milt Johnston, George Reich, Anthony Draper, **13 hours**

**Jubilee:** Assisted the 4-H with parking—Gordon Boyd, George Reich, Vera Reich, Anthony Draper, Bill McPherson = **17 hours**

**Founders' Day:** Mary Alice Bulifin, Jimmy Bulifin = **14 hours**

**Building Rental:** George Reich, Vera Reich = **48 hours**

**Chesapeake Humane Society:** The following members cooked 200 lbs of pork butts, chopped and seasoned the meat, and served barbecue to patrons of the Broken Egg Bistro, enabling the Broken Egg Bistro to raise \$6,000 for the Chesapeake Humane Society—George Reich, Frontis Cochran, Bob Snow, Ed Abrames, Mike Colbert, Dickie Carter, Carl Witten = **70 hours**

**Other Community Service Hours:** Carl Jensen and Gene Phelps worked at the reception for the funeral of L.A. Deford at Good Hope UMC = **6 hours** Carl and his wife Barbara also donated food for the reception and Barbara helped out with the serving as well; church and community outreach—Gordon Boyd, Carl Witten, George Reich, Dick McGuire, Mary Alice Bulifin, Jimmy Bulifin, Dickie Carter, Matt Ferrell = **44 hours**

## Actions and Recommendations of the Board

- A. The Board recommended for approval a donation of \$200 to the Technology Department at Hickory Elementary School.
- B. George Reich reported that roof repairs are progressing and that the sink and faucet in the men's room will be replaced soon.
- C. There will be a Blood Drive at the club house on Thursday, June 25.
- D. We will hold another Fish Fry on June 28.
- E. We will try several approaches to make sure the kitchen is being cleaned after the membership meetings. Cleaning the kitchen is the responsibility of all club members on a rotating basis.
- F. The house next to the club where Carl Witten lives has been sold and the new owners will move in on July 30. George Reich will meet with the new owners to determine the future of our turkey shoots.

## MOON PHASES

New Moon – Jun 22

First Quarter – Jun 29

Full Moon – Jul 7

Last Quarter – Jul 15

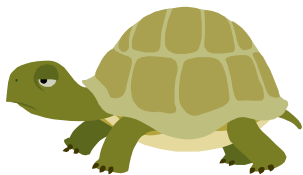
New Moon – Jul 22

Full Moon – Apr 9

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It does not matter  
how slowly you go,  
so long as you do  
not stop.

-Confucius



## Ruritans in Action in the Holland District

Jun 27:	8:30-3:00	Hodges Ferry Car Show
Jul 10-12		Youth Leadership Conference

## Hickory Ruritans Upcoming Schedule

Jun 16	7:00-8:30 pm	Membership Meeting
Jun 25:	2:00-7:00 pm	Hickory Ruritan Blood Drive
Jun 27:	5:00-9:00 pm	Bluegrass Concessions
Jun 28:	Noon-4:00 pm	Fish Fry: All members needed

**Our donations to the Food Closet were much lower last month than the 60+ pounds we have been collecting. With the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays well behind us, donations traditionally drop off drastically. Now is the time for us to be extra generous so that those in our community who are struggling to make ends meet might know that their neighbors are willing to help in times of need. Sandra Cotton, the coordinator of the Food Closet, will be our guest speaker at the June 16 meeting.**

## *Other Hickory News of Interest*

The Hickory Ruritan Club won a 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy in the Peoples' Choice category at the Barbecue Cook-Off in Holland as part of the Founders' Day activities.

Five club members and Boy Scout Troop 413 completed major outdoor clean-up on May 30. They removed a dead tree, pruned shrubbery, rebuilt the ramp for the lawn mower, and built a shelf for lawn mower supplies. Seven pick-up truck loads of debris were carried away.

We received a thank you note from L.A. DeFord's family for our prayers and support. How wonderful that about 12 of our members were able to represent our club at his funeral service.

Ken Carraway continues to make progress after his recent surgery. Marilyn Hicks will have surgery on June 10 to examine a brain aneurism. Doc Dickerson is in Autumn Care and needs our prayers and support. He has 5 brain tumors. Frank Guthrie is doing well after surgery on his shoulder. Pete Harrell is still in Oakwood Convalescent Home and appreciates all the visitors, cards, and well-wishes that we send.

The present system for clean-up after membership meetings is not working. It seems it's always the same few people who clean up and stay until all work is completed, so we will be addressing this issue to come up with solutions to the problem. If your committee is responsible for clean-up, please make sure you stay after the meeting until all clean-up work is completed. This month, the officers and Board members are responsible for clean-up.

If you want to send a copy of this newsletter to a prospective member, please let the secretary know and one will be mailed to the address you provide.

Any helpful suggestions – please let us know.