



# The Tale Twister

## Cullman Lions Club

May 17, 2021

### Program

Lion Charlie Powell introduced our speaker tonight, Mr. Jeff Clemons, Cullman County Commission Chairman. Before becoming the Commission Chairman, Mr. Clemons had a career of 32 years in the Cullman County Sheriff's Department as a dispatcher, detention deputy, patrol deputy, investigator, and captain of special projects division.



Mr. Jeff Clemons, Cullman County Commission Chairman tells us the latest in County actions that he oversees.

Mr. Clemons talked about the tough times the County has had over the past year, dealing with the Covid pandemic. At one time 13 members of the Sanitation Department was stricken. He listed a number of items that the County is providing this year, including \$3.6M for road projects – its 1600 miles of roads have really taken a beating due to flooding this year. Jeff says that getting our senior centers open again is another area that he has been keeping of top of since he took office. These centers have become even

more important due to the greater impact of Covid on the elderly. Jeff mentioned the increasing importance of fishing tournaments for Smith Lake, noting a recent event cleared over a million dollars. One thing that is helping is the cooperation between the Commission and the Parks and Recreation Departments. Major league fishing tournaments have fallen in love with Smith Lake and are on-board for next year for a number of tournaments. Also, this past weekend there was college bass tournament with hundreds of boats on the water. Our local restaurants were packed; cabins were all booked, hotels were full. The County's economic development team has applied for million & a half dollars of grants -- \$500,000 for the OHP park for road and new bridges; \$600,000 to upgrade the rescue squad building; increase senior centers, including a food bank; more community tornado shelters; other projects, too. One good thing Mr. Clemons mentioned that Covid has brought about is an increase of 30% in sale tax revenue since more people were staying close to home and spending more money locally. That's going to help greatly.

Our County Commission Chairman is working hard to make Cullman a better place to live and work.

### Other Business

Lion Samuel Tucker & family are still recovering from Covid-19; Lion Chris Brooks is self-isolating due to Covid, also. Lion Jim Burke has had a bout with vertigo.



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Lion Don Smith gave us another set of Covid statistics to ponder – this time looking at kids from 5 year up to 17 years-old (in other words, most school age kids) which is a largely unvaccinated group. The results show that about 6 kids per million in this group have died from Covid-19, which is half the number that have died from traffic accidents. They are also more likely to die from regular flu than Covid-19. The bottom line from all this is that your kids and grandkids are pretty safe from Covid, even if they have never been vaccinated. Makes you wonder why schools in some States (like California) do not want to open until September.



Lion Josh Speakman (r) and visitor.

### Upcoming Programs and Events

May 22: The Better Business Bureau's, Annual Shred-a-Thon will be held in the King Edward Plaza parking area, behind Buffalo Wild Wings. Lions should be on the scene between 8:30 and 8:45AM. Wear your Lions' vests. Biscuits will be served to Lions before we start, and before you leave, a lunch will be provided. In addition to shredding documents, prescription drugs will be collected for disposal this year. The Cullman Caring for Kids-foodbank truck will also be there to collect donations of food or money.



Lion Don Smith doing his best to make us a little smarter. That is not an easy job, I'm afraid.

Lion Josh Speakman brought a visitor with him to tonight's meeting.





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May 24:

Club President Lion Javon Daniel

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Invites the *Cullman Lions Club Members* to join him at the Cullman County Fairgrounds on Monday, May 24th, at 5:30 P.M., to enjoy a good meal, and an evening of fellowship with other club members.



### Tale Twister Input

If you need something special or to report a correction in the *Tale Twister*, see Lions Carey Thompson or Don Smith at the meetings. Lion Carey can be reached at 256-739-0580 (H) or 256-426-3207 (C). Lion Don can be reached at 256-737-7433 (H) or 256-426-7722 (C).



The chow-down begins. The food service continues to make your mouth water.