

Community

Laurel Oak has unique approach to fundraising

Bring a book, bring a friend. That's the only "admission price" for the Third Annual Bring a Book, Bring a Friend Fun'Raiser, Oct. 12, to benefit Laurel Oak Elementary School.

The event was launched two years ago, when a school volunteer opened her home to bring together the community's diversified residents and benefit the school's 1,000-plus students.

Each year, a different school volunteer opens her home to host the party. Organizers say this makes for successful community building as well as securing books for the school's library.

To garner community support, organizers have incorporated several "fun" factors, by asking participants to invite friends, neighbors, and surrounding business



Laurel Oak Elementary students pose for a thank you photo in the school library following last year's Fun'Raiser. This year's event will be held on Oct. 12./ SUBMITTED PHOTO

owners.

"Both the newcomers and 'natives' enjoy the informal networking and it's all for a great cause of helping kids," says organizer Karen Clawson.

For more information, call

Clawson at 597-4838. Guests are also encouraged to inscribe their gift as the children enjoy discovering a book that was handpicked especially for them. Individual and corporate sponsorships are available.

Live from Scouts - it's Saturday Night!

The Alligator District Boy Scouts of America will hold its first ever entertainment showcase, "Saturday Night Live," at 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 10, at Barron Collier High School.

Featuring over 16 skits and songs the evening's festivities will be modeled after a campfire gather-

ing, bringing Scouts indoors with the benefit of microphones and stage.

The event is free and open to the public. Troop 165 will be selling food, snacks and beverages.

For more information, call Morton at 643-7781 or by email at mortonnest2@aol.com.

Changing TP 'role' is no easy task

Scratch Paper

By Kaydee Tuff

Dear husband, This is to let you know that the 1,000th anniversary of my having changed the toilet paper roll took place at 7:10 a.m. this morning with a ceremonial 'ribbon' cutting attended only by myself, the Tidy Bowl man and a few stray ants.

Yes, I have been keeping track of such statistics, along cereal box closures (7,650), ceiling fan shut offs (4,248) a towel pick ups (3,774). I once kept a running count on how toilet seat but gave up at 4,096, around the time the second born, as it seemed quite futile.

I have heard about specially trained monkeys that can complete all of these annoying and unending tasks but he didn't want to have to start a running count on feeding the primate as well.

Back to the toilet paper. I am officially on strike. There no roll changing until I see some role changing. It will no be my exclusive duty to ensure the tube is replaced. You v responsible for changing the next roll.

Now you are wondering how you will possibly know w/ time replace the roll. This complex matter seems to require degree in biophysical engineering. Somehow, I have r

To assist, you have been signed up for a special Intern program at www.makehimroll.org. When it is your turn to ch empty tube, you receive an email notifying you that a regis letter will arrive that afternoon. Fill out the form in triplica one copy legally notarized and mail it directly to: M.L. c/o at PO Box 9740 Maryville, TN 37802. Four days later, a ps will be delivered to your office. Inside you will find a tape i Turn it on - "Your mission, should you decide to accept it, engage the empty tube in your master bath and replace it new agent. As always, should you or any member of your caught or killed, the secretary will disavow any knowledge actions. This tape will self destruct in five seconds."

Good luck.

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Citizen on the Street

BY DONN BROWN

Has the earlier start time for dump trucks made a difference?



John Burton

"I don't think it has made a difference. School is open so you have all that traffic along with trash trucks and highway construction. It's not working."



Chelsea Ciccantelli

"I get where I am going 10 to 15 minutes earlier so I guess it makes a difference. I'm not sitting in traffic as much as I was."



Belinda Lawton

"The school buses make it difficult to get around and the dump trucks are a pain. It seems to have gotten worse since school started."



John Santelle

"No noticeable difference, in fact if anything, it's made it worse. In the mornings traffic is backed up past Waterways almost down to Shady Hollow."



Matt Stephenson

"I haven't noticed any difference. The change in policy has alleviated any traffic problems that I can see."