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Hickory Ruritan Club



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Hickory Mules in Action

Bluegrass—Sept. 26: Richard Brink, Frontis Cochran, Dick McGuire, Frank Williams, Gene Phelps, Bob Snow, Carl Witten, Mike Starring, K.D. Hicks, Mike Colbert = **41 hrs**

Building—George Reich, Vera Reich, Thurman Alexander = **86 hrs**

BBQ—Preparation/Serving: Bob Snow, Frontis Cochran, Thurman Alexander, Dickie Carter, Ed Abrames, Gene Phelps, Frank Guthrie, Gordon Boyd, Fred McKenna, Sharon Kelley, Mickey Ferrell, Denise Ferrell, Doc Bucher, Carl Jensen, Mark Lehman, George Reich, Marvin Powers, Richard Brink, Matthew Ferrell, Kenny Hobbs, Mike Starring, Kim Starring, Rusty Starring, Anthony Draper, Tom Ward, Skip Margiotta, Frank Austin, Steve Bass, Jimmy Bulifin, Tom Holmes, Bill McPherson, Mike Colbert, Joann Eason, Tommy Hart, Keith Henney, K.D. Hicks, Judy Hobbs, Demity Piranian, Vera Reich, Carl Witten, June Vinson, Frank Williams, Charlie Bond, Randy Luton, Dick McGuire, Jack Peoples, Bob Manning, Luther Hobbs, Vic Hofer, Milt Johnston, G.B. Pendleton, Mark Vanzandt = **417 hrs**

Kitchen: Shrimp Dinner: Mickey Ferrell, Denise Ferrell, Frank Guthrie, Dickie Carter, Charlie Bond, Frank Williams, Gordon Boyd, Tom Holmes, Thurman Alexander, Frontis Cochran, Ed Abrames, Mark Lehman = **53 hrs**

Environment—Repair Ruritan sign: Tom Ward = **2 hrs**; recycling: Keith Henney, George Reich, Anthony Draper = **6 hrs**; grass cutting: Bob Snow = **3.5 hrs**

Auction—Pick up items: Ed Abrames, Dickie Carter, Bob Snow, Carl Jensen, George Reich, Vera Reich, Tom Holmes, Mickey Ferrell, Gordon Boyd, Mike Starring = **52.5 hrs**

Citizenship & Pat. Food Drive: Collected **48 lbs** of food and **\$107** at the Sept. membership meeting; Randy Luton = **4 hrs**

Soc. Dev. Activities—Scouts: Fred McKenna, Milt Johnson = **5 hrs**; helping shut-ins: June Vinson, Dickie Carter, Carl Witten = **17.5 hrs**; church/community projects: Mark VanZandt, June Vinson, Carl Witten, Carl Jensen, Mike Starring, Kim Starring, Rusty Starring = **44 hrs**

Actions and Recommendations of the Board

- A. A committee has worked very hard to up-date the Policy Manual. In-put from the membership is very important, so a draft copy of the policy manual will be made available for members to review after the Nov. 10 Board meeting. Comments and suggestions are welcomed and should be made to anyone on the committee before the January Board meeting. Committee members are Denise Ferrell, Anthony Draper, Frank Guthrie, and K.D. Hicks.
- B. The Scholarship Committee – Steve Bass, Frank Austin and Frank Guthrie – discussed proposed changes and updates to our annual Scholarship selection process. These updates will be included in the Hickory Policy manual. Many thanks to the committee for their hard work!

MOON PHASES

New Moon – Oct. 18

First Quarter – Oct. 26

Full Moon – Nov. 2

Last Quarter – Nov. 9

Wisdom is the
comb given to a
man after he has
lost his hair.

--J.P. Dunleavy

Ruritans in Action in the Holland District

Oct. 17	11:00 am-5:00 pm	South Norfolk Ruritan Club Big Food Fest
Oct. 24	11:00 am-2:00 pm	Great Bridge Ruritan BBQ Dinner at GBUMC
Oct. 25	11:00 am-dusk	Indian River Turkey Shoots (every Sunday in October-December)

Hickory Ruritan Club Upcoming Schedule

Oct. 17	9:00 am -5:00 pm	Turkey Shoot (Pub Serv Com set up)
Oct. 20:	7:00-8:30 pm	Membership Meeting (Pub Serv Com clean up)
Oct. 24:	9:00 am -5:00 pm	Turkey Shoot (Soc Dev Com set up)
Oct. 24:	7:00-8:30 pm	Bluegrass
Oct. 25:	noon-4:00	Fish Fry
Oct. 31:	9:00 am-5:00 pm	Turkey Shoot (Bus/Prof Com set up)
Nov. 7:	9:00 am-5:00 pm	Turkey Shoot (Cit/Pat Com set up)

All of these events need your support. Please lend a hand.

Don't forget to bring some canned goods for our Citizenship and Patriotism Food Drive.

Other Hickory News of Interest

Our BBQ Dinner went very well. Thank you, Ruritans, for all your assistance with this very important fundraiser. And thanks, too, to quite a few non-members who helped out in various ways, including Frontis' daughter Beth and Ed Abrames' and Bob Snow's wives. M.P. Curling was a whirlwind in the kitchen chopping pork butts and has also helped out at our Turkey Shoots. Then there were all those who donated baked goods and pitched in to help clean-up afterwards. We appreciate everyone's help.

We've had good participation with our first three Turkey Shoots but are always in need of helping hands. Preparation starts about 8:30 am, and the shoots go from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. There are lots of jobs to be done and even just an hour or two at any time during the day is appreciated. And it's a great excuse for avoiding raking leaves at home!!

Carl Jensen and wife Barbara and Kim, Mike and Rusty Starring participated in the "Operation Share" program which is one of the projects of the Stop Hunger Now Organization. On Sept. 19, they participated with about 900 other volunteers at Virginia Wesleyan College in putting together 285,000 meals to be sent to an orphanage in Sudan.

We did a good job in September with our contributions to the Food Closet. Let's work hard to keep our momentum going. **Any** canned goods you can donate are greatly appreciated—cereals, pasta, soups, vegetables, etc—though they are always in critical need of canned meats/fish. Also, if you forget to bring something along, you might want to consider a cash donation. The AARP Food Collection will be at our clubhouse Oct. 24 from 10:00-2:00, and we will deliver all donations to the Great Bridge Food Closet.

Please support our October 25 Fish Fry by selling tickets and helping with preparation and serving.

Many thanks to Steve Bass for his time and hard work in updating and clarifying our scholarship guidelines and application process. This information will be included in the Policy Manual.

We've had lots of projects going on the past couple of months and just about every member has participated in some way or another. That level of participation is what keeps us such a vital club and engenders such pride in all that we accomplish working together. We do this because we care and because our goal is to serve our community. Recognition of individuals for their part in the success of the club is important, too, so if you have not been included where you should have been, I apologize profusely. Please continue to let the secretary know what you've helped with and record your hours either at the membership meeting or on the yellow legal pad in the kitchen. We are accomplishing great things because of YOU, and we want to thank you for your efforts.

Any helpful suggestions - please let us know.