

Trump says he's 'like, really smart'

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — President Donald Trump, portrayed in a new book as a leader who doesn't understand the weight of his office, took to Twitter on Saturday to defend his mental fitness and boast about his intelligence, saying he is "like, really smart" and "a very stable genius."

He posted a series of

tweets from Camp David, the presidential retreat in Maryland, a few hours before holding meetings on the 2018 legislative agenda with Republican congressional leaders and Cabinet members.

It was his latest pushback against author Michael Wolff's "Fire and Fury: Inside the Trump White

House." The book draws a derogatory portrait of the 45th president as an undisciplined man-child who didn't actually want to win the White House, and who spends his evenings eating cheeseburgers in bed, watching television and talking on the telephone to old friends.

The president tweeted

"actually, throughout my life, my two greatest assets have been mental stability and being, like, really smart."

Trump said going from successful businessman to reality TV star to president on his first try "would qualify as not smart, but genius .... and a very stable genius at that!"

Opioid lawsuit

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What turned out to be a highly addictive substance and its widespread use resulted in:

- CDC researchers estimate the economic burden of the epidemic to the country in 2013 was \$78.5 billion.
- About one-third, or \$28.9 billion, is from higher health care and addiction treatment costs.
- \$7.7 billion in criminal justice-related costs, paid mostly by local and state governments.
- \$20 billion in lost productivity in nonfatal cases.

There have been fatalities related to the epidemic. According to the CDC, 28,000 people died from opioid overdoses in 2014 – the last year for which statistics are available.

The "scheme" that turned patients into addicts was financially lucrative for those companies. Specifically,

Purdue Pharma earned \$3 billion – nearly all opioid revenue.

More than 100 states, cities and counties have filed lawsuits against manufacturers and distributors. Warren County could be the second in Tennessee. Williamson County government, at the direction of its commissioners, was the first to file a federal lawsuit against several drug manufacturers and distributors. That county is seeking damages that include compensation for past and future costs to abate the ongoing public nuisance caused by the opioid epidemic, as well as the creation of an abatement fund to help further curb opioid-related expenses.

The lawsuit claims, "The manufacturers aggressively pushed highly addictive, dangerous opioids, falsely representing to doctors that patients would only rarely succumb to drug addiction."

These pharmaceutical companies aggressively advertised to, and persuaded doctors to, prescribe highly addictive, dangerous opioids, turned patients into drug addicts for their own corporate profit."

The lawsuits, said Galligan, are based on negligence, false advertising, nuisance, consumer fraud, false claims, fraud, etc., and monetary awards are based on the ability to show damages, such as the need for or an increase in opioid-specific programs, mediation-assisted treatments, additional programs, child protective services, law enforcement costs, prison populations, increased ambulance costs, and atypical or increased burden on public services.

Galligan and Newman offered to represent the county in a similar lawsuit at zero financial risk to the county.

"We get one-third of whatever you receive,"

said Galligan. "If you get nothing, our fee is nothing. We are taking all the risk. You would be out some manpower. We need information from county records and someone might have to be assigned to provide it."

The expense of any expert opinions (scientific, technical or other) required for the litigation process would be paid for by the firm and reimbursement would come from the monetary award, if one is attained.

If other counties in the state file similar suits, they could be lumped together. Mass torts are civil actions that have many plaintiffs involved against one or several defendant corporations. The legal action could take years to resolve.

Committee members requested a written agreement for legal counsel review. Budget and Finance Committee members will reconvene Tuesday, Jan. 9, at 4 p.m. to consider the contract.

OBITUARIES

Roger Clinton Lynn, 61

Roger Clinton Lynn, 61, a McMinnville resident and DeKalb County native, was born Nov. 21, 1956 and died Jan. 4 at his residence following an extended illness.

He was a retired masonry supervisor with Kemp Construction, member of the Baptist Church, and son of the late Albert Marlon and Velma Goolsby Lynn.

