



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

July 30, 2018

Program

1st Vice-President Lion Andrew Manning Introduced our speaker, Fair President Lion Charlie Childers. Since last year's Cullman County Fair, Lion Charlie reports that there have been many important improvements that will have been made by the time the 2018 Fair opens, Oct 4-13.



(L to R) Lion President Mike Ponder presents token of appreciation to Fair President Lion Charlie Childers following his Fairground Update.

Lion Childers ran a slide show provided by Lion Charlie Powell, showing the ongoing improvements to the Fair grounds. These improvements were made possible mainly by donations of \$20,000 from Kissel, and more than double that from our own Lions Club to the Cullman County Fair Association. The largest part of these donations went toward additional asphalt paving. This includes a broad area between the Lions and Lionesses concession stands, the area all around the main entrance, a 16' path from the entrance to the theater, a sidewalk part from the entrance to the restroom, and a new paving loop at the south-end. There are also plans to construct a concrete drop-off pad and sidewalk just outside the

main gate. Old paving was resealed. All this will make access much easier for parents with baby-strollers and for physically challenged and handicapped visitors. Lion David Bussman worked to level-out the work areas of the Lions concession stand for ready access to anyone using a walker or a wheel-chair, which some of our Club members require. Lion David also was largely responsible for repair of sewer lines, water valves replacement, and other utility work; he has made many, many noteworthy contributions to repair and re-fit projects over the past few years. Lions Dwayne Wilson, Steve Singleton, Charlie Powell, and Ricky Peek – not to mention the Fair Ground Managers, Jerry Bonner & Charlie McBrayer, are some of the Lions that should be recognized for their time and effort for going the extra mile in keeping things up-to snuff at the fairgrounds. This is by no means everyone, just those who immediately come to mind. Lion Charlie say there is plenty of work still to be done, especially painting. Drop by and help if you can.



View towards south end of theater, showing new paving in front of main entrance, paved sidewalk to restroom, new flag pole, and new paved road going by and adjacent to west side of theater. This is only part the new paving. Come by & see for yourself.

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(too much work in the hot sun at fairgrounds).

In addition to all the improvements at the fairgrounds, themselves, the Cullman County Fair will have a new company, Kissel Entertainment, bringing in its carnival & rides. From all indications Kissel will be a better managed company than we have had the past several years, providing new, up-to-date rides and higher qualified & screened employees. The suite of rides will include many that are not restricted by age or height and are tailored specifically for smaller, younger kids.

The Fair Board decided not to hire a “big name” entertainer this year, who would come with a bill for thousands of dollars. However, we will have groups providing a magic show (Skin & Bones), and the Teeny Tweeny Circus, both appearing over several days. The Peinhardtts will be providing their farm animals for 4 or five days; we will have 3 different, age-grouped pageants, a talent show, and a spelling bee – other agenda items (possibly a scholar’s bowl) are still in the works. Of course, we will be having the usual of exhibits of handicrafts, art, agriculture, horticulture, live-stock shows, pet shows, etc. Lion Charlie Childers encouraged everyone to make use of social media to help put the word out about what a great fair we are going to have this year.

Other Business

Lion Richard Gurley has successfully undergone eye surgery. Lion Alton Pitzing is getting a little more rehab. Lion Charlie McBrayer had to be treated for dehydration



Lion Dennis Berse proudly showing-off his car tag, ordered through Lion Secretary Don Smith.

Upcoming Programs and Events

August 6: Kids from State Boys Club.

August 13: Mr. Jerry Jacob from Grace Place.

August 20: Cullman Mayor (Lion) Woody Jacobs.

August 27: TBD.

Tale Twister Input

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