



# The Tale Twister

## Cullman Lions Club

July 8, 2019

### Program

Lion Steve Singleton introduced our program speaker, tonight, Coach Oscar Glasscock, the new head football coach at Cullman High School. By the way, Lion President Andrew Manning related that Coach Glasscock was an assistant coach when he was a player at Cullman; he said that he still appreciates and respects the Coach for his coaching talents and the close relationship he established with players.



(L to R) Lion President Andrew Manning with our speaker, Coach Oscar Glasscock.

Coach Glascock has brought a wealth of experience back to Cullman, not only as a former player there, but as an assistant coach; he has also coached at Calera, Hartselle, Cordova, and Mountain Brook. He further says that he has worked with many good coaches through the years and hopes to bring that knowledge and experience with him. The coach noted that he is the 4<sup>th</sup> head-coach at Cullman High in the past four years, so there has been a lot of turmoil for Cullman's football team in that regard. Coach Glasscock hopes to

bring some stability to the school's program, as well as helping the seniors, in particular. In his upcoming first year, he notes that the schedule is rough with the early games against Hueytown and Decatur, which both only lost one game last year; the first game is with Jasper, a team that generated a lot of mutual emotional & bad feelings in the recent past. Coach Glasscock knows the Jasper coach and feels that all that can be set aside, going forward. He is expecting his team to improve gradually through the year. Coach has confidence in his quarterbacks, especially his seniors, who he feels is particularly experienced and talented.

Regarding player safety, coach Glasscock feels that with new helmets, provided by the Cullman Quarterback Club and with other new additions in equipment, the team is in great shape. All his coaches have bought into rugby-style tackling in which the tackler leads with the shoulder, not the head. His philosophy is balance, not burnout, regarding training. The team is in the weight room and at practices on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday with a four-day weekend.

Coach Glasscock would very much like to stay at Cullman High School for the remainder of his coaching career. He respects the football traditions of Cullman that have been established through the years and the character instilled in the young men playing for him from the Cullman area. He mentioned the poster "wraps" of great past players and coaches



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from Cullman High that can be seen as one comes into their sports complex. He also mentioned improvements to include new lockers with player names, weight-room additions, and new strength and running programs. From what we've heard tonight, Coach Glasscock has everything in place for a great program. We wish him and his football team the best of luck in the coming seasons.

Lions terminated for not paying dues over the past year.

Lion Mark Hamm's mother passed away last week.

Former Club member Randy Britt has passed; his funeral will be Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at Fairview First Baptist Church at 11:00 AM. Moss Funeral Home is directing.

### Other Business

The Cullman Lions Club will continue meeting at St John's Church in Christ Hall until further notice.



Lion Steve Cartee loads up on another great meal.

Lion President Andrew Manning stated that the Club's Board of Directors (BOD) will plan to schedule its meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month.

Lion Secretary Don Smith informed us that the BOD had voted to contributed funds to the newly established Blount City Lions Club, to the Lions Concession Stand for initial acceptance of customer Credit Cards, and to Cullman's police FOP. He also noted that for the first time since he has been Secretary, there have been no

### Upcoming Programs and Events



Mr. Nathan Anderson, Executive Director of Cullman City Parks & Recreation.

July 15: Mr. Nathan Anderson, Executive Director of Cullman City Parks & Rec will talk about the Duck River Recreational Plan.

July 22: TBD

July 29: Dr. Vicki Karolewics, President of Wallace State Community College.

### **Tale Twister Input**

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