Mr. Lynn is survived by wife, Dianne Lynn; two sons and daughter-in-law, Scott Lynn of Lafayette and Jamie and Kimberly Lynn of McMinnville; daughter and son-in-law, Cynthia and Matt Zurelle of Alabama; two stepdaughters and spouses, Linda and Alissa Short, and Jamie and Wally Rhea, all of McMinnville; stepson Jimmy McGlothen of McMinnville; grandchildren Andrew Turner, Gabe Zurelle, Eliseanna Lynn, Kynsley Lynn, Harley Lynn, Cole Godwin and Peyton Godwin; mother-in-law, Betty Short of McMinnville; three brothers and sister-in-law, George and Diane Lynn of Spring City, James Lynn and Doug Lynn, both of Kentucky; numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside service and interment were held Saturday, Jan. 6, at Friendship Cemetery with Ronnie Powell officiating. Online condolences may be made at [www.highfuneralhome.com](http://www.highfuneralhome.com).

High Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Donald Bassi, 87

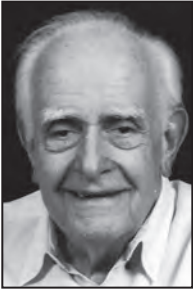
Donald Bassi, 87, passed at twilight on Nov. 30. He was surrounded by his trees and creek plus his family and caregivers.

He had been a resident of McMinnville for 49 years. In May, 1969, he visited McMinnville and loved it at first sight. It took until Sept. 1969 to complete the move from Florida to Tennessee. Don was born in Chicago, Ill., in 1930. He went to Catholic Schools, finishing high school in 1948. After serving his country during the Korean Conflict, he went to Bradley University in Peoria, Ill., where he graduated in 1955 with a degree in Construction Engineering. While visiting his parents in Florida, he started working for Rinker Concrete Company. He was manager for the Merritt Island plant that provided all the concrete needed to build the Merritt Island Launch Area. He also served as the trouble shooter with the Corps of Engineers. It was in Merritt Island where he met his wife Glennis. She was a teacher in the Brevard County Schools. They were wed in June 1965. With the Cape Kennedy downsizing, Don accepted a job offer from General Shale Brick in Johnson City. General Shale had purchased McMinnville Concrete and Block. There were five plants and a sand mine, all in the Upper Cumberland. Don treasured the years he worked with all the people at those plants. In 1976, Don opened "The Kitchen Table" on Courthouse Square. It was a place for people that cooked and entertained. It was a specific place for many. He had the entire Wilton Cake Decorating items. When he went to work for Arnold Engineering Development Center at Arnold AFB, he set up "The Kitchen Garage" at his home. He worked at AEDC until he retired, only to start work as a contract worker, the next day. He finally stopped in his late seventies. Loving his jobs lasted his whole life. He was preceded in death by his parents Andrew B. Bassi, Jr. and Marquerite T. Bassi of Chicago, Ill., and Stuart, Fla., brother and sister-in-law Andrew and Antoinette K. Bassi, III of Crystal Lake, Mich., and Bay Village, Ohio.

He is survived by his wife, Glennis Ann, with whom he was married for 52 years, and brother-in-law and sister-in-law Randy and Bobbi Maltsberger. Other survivors include nieces and nephews, Noel Joyce and husband, Kevin of Bay Village, Ohio; nephews, Andrew Bassi IV and wife, Pam, and Michael Bassi and wife Karen as well as eight great nephews, three great nieces; a niece and nephew-in-law, one great niece-in-law and two great-great nephews-in-law. Don always was grateful he could list Cathie Bryan or Teresa Frothingham as his emergency back-ups if Glennis was unavailable. He appreciated the care he received from the doctors and their staff and efforts of rehab staff at St. Thomas River Park, VA McMinnville and VA Murfreesboro. NHC Home Care, including Shondee Foster and Jamie Harriman, were with him the last two years of his life. The care he received from his caregivers Brenda Bennett, Vickie Sparks, Teresa Frothingham, along with Avalon Hospice, were most appreciated.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 12 at Bascom United Methodist Church, 5311 Verrilla Rd., Morrison, TN 37357. Inurnment will follow at Bascom Cemetery. Military grave rites will be conducted by American Legion Post 173 and V.F.W. Post 5064. The family will receive friends at the church. Memorial donations may be made to Meals on Wheels, 106 E. End Dr., McMinnville, TN 37110. [www.mcminnvillefuneralhome.com](http://www.mcminnvillefuneralhome.com).

