



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

Sep 12, 2022

Program

Lion Sam Roberts introduced Nathan Anderson, Cullman Executive Director of City Parks and Recreation. Mr. Anderson first talked about the new projects that have been completed or will be in the future. Nathan's Department has made revitalization of the City's small parks a top priority; missing equipment has been installed and upgrades of restroom facilities will be completed in the next year. Design ideas for the Lions Club Park are in place with completion in the near future. Although the huge Cullman's Skate Park, located adjacent to the City police station is now complete, sidewalks, landscaping, and parking lots are still in progress; skate paths will connect this park with both the nearby middle school and high school; there is no charge to use the skating facility. The new parking area will greatly help in parking for other nearby events such as the Strawberry Festival, Oktoberfest, Christmas events, etc.

Nathan noted that the recently completed water park had 60,000 visitors in the past year with 67% coming from within 2 hours distance from Cullman. Also, all operating costs of the water park including debt repayment is covered from customer revenue. He also pointed-out that this park was featured in a 4-page spread in the World Water Park Association magazine.

Looking ahead to the very near future, Mr. Anderson said that the planned indoor multi-purpose civic/community center will serve sports needs and bring in more

tourism. This facility will include basketball courts, volleyball courts, expandable breakout rooms for meetings and conferences, fundraiser events, rummage sales, and other functions. The direct economic benefit of this facility is estimated to be \$25 Million annually; the indirect benefit for hotel rooms, restaurants, and other businesses will be much larger. The estimated cost for this new facility is around \$30Million at this time.

With the new multi-purpose center, the baseball/soccer fields, the Field of Dreams, and the aquatic-center/water park – all within the same walking area, Mr. Anderson anticipates a future draw of 100,000 outside visitors annually for a variety of sporting and other events there.



Mr. Nathan Anderson.

A decade or so ago it would have been hard to imagine such progress. We may



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have plenty of grass in our parks, but none is growing under the feet of Nathan Anderson and our Parks and Recreation Department.

Other Business

Mrs. Betty Wilhite, mother of Lion Terry Wilhite passed September 12th. Funeral services were September 15, 2022.

Lion Howard Perry is home and in recovery from his recent illness. Lion Gary Murphree fell; recovery could be lengthy. Lion Wendall Copeland is facing bowel surgery.

Lion Charlie Childers discussed the Fair Parade. He asked Lions to meet at 10am on Oct 1st at the bottom level of the City parking deck to help prepare for lineup. The parade starts at 2pm. Lion Don Smith added that exhibit-turn in also starts Oct 1; this will be at the Fairground, starting at 9am in building 1. The Cullman County Fair, itself, opens Oct 6.

New Lion Declan Yearwood, sponsored by Lion Eric Ponder, was welcomed into the Club. Lion Declan, along with his family, started a concrete ready-mix company.

Fair workday is Oct 3rd. On September 19th our 2nd newer-member Roundtable discussion/orientation will be immediately after the weekly club meeting (about 7 pm) at the Freddie Day Catering building. Lion Carey Thompson will be leading a discussion on operation of our annual Fish and Ham Dinner project.

Lion Craig Gadow made a last call for a Lion T-shirt sign-up list during this meeting.

Lion Richard White asked for additional volunteers to park cars at the Cullman Electric Co-op annual meeting this Saturday, Sept. 17th from 7AM to 11AM at Northbrook Baptist Church on Hwy 157. Biscuits are usually provided. Contact Lion Richard and let him know if you can help out. The Club will receive a donation for our assistance in this effort.

Current Club work assignments for the Fair are listed on the page 4 of this newsletter. Club Committee assignments for 2022-2023 can be seen on page 5 of this newsletter. Lion Barry Willingham asked Club members, whose wives are already in the Lioness Club, to consider helping work the Gates during the Fair. Contact Lion Barry if they would consider doing that.

Lion Treasure Jerry Bonner presented a Melvin Jones Fellow plaque to Lion Rickey Peek.



Lion Rickey Peek accepts Melvin Jones Fellow Award plaque & pin from Lion Jerry Bonner.

Our meetings are being recorded and can be seen live, or you may view past meetings at the following Facebook web site:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1106236123576541/?ref=share> .



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If you have any problem getting to the site, contact Lion Craig Gadow at 256-736-8361.

Upcoming Programs and Events

September 19: TBD.

October 1: Fair Parade. Lions on site at 10AM. Parade at 2PM. Fair Exhibits registered in Bldg #1, starting at 9AM.

October 6-15: 2022 Cullman County Fair. See Club Fair assignment on next page.

P.S. Freddie served a fantastic meal to us tonight: Grilled sirloin steak and ribs, along with baked potato, potato salad, baked beans, tossed salad, rolls, strawberry shortcake, and banana pudding.



