

First, let me say that I hope everyone had a very good Thanksgiving.

Q. Why do you think Thanksgiving is such a special holiday?

A. Other than Christmas and maybe a family reunion, there is no other time of year that such an effort is made to bring families together. At a family reunion, you spend a lot of your time speaking to and getting to know new family members, as well as so many very extended members, so your attention is divided. At Christmas, we are not only visiting family members, but we are also saddled with the stress of purchasing gifts, decorating and cooking, perhaps visiting several different families, and as our younger family members come along, we are often divided having to choose which family to see and when. But at Thanksgiving, it seems that other than those responsible for planning, purchasing the food, cooking and cleaning up, the rest of us really have time to do some quality visiting with close family members that we may see often, but seldom have time to just sit and talk. I hope your Thanksgiving was as special as ours.

Q. We see that you post on Facebook quite often. Why do you use this public medium?

A. I first consented to trying to use Facebook during my campaign back in 2012. Until then, I knew nothing about it and was determined not to learn. However, with advice from others, it was utilized on a limited basis during the campaign. But after that, my assistant (my wife) said if I wanted to continue, it was up to me to learn. So it was sometime in early 2013 that I made my first nervous post.

Q. Do you enjoy posting on Facebook?

A. Yes I do. It certainly is not for everyone, but it just seems to fit my makeup. First, I love photography and have been involved in it for many years. I also like to be able to communicate with people about what is going on with my work as your commissioner. Facebook gives me the opportunity to marry these two interest and hopefully give you more insight into what goes on in county government.

Q. Are there other reasons you enjoy using Facebook?

A. The people you accept to be placed on your list are appropriately called your "friends", which I like. Having said that, my Facebook page is not a Union County government page but is my personal page.

Q. What kind of information do you provide on Facebook that would be of interest to the public?

A. I generally provide info on meetings I attend, on events and festivals in the county and any weather or public safety issues of the county including winter road condition reports. I hope it gives people an opportunity to know and understand a little more about me and our government, including our employees and the great job they do serving you.

Q. What do you enjoy most about Facebook?

A. Seeing personal photos that others place on there about their vacations, their families, their pets and their children. You will NEVER see more beautiful photos of babies and children and families. It is also a great way for those in need to ask for prayers for healing or just for unnamed needs.

Q. Do you Tweet on Twitter?

A. No. That seems to be more popular in other parts of the country, but not so much in Union County and I simply do not have any additional time.

Q. Does it take a lot of time to be on Facebook?

A. You can spend as little or as much time as you want. The problem for me is that if you do it correctly, it is time consuming although enjoyable and rewarding. There are so many nice and caring people on Facebook, but finding adequate time is always a challenge.

Q. How do we become your "friend" on Facebook?

A. Just send me a "friend request" through Facebook?