

June 2009



Hickory Ruritan Club



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Hickory Mules in Action

Fish Fry: Mickey Ferrell, Denise Ferrell, Dickie Carter, Anthony Draper, Vera Reich, G.B. Pendleton, Richard Brink, Doc Bucher, Dick McGuire, Gene Phelps, Bob Snow, Carl Witten, June Vinson, Mike Starring, Rusty Starring, Kim Starring, Marvin Powers, Thurman Alexander, Charlie Bond, Dan Galiardi, Bob Ferguson, Mark VanZandt, Larry Greenough, Mike Colbert = **111 hours**

Kitchen Crew: Meal preparation on 4/20—Mickey Ferrell, Dickie Carter, Thurman Alexander, Frontis Cochran, Ed Abrames, Mark Lehman, Tom Holmes = **15 hours**

BBQ Cook-Off: Frontis Cochran, Ed Abrames, Bob Snow, Dickie Carter, Mark Lehman, Anthony Draper = **89 hours** (and 3 truck loads for 234 miles!)

Bluegrass Concessions—Richard Brink, Doc Bucher, Carl Jensen, Gordon Boyd, Frank Williams, Gene Phelps, Carl Witten, Thurman Alexander, June Vinson, Mike Starring, Mickey Ferrell, Larry Greenough, Sharon Kelley, Anthony Draper, Billy Deford = **47.75 hours**

Cit. & Patriotism: May Food Drive—**16 lbs** of food and **\$27** donated

Jubilee: Assisted the 4-H with parking—Gordon Boyd, George Reich, Vera Reich, Anthony Draper, Bill McPherson = **14.25 hours**

Auction: Collection of items for next year—Gene Phelps, Ed Abrames, Anthony Draper, Bill McPherson, Dickie Carter = **18 hours**

Building Rental: George Reich, Vera Reich = **80 hours**

Other Community Service Hours: Community outreach—Ed Abrames = 4.5 hrs

Actions and Recommendations of the Board

- A. The Board recommends approval of a motion to help fund the building of a wheelchair ramp for a family in Great Bridge. K.D. Hicks is providing the lumber and is hoping for some volunteers to provide the labor.
 - B. The Board recommends approval of a motion to donate \$100 to the technology department at Hickory Elementary School.
 - C. At the June Membership Meeting our special guests will be the children and grandchildren of our members.
 - D. Frontis and his crew will be cooking BBQ on June 16 starting at 7:00 a.m. He'd appreciate any help you can provide.
 - E. We desperately need volunteers to cut grass this summer. If you can help, let George Reich know. Otherwise, we will have to hire someone to do it.
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MOON PHASES

First Quarter—June 19

Full Moon— June 26

Last Quarter—July 4

New Moon—Jul 11

Full Moon – Apr 9

Worrying does not empty tomorrow of its troubles, it empties today of its strength.

Ruritans in Action in the Holland District

Jul 24: 2:00 Knotts Island Smoked Pork Butt Sale

Hickory Ruritans Upcoming Schedule

Jun 15:	7:00-8:30 pm	Membership Meeting—Children’s Night (Clean-up = officers and board members)
Jun 24:	3:00-8:00 pm	Hickory Ruritan Club Blood Drive
Jun 26:	5:00-9:00 pm	Bluegrass Concessions
Jul 13:	7:00-8:30 pm	Board of Directors Meeting
Jul 20:	7:00-8:30 pm	Membership Meeting—Scholarship and Citizenship Awards Night
Jul 24:	7:00-8:30 pm	Bluegrass Concessions

Other Hickory News of Interest

The Hickory Ruritan Club won a 2nd place trophy at the Barbecue Cook-Off in Holland as part of the Founders’ Day activities. Congratulations to our crew who put in **many** hours of hard work to bring home the trophy!

Ed Abrames recently picked up a truck load of prosthetic limbs from the Hampton Veterans Hospital and delivered them to the Physicians for Peace facility to be delivered to Haiti. A relative of Ed’s, Eddie Cooper, an 84 year old WWII veteran who lost his lower leg during the war, coordinated the donation. Physicians for Peace needs crutches, and if anyone would like to donate any, Ed has volunteered to pick them up and deliver them. Thank you, Ed, for your continuing dedication to community service.

If you have an e-mail address on file with the club, you may access Membership Management System (MMS) at Ruritan National. This will enable you to view the official club roster and update your own information as needed. Ruritan National should have already e-mailed you your Member ID number and your password. Try it out—there is lots of information there you might find helpful, and the site is user friendly.

If anyone is interested in running for Zone 4 Lt. Governor, please let K.D. Hicks know. The Zone 4 Summer Meeting will be held at our club on August 6, and we will be providing the meal.

Eric Jensen, Carl’s brother, will be inducted into membership at this Tuesday’s meeting. Please give him a warm Hickory Ruritan welcome.

We received a thank you note and a \$300 donation from Cub Scout Pack 901 in appreciation for letting them use our facilities free of charge.

Many, many thanks to Mickey and Denise Ferrell for their continued generosity and support. For the past several years, their business, HomePro Pest Control, has printed our newsletters, minutes, agendas and hand-outs free of charge. This has saved our club a very considerable amount of money and we are very grateful for their help.

Thanks also to George Reich who has put in countless hours repairing and maintaining club equipment, like the ice machine and the lawn mower. His son recently repaired the ice machine free of charge. He also asks that if you have signed up to cut grass on a Saturday to please call him to make sure there is no special affair going on at the club on that day.

Please keep the following club members and their families in your thoughts and prayers: Dick McGuire is having a great deal of difficulty and pain with his sciatic nerve; K.D. Hicks’ wife Marilyn recently broke her leg; Doc Bucher’s wife will be undergoing surgery on her rotator cuff; Frank Austin’s twin brother recently fractured his neck; and Mickey and Denise Ferrell’s son MJ has broken his hand. We have also learned that a former club member, George Kurz, recently lost his foot in a hunting accident.