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Election qualifying

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The Warren County Commission seats by district:

- **District 1** – Papers are out for incumbent David Rhea and newcomers Sally Brock and Christy Ross, all Democrats, as well as incumbent Ron Lee (I).
- **District 2** – Dana Hillis Mullican (I) was quick out of the gate and filed her papers at the end of November. Papers are out for incumbents Diane Starkey (D) and Carl E. Bouldin (I) and new-comers Robert Hennessee (I) and Joe O'Neal (I).
- **District 3** – George

Smartt (D) has filed. Papers are out for incumbents Michael Shane Wilcher (R) and Richard T. Grissom (D) and newcomer Joseph Stotts (R).

- **District 4** – Incumbent Teddy Boyd (D) has filed. Papers are out for Commissioner Blaine Wilcher (R).
- **District 5** – Incumbent Tyrone Sparkman (D) has filed. Papers are out for incumbent Michael Martin and Brad Hillis, both Democrats, as well as Tim Lewis (R).
- **District 6** – Incumbent Phillip Stout (R) has filed. The remaining seat is currently held by Charles Morgan (D), who has not picked up papers.
- **District 7** – Incumbent

Tommy Savage has filed. Commissioner Gary Martin has picked up pa-pers. Both are running as Democrats.

- **District 8** – Incumbents Randy England (I) has filed, while Scott Rubley (R) has picked up pa-pers. Papers are out for Dalton Pack (I).
- **District 9** – Incumbent Carlene Brown has filed, along with newcomer Terry Gallagher. Both candidates are running as independents.
- **District 10** – Incumbent Carolyn Miller (I) filed her papers Dec. 4, followed by newcomers Stacy Sanders (R) on Dec. 5 and Brandon Eldridge (I) on Dec. 6. Papers are out for Harold D. Hyatt and Cole Taylor. Commissioner Gary Prater has not picked up papers.
- **District 11** – No one has filed. Papers are out

by Steve M. Glenn (D) and Benny D. Cannon Sr. (I). Incumbents Morris Bond and Terry Bell have not picked up papers. Bell picked up papers to run for county executive, but has yet to file.

- **District 12** – Incumbents Carl D. Bouldin and Kenny Roberts and newcomer Daniel Owens have filed. All three are running as independents.

Circuit Court Clerk Bernie Morris will not seek reelection. Chris Cope (I) has filed. Papers are out for Casi Powell Cantrell and Melanie Milstead, both Democrats.

County Clerk Lesa Scott, Road Superintendent Levie Glenn, and Trustee Darlene Bryant are vying for reelection unopposed at this time.

Everyone running in the Primary Elections on May 1 and the General Election on Aug. 2 must qualify by Feb. 15.

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On Sunday, January 28, 2018 the Southern Standard will publish special pages entitled "In Memoriam... 2017" honoring the memory of those having passed away in 2017. A listing of names, by month, from obituaries printed in our paper will be given.

As part of these pages we are providing the opportunity for family and friends to honor that special someone. The cost will be \$15 for a 30 word message, \$20 if you wish to include a photo (30 words is in addition to person's name, birth date and death date).

Deadline 5:00pm on Tuesday, January 23.

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**Joe Edward Foutch**

We are grateful and very humbled by the care and love you have shown our family, in the home going of our father Joe Edward Foutch. On December 19, 2017 our father went to be with his Lord and his beloved wife Helen Foutch. In this time of sorrow in our family we want to give a very special thanks to our father's church family Forest Park Baptist Church and his pastor Bro. Bobby Pennington and Bro. Bobby Vickers and also the staff and nurses at NHC Nursing Home, and Gardens of Memory Funeral Home and Staff. If you visited or called or stopped by the house or the hospital or NHC Nursing Home, sent a card or sent flowers for the funeral service, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. May God Bless you for your love and concern.

*With Heartfelt Thanks, The Foutch Family*

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