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Russell County Laker Baseball Coach spoke about his team’s amazing season at a banquet last week.

Baseball Banquet honors, remembers

“Hugs, kisses and handshakes”

By Wade Daffron
TJ Editor

Russell County Laker Baseball Coach David Rexroat said “there’s lot to remember” about this season.

His team went all the way to the state championship game, earned Fourth Region and 16th District titles, and had two, all-state players on the roster.

annual Russell County Laker Baseball Banquet, the coach recalled “send-offs... parades,” and other acts and events to support the team.

“And there was lots of hugs, kisses and handshakes,” he said.

A large crowd gathered at the Russell County Auditorium/Natatorium Wednesday to honor the state runner-up team, and legendary trailblazers.

The coach spoke about the uniqueness of this season’s team.

“I’ve been coaching for a long time,” he said. “I started in 2002 as a coach, and in 2001 we made it to the regional championship. Ever since 2002, every senior that I’ve ever coached - within their four years - has made it to a regional championship game.”

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Russell County Assistant Baseball Coach Chris Taylor, left presented baseballs autographed by the Laker team to Lloyd Coffey, center, and Brooks Bates, right, who were members of the 1957 team which went to the state.

Tornado, then fire

Help sought for woman who lost home twice

By Wade Daffron
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Back in December, local weather expert Daniel Wilson was well aware of a dangerous situation brewing in western Kentucky.

“We’d been watching it for several days,” Wilson, Lead Forecaster/Owner of the Storm Alert Center, said. “We knew the conditions

were right for something. We knew it was going to be bad, but nobody knew it would be that bad.”

On that fateful day of December 10, 2021, Janssen Lindsey, a single mother of three, lost her Benton, KY. home to a tornado.

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Storm Alert Center Lead Forecaster/Owner Daniel Wilson in his Russell Springs weather studio. The Storm Alert Center is raising funds for a single mother who lost her home to a tornado, rebuilt, then lost the home again to a fire.

August 2-7

“World’s Longest Yard Sale”

It’s hard to believe, but the 127 Yard Sale is 35 years old.

This year, the world-famous sale, which runs right through the heart of Russell County, will be held August 4-7.

“The World’s Longest Yard Sale” is exactly that.

Traversing six states: Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama, the 690-mile sale primarily follows a route along U.S. 127 - the major thorough way though Jamestown and Russell Springs.

As in years past,

thousands of vendors will be set up along the route, and visitors from across the globe are expected to participate.

Some sales are already appearing just north of Russell Springs.

The annual event is known for not only bargains, but an amazing array of items ranging from toys, clothes, collectibles and household items, to rare antiques, vehicles, and even the occasional home or property for sale along the route.

The 127 Yard Sale is heralded as a mecca for collectors or the curious.

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