



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

October 15, 2018

Program

except for a little rain and threatening clouds on Wednesday.

Cullman County Fair President Charlie Childers led our program tonight following an exceptionally successful Cullman County Fair for 2018. Lion Charlie had praise for our Lions in all aspects of conducting this year's Fair, as well as for our new midway contractor, Kissel Entertainment. Although it will be several weeks before we get the final numbers for expenses and receipts, in looking only at gate receipts, the 2018 Fair has set a new record.

Lion Charlie said we had no real issues, just a guy that had felony warrants that was identified and taken away, and an individual that showed up after consuming a few too many Margaritas.



Fair President Lion Charlie Childers presenting a plaque to Ms. Monica Howell declaring her 2018 "Queen of the Kitchen" from the Fair judges for her baking skills. Monica was one of two Queens this year, marking the first time our Fair had a tie for this prestigious title.

Many, many of our patrons had glowing comments about the Fair – its cleanliness, its operators, the lights, the parking, the increase in the number of rides, the paving improvements, and the courtesy carts giving rides where needed. We were also fortunate to have beautiful weather



Lions Doug Spradlin, Jim Rooker, and George Hammett talking things over, during a break outside the Ag Exhibit building. Lion George appears to be taking his break to the next level.

We heard many amusing, and sometimes touching, anecdotes from several Lions about their experiences during the Fair. We had a couple of new activities such as the spelling bee and the painted & carved pumpkins that will be more highly advertised next year as those events continue; we may also add a scholar's bowl. Our Work Group Chairmen were very complementary of their fellow-Lions support. The managers of Cullman's October Fest reported that our Fair had no negative impact on their events. We had great participation from our exhibitors and enjoyment from the public, many from



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across the State and beyond who came based on our Fair's reputation. We should all be proud and thankful for what our Club and its members just accomplished with this Fair, not to mention the \$\$ benefits that will be given back to those in the community that need it the most.

Other Business

Lion Wendell Copeland had a slight relapse following his heart operation, but is doing better now. The wife of Lion Javon Daniel is continuing radiation therapy. Lion Jim Walker should be able to join us again after a couple weeks more physical therapy.



With things under control in the livestock barn, Lion Steve Cartee, accompanied by his wife, Melissa, enjoy a stroll around the Fairgrounds.

Lion Steve Murphree says he could use more Lions to help in Peinhardt's Farm Day this coming Saturday to assist with parking. The Peinhardts help us out every year by bringing their farm animals to the fair for the kids to see and pet. Give him a call if you can come but have not yet signed up. His number is 256-708-9572.



Lion President Mike Ponder, toasting his many fans, dares to take a ride on the Ferris Wheel. He also told about taking a ride on the scariest ride, "The Alter Ego." I'm not sure what he was drinking to muster the courage to get aboard, but he did seem to really enjoy the Fair – at least when he was not working in the parking lot, along with Lion Ricky Peek and the rest of his crew.

Upcoming Programs and Events

Oct 22: TBD.

Nov 26: We will hear final Fair reports.

Dec 3: Fair Appreciation Dinner at Stonebridge restaurant.

Tale Twister Input

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