



Art of Giving

Americans are the most generous people the world has ever known. They give with funds, goods, skills, and time in uncountable amounts. This year has been one for the history books with major weather related disasters slamming our coastal areas.

Few of us were not affected in one way or another by the recent storms as we kept track of friends and family who were located in their path. People shared bits and pieces of information through Facebook and

other Internet mediums. Citizens from all walks of life came together to get desperately needed help to those in need and it worked.

Now we reached the season of the year when giving is, by tradition, the time when we share with those 'less fortunate.' For most of our lives we've been involved with fund raisers for one cause or another.

At the time of 9/11, I was serving on the board of the Lake Cumberland Area Red Cross. We used the library as a public collection point. A farmer walked in and handed me a crisp

new one hundred dollar bill and said, "Those people in New York need our help." He turned around and walked out.

Since that time when giving we've followed his generous act. We give anonymously. We firmly believe that charity begins at home. When, what, and how one chooses to give is a matter of individual choice.

Community projects are our favorites. The more people comes together to plan and coordinate their efforts, whether they be schools, churches, service organizations, or public entities the less chance of duplication which can have disastrous results.

We still grin when someone tells the old story of a family who received five holiday boxes of food. Their electric had been shut off. They had five frozen turkeys with all the raw fixings and no means to prepare them.

At the Adair County Book

Fair, I picked up a small cookbook. Members of the Farmer's Market on the Square have pulled together old favorites with new twists to raise funds for nutritional education. All proceeds from the sale of their cookbook will go to this project.

The recipes and their directions are plain and simple using common, easily obtainable ingredients. It is a delight to read, neither calories or number of servings is given. I automatically cut a recipe in half or we'll be eating it for a week. That gets old, no matter how delicious.

Please contact Darrell Andrews 270-566-3792 /darrell@duocounty.com or Donna Jones 270-634-2125 /jonesdonna1959@gmail.com for a copy. This one is a jewel and you will be helping a sustain a local project that I've not seen duplicate by any other group.

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Laker bowlers sweep Campbellsville Eagles in season opener

The Mighty Laker Bowling team traveled to Phillips Lanes in Campbellsville, Kentucky this past Saturday (November 4th) to showcase their bowling skills against the talented Campbellsville Eagles.

The Laker boys were no match for the Eagles, coming away from the competition with 7 wins and 0 losses! Clay Loveless was burning up the lanes, bowling 2 strong games of 202 and 238. Zack Kean found his mark and bowled a 214 and 218.

The Lady Laker bowlers are much stronger this year and show marked improvement as they out-bowled the Lady

Eagles, winning 5 games with no losses! Makayla Melsom bowled one of her best games with a 160 and Brooklynne Carroll was on target with a 194.

The Lakers were also successful in winning all of the baker game series, working in teams of 5 to bowl games near or above the 200-pin mark. Against the Eagles, the high baker game scores for the boy teams were 185 and 193. Best baker game for the girl team was a 121.

Congratulations to the boys and girls on the Laker Bowling team! Keep knocking down those pins and coming away with wins!

FLAG: Russell County Honor Guard holds special flag unveiling event for donated flag by Mr. Bill Bernard, a local veteran

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est but after contacting his human resources team he sadly reported back to Irvin that they were unable to find out any information about Bernard's flag as their records only went back to 1951.

"Unfortunately, there is just no way of knowing its true origin," Irvin said. He then began contacting other organizations around the country to see if anything about the flag could be found out.

"I contacted the Smithsonian," Irvin said. He then spoke to a representative at Arlington National Cemetery as well as a

historical military museum in Washington D.C.

"I talked to all the experts in the field at each place," he said, noting the Smithsonian even offered to take the flag and research it but with no guarantee that it would ever be returned, let alone find out its storied past.

"I said that is not an option because we want folks to see it," Irvin said. "We're proud of it."

Irvin said after exhausting all his options and contacting every organization in the country that would have been able to help, the mystery they all agreed, after seeing photographs of the flag, it is very unique.