Lions Steve Cartee, Jerry Bonner, and Don Smith getting ready to feast.

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).



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FAIR WORK ASSIGNMENTS 2022				
A AG EXHIBITS		E GATES		H PARKING
1 Murphree, Steve		1 Scott, Tim		1 White, Richard
2 Garrison, Phillip		2 Willingham, Barry		2 Aker, Adam
3 Harbison, Bruce		3 Bales, Matthew		3 Burke, Jim
4 Krigbaum, George		4 Bates, Roy		4 Crocker, Champ
5 Mitchell, Brad		6 Byrd, Jeff		5 Duke, Kelly
6 Osborne, Fred		7 Earnest, Michael		6 Fromhold, Michael
7 Pitzing, Alton		8 Frost, Tyler		7 Hamm, Mark
8 Spradlin, Doug		9 Gadow, Craig		8 Hogue, Matthew
		10 Gambrell, Chad		9 James, Patrick
B BARN		11 Gudger, Garlan		10 Mangum, Mike
1 Kraft, Randy		12 Ivey, Scott		11 Manning, Andrew
2 Roberts, Sam		13 Jacobs, Woody		12 McSwain, Steven
3 Smith, Riley		14 Peek, Rickey		13 Parrish, Milford
4 Brooks, Chris		15 Pfeifer, Tom		14 Ponder, Eric
5 Gratz, Dave		16 Rodgers, Steve		15 Ponder, Mike
6 Ray, Delane		17 Speakman, Josh		16 Presto, Patrick
7 Slaten, Terry		18 Smith, Jerry		17 Simmons, Brian
8 Witcher, Jeff		19 Sumner, Dewayne		18 Ray, Joshua
		20 Waldrep, Bo		19 Smith, Casey
C CONCESSIONS		21 Walker, Alan		20 Smith, Cody
1 Bussman, David		22 Williams, Raymond		21 Spaeth, Brian
2 Goodwin, David		23 Odell, Frank		22 Wilt, Bill
3 Gurley, Richard		24 Wren, Jeffrey		23 Yearwood, Declan
4 Lawson, Jeff	+security			
5 Roden, Tyler				I THEATER
6 Ruehl, Bill		F Security		1 Robinson, Chris
7 Smith, Wade		1 Gentry, Matt		2 Cartee, Steve
8 Tielking, Jason		2 Lawson, Jeff	+concessions	3 Childers, Charles
9 Williams, Jeff				4 Daniel, Javon
10 Williams, Bradley				5 Floyd, Chad
11 Willoughby, Chad				
		G MAINTENANCE		J INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITS
		1 McBrayer, Charles		1 Berse, Dennis
OFFICE		2 Christian, Lawrence		2 Copeland, Wendell
D Bonner, Jerry		3 Powell, Charles		3 Doggett, Douglas
1 Boyd, Gordon		4 Wilson, Dewayne		4 Eddleman, Jerry
3 Smith, Don				5 Gratz, Dave
4 Thompson, Carey				6 Mangum, Morris
5 Wilhite, Terry				7 Murphree, Gary
				8 Perry, Howard
				9 Speakman, Lummie
				10 Williams, James
		First time working Fair		
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2022-2023 Cullman Lions Club Committees (with Vice-President Assignments)

1st VP Chris Brooks			
<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Co-Chair</u>	<u>Members</u>
Diabetes	Javon Daniel	Scott Ivey	
Fair Concession Stand	David Bussman		
Finance & Community	Don Smith	Jerry Bonner	
Fish & Ham	Carey Thompson	Frank Odell	David Bussman
Membership	Bill Ruehl	Dewayne Wilson	Gary Murphree
Program	Sam Roberts	Randy Kraft	Chris Robinson
Mop & Broom	Richard White	Dave Gratz	Chris Robinson
Sight	Bill Ruehl	Steve Cartee	
2nd VP Delane Ray			
<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Co-Chair</u>	<u>Members</u>
Area Lion's Liason	Jerry Bonner	Craig Gadow	
Constitution & By Laws	Bradley Williams	Champ Crocker	
House & Food	Dennis Berse	Fred Osborn	
Member Info.	Charlie Powell	Dave Gratz	
Song Leader	Richard White	Chris Robinson	
Youth Leo's	David Bussman	Jeff Lawson	
3rd VP Jim Burke			
<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Co-Chair</u>	<u>Members</u>
Tail Twister	David Bussman	Richard Gurley	
Fair Parade	Steve Murphree	Barry Willingham	
Lion Branch Liason	Craig Gadow	Dennis Burse	
Publicly	Sam Roberts	Charlie Powell	
Comminications & Web	Sam Roberts	Charlie Powell	
New Member Orientation	Frank Odell	George Krigbaum	