

July



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Hickory Ruritan Club



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Hickory Mules in Action

BBQ Prep—Frontis Cochran, Dickie Carter, Ed Abrames, Thurman Alexander, Bob Snow, Frank Williams, Gene Phelps, Gordon Boyd = **63.5 hours**

Building—George Reich, Vera Reich = **89 hours**

Kitchen Crew—June 15 meal: Mickey Ferrell, Frontis Cochran, Thurman Alexander, Mark Lehman, Ed Abrames, Dickie Carter, Denise Ferrell = **15 hours**

Blood Drive—June 24: Carl Witten, Eric Jensen, Charlie Bond, Mark VanZandt, Anthony Draper, Mike Colbert, Frank Austin, Dickie Carter, Gene Phelps, K.D. Hicks = **32 hours and 22 pints**

Bluegrass—June 26: Richard Brink, Doc Bucher, Carl Jensen, Frontis Cochran, Frank Guthrie, Robert Mosley (Frank's nephew), Gene Phelps, Mike Colbert, Billy Deford, Gordon Boyd = **38.5 hours**

Cit. & Pat: Food Drive—In June, **95 lbs** of food and **\$46**; The 95 lbs includes 56 lbs of food from an AARP collection by the Chesapeake Retired Teachers Association; Citizenship Awards: Randy Luton = **12 hours**

Soc. Dev. Activities—Church: Bob Snow, Frontis Cochran, Gene Phelps, Carl Witten, Carl Jensen, Kim Starring, Larry Greenough = **68.5 hours**; Community: George Reich, Rebecca Johnston, Ed Abrames = **12.5 hours**; Youth: Fred McKenna, Carl Witten, Milt Johnston, Kim Starring = **10 hours**

Auction—Carl Jensen, Eric Jensen, Fred McKenna, Dick Carter, Ed Abrames, Anthony Draper = **15 hours**

Fish Fry—not previously reported: Jack Peoples = **3 hours**

Actions and Recommendations of the Board

- A. Recommend for approval a motion to cash in a penalty free CD valued at \$4500 to help fund the scholarships.
 - B. Frank Austin will present a revised budget for approval at the August meeting. Profits from the Auction and from the Fish Fry were well below expectations, requiring a revised, scaled-down budget.
 - C. Tom Holmes will be distributing tickets for the Annual BBQ dinner at our July membership meeting. All members are asked to purchase/sell a minimum of ten tickets.
 - D. To work within our limited budget, we will be returning to a pot luck dinner at the December membership meeting.
 - E. With the exception of the Scouts, we will begin charging a fee for all who rent our clubhouse.
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MOON PHASES

First Quarter – July 18

Full Moon – July 26

Last Quarter – Aug 3

New Moon – Aug 10

Don't get your knickers in a knot; it solves nothing and makes you walk funny.

----Anon

Ruritans in Action in the Holland District

July 24	2:00-4:00 pickup	Knotts Island Smoked Pork Butt Sale
July 24	1:00-4:00 pm	South Norfolk Ruritans Blue Crab Festival
July 29	7:00 pm	Holland District Cabinet Meeting
Aug 7	4:00-7:00 pm	Grassfield Spaghetti Dinner

Hickory Ruritans Upcoming Schedule

July 20	7:00-8:30 pm	Membership Meeting (B&P clean-up)
July 24	6:30-8:30 pm	Bluegrass Concessions
Aug 6		Summer Zone 4 Dinner Meeting here
Aug 17	7:00-8:30 pm	Board of Directors Meeting

Please remember to bring some canned goods to the July 20 Membership meeting. Supplies are very low during the summer months and the need is great during these trying economic times. Please remember the hungry when you do your grocery shopping.

Other Hickory News of Interest

At the July 20 Membership Meeting we will recognize our scholarship and Citizenship Award recipients. We awarded \$8470 in scholarships to 13 students and \$300 in savings bonds to our Citizenship Award recipients. Our kitchen crew will be cooking the meal.

George Reich still needs help with the grass cutting. Please sign up if you have a few hours to spare.

Thanks to Milt Johnston and Jack Peoples who volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Thank you Dickie Carter and Frontis Cochran for your regular visits to some of our long-time members who haven't been able to make it to meetings in recent months. Last week they visited Pete Harrell, George Hathaway, and G.C. Nicholas.

We received thank you notes from Rebecca and Elizabeth Johnston for our financial support of their attendance at the Ruritan Youth Camp. We also received thank you notes from the 4-H for our assistance with parking at the Jubilee, from Leah Backus for Jack Peoples' sponsoring her market steer, from Alec Rodriguez for the Hickory High School Drama Department Scholarship, and from Physicians for Peace for our monetary donation in March.

We have had to take a number of cost-cutting steps to enable us to continue with our service projects and our help to members of our community. It is more important than ever before that we support all our club's fund raising activities as much as we possibly can. Purchasing/selling tickets for our Annual BBQ Dinner on Sept. 19 is crucial, as is your help at the Turkey Shoots in the fall. We appreciate your support and involvement in our club activities. It is a privilege and an honor being a Hickory Ruritan, and we take our commitment to service seriously.

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers: Billy Deford's wife Martha who was operated on July 14; Gene Phelps's wife Sandra who is in Chesapeake General; Carl Jensen's wife Barbara who recently had knee replacement surgery; and George and Vera Reich's son who was recently hospitalized.