



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

October 1, 2018

Program

Cullman County Fair President Charlie Childers talked about our biggest project of the year, the Fair, which starts later in the week. Lion Charlie began by thanking Club members for their large turn-out in support of the Fair parade this past Saturday. There were no accidents and great participation from the community – just a great prologue to the start of our Fair.



Fair President Lion Charlie Childers give us a pep-talk for start-up of the 2018 Fair later this week as Lion President Mike Ponder nods in agreement.

The Fair President hit some of the reasons we should expect a great Fair this year. This includes about \$60 to \$70 thousand dollars in asphalt and concrete work to make easier accessibility for wheel-chairs, walkers, and toddler strollers. We have been able to upgrade the Fairground structurally more this year than we have in many years past mainly through oversight and work by our Fair managers, Lions Jerry Bonner and Charlie McBrayer; the city has helped, too, with concrete work

and painting of a fire-lane at the Fair Office gate. Special recognition was made of work by Lions David Bussman, Charlie Powell, and others who worked many, many days out there. Lion Don Smith has tuned-up his exhibit processing software and expects that whole process to run even smoother than last year. We have a new mid-way company, Kissel Entertainment, that promises to be a great improvement over the companies we have had in recent years. Lion Charlie McBrayer commented on the uniformed and polite Kissel work-force he saw out there today as they were washing everything down. The workforce has background checks and drug tests, before and during the Fair. Lion David Bussman stated that the health department has upgraded our status and that we can now keep raw meat & eggs for cooking; he cautioned that we must restrict non-staff, concession-stand personnel from coming & going through the kitchen for health safety reasons.

The weather forecast looks great right now – the Kissel owner jokingly stated that we should give him a kick-back for not being able to meet our request for an earlier Fair, which would have been hit with many rainy days.

There were a couple of questions like, “What does it cost to get in the Fair?” It costs \$7, except for kids under ten, who get in for free. Lions can get their immediate families in for free, as well as get 30 free ride tickets through the Fair



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Office. Lions get food at half-price at our Lions Concession (stand wear your vest).

Other Business

Lion Wendell Copeland is home recovering from successful heart valve surgery. The wife of Lion Javon Daniel had successful surgery for cancer and will undergo radiation therapy but will not require chemo-therapy.

Lion Richard White had a sign-up list for courtesy-cart drivers to assist Fair customers between the parking lot and the Fair's main gate entrance. He may still be needing help Friday & Saturday nights, October 12th & 13th.



Thankfully, Lion Tail Twister Greg Young was persuaded not to sing any solos tonight. But he threatened to enter the Fair talent show, singing selections from Tom Jones.

Upcoming Programs and Events

Oct 4-14: Cullman County Fair. Check calendar at <https://www.cullmanfair.com>. Things are already going on.

Oct 15: TBD. Will likely hear preliminary Fair reports, led by Fair President and work group chairmen.

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).