"I tell you what I did discover about this flag along the way ... the American spirit," Irvin said. "It started with Bill's family and their dedication working for Curtiss Wright and without them in World War II we may have lost the war. Bill's service as well; he's a veteran who donated the flag to us for what we're doing up here."

Irvin went on to thank and present plaques to those who worked on the flag, readying it for display, Donna Willis and Vickie Redmon, Irvin's sisters who tacked the flag to material and placed on the sticky board for mounting, Rickie Jones, who

paid for the glass in the case and transported the glass to be inserted in the flag case and for donating the Honor Guard's door seal and working on their building's gutters and Allen Larkin and Steve Upchurch of Bronston, Ky., who donated material, labor and design to build a 78 inch tall, 136-1/2 inch long cherry case with architectural capitol likeness.

He also thanked Bernard for his donation of the flag, which now is on display at the Honor Guard's building and serves as a tribute to all veterans, especially those from Russell County.

"All these people shared

something in common," Irvin said. "They all had love and respect for their flag. To each person the flag means something just a little different and that's good enough for me."

In the end, Irvin said the guard didn't need a backstory and that Bernard's story will do just fine.

"Anyone that has ever assisted the Honor Guard or done something for their neighbor, that's what the flag represents for all of us," he said.

Irvin and the Honor Guard also thanked Charlene Harris, who was in attendance, and First National Bank, whom he called the biggest supporters of the

guard, for their donation of the guard's building as well as Shawn Cerrato and MasterSeal Striping and Sealing for striping the guard's parking lot free of charge.

The Honor Guard's Larry Rogers, one of the group's ranking officers, also spoke at the event about the primary function of the guard, performing military funerals for local veterans, as well as expressed his appreciation for the donated flag, which is now on display at the guard's headquarters in Russell Springs.

"It means the world to us," Rogers said.

CITY: This year's Christmas parade is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 25 at 2:30 p.m. on Main St. in Russell Springs

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to locate many hundreds of accounts would be costly, and even then trying to collect even if the courts rule in their favor would be difficult.

No resolution to the issue was concluded but it seemed general consensus was collect when and if they can and write off what they have to.

Council member Daniel said she'd received numerous calls regarding a short road in a bad state of repair that leads to apartments on Bernard Lane, across from Kroger.

Daniel said that the apartments serve the elderly and are within the city limits.

There was some question whether the road was ever accepted in the city as a city street, but it did not seem to have been.

Council member Tim Hudson said he'd been out there that day and the road had been graded and graveled but though in better shape would quickly deteriorate when weather starts freezing. He said that it is being looked into exactly who owns the road and once that is found out the city

would proceed with what can be done to improve the short road.

Daniel said that two accidents have occurred in recently at the Russell Springs Elementary School.

She said she'd been approached by the PTO leader. Mayor Selby said he had been as well and he referred the person to Amber Hale with the state highway department as a first step

toward a solution on how to improve the area in front of the school to prevent accidents.

Council member Eddie Thomas said that the city's concert in the park which had happened a couple of weeks prior was successful and bragged on the new stage setup.

Mayor Selby added that lots of people attended both days to enjoy the gospel and the country

music programs. Because of how spread out the area is he said it would be difficult to estimate attendance but that the venue works out very well.

He said also that he's talked to a number of organizations who want to utilize the park and stage the following spring to provide public events.

Mayor Selby said that the Christmas Parade would be held

Saturday, November 25, beginning at 2 p.m., with a small Christmas concert put on by local gospel group The Higginbothams.

This years theme is "The Sights and Sounds of Christmas."

The council went into executive session for about a half hour to discuss personnel issues. There was no action taken.

FILING: update on local filings

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will have a primary will be for U.S. House of Representatives State House of Representatives.

Other elections which are run "non partisan" meaning the candidate does not represent a political party include all members of city council in

Jamestown and Russell Springs, Commonwealth Attorney, District Judges and School Board District #2 and #4.

Most of those will have to register by August 14 with either the local County Clerk's office or with the Kentucky State Office of Elections.

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