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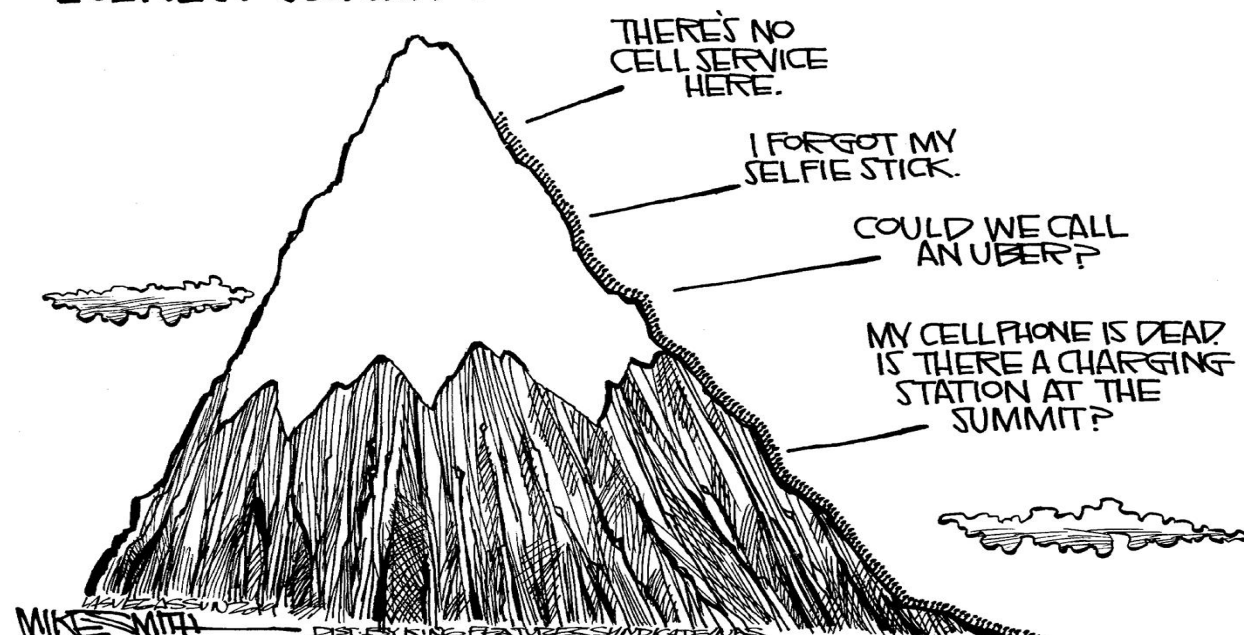
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A father's virtues



By **JENNIFER MOONSONG**

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Last week we celebrated my Uncle Bill's 80th birthday. His only daughter shared some sentiments for him in a birthday card, which told of what a kind, humble and positive person he is.

The words were also true of my own father, who has been gone for 8 years at the end of this month. And when the roadside gullies fill with tiger lilies and bugle flowers, it reminds me, always, of our last few weeks together and how great a world it would be if everyone were blessed a father like mine.

My Dad was born in 1933, the era of the Great Depression. He grew up in Nobob, Kentucky, exploring the creeks, woodlands and fields of Barren and Metcalfe counties. He played the fiddle by the age of five, and a mandolin and without any higher education trained himself to be a master woodworker through his innate understanding of mathematics, science

and nature. He was no stranger to hard work.

All of that said, his greatest qualities were patience, positivity, and humility. He never rushed, but everything was always accomplished. He rarely worried. I never recall him complaining about anything, even when he got older and certainly had aches and pains, I never heard about them. They don't make people more steady and stable than my Dad.

I'm not in retrospective, what in the most thankful for is the way he and my mother were both always teaching me practical skills for every day life: how to grow a garden, swing a hammer, use a socket wrench, snap beans, can tomatoes.

I thought it was common knowledge, but I find now it isn't so common at all, and the my Father and Mother were not ordinary parents, they were extraordinary.

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Community Meeting Schedules

Russell Springs Council – 2nd Thursday of each month at the municipal room at the City Hall at 6 p.m.

Jamestown Council – 3rd Thursday of each month in the basement of Jamestown City Hall at 6 p.m.

Fiscal Court – 2nd Monday of each month in the Russell County Courthouse at 6 p.m.

School Board – 3rd Monday of each month at various locations at 6 p.m.

Russell County Chamber of Commerce – 3rd Tuesday of each month at various local businesses at 12 noon (CST). Contact the chamber office at (270) 866-4303 for details of this month's meeting location.

Lake Cumberland Area Development District – Board of Directors – 4th Thursday of every odd numbered month at the Area Development District Office at 11 a.m.

Russell County Health Department Board – Local health board meetings are held annually and occur in February. District board meetings are held quarterly.

Russell County Ambulance Board – 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Russell County Library Board – 2nd Tuesday of each month at Jamestown Library at 5 p.m.

County Extension Office Board – 3 meetings a year, one in September; no time set yet for the remaining meetings. Located at the Extension Office.

Partners In Prevention – 4th Thursday of each month at the Russell County Auditorium/Natatorium Complex at 12 noon.

Airport Board – 1st Tuesday of each month at the airport at 5 p.m.

Lake Cumberland Tourist Commission Board – 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Tourist Commission, located at 650 S. Hwy. 127 between Arby's and Long John Silver's restaurants, at 12:30 p.m.

County Conservation District – 1st Monday of each month at the district conference room, located at 159 Ferco Way, Jamestown, at 12 noon.

Russell County Industrial Development Authority – 4th Monday of each month at Duo County Telephone, at 8:30 a.m.

Russell County Hospital Board of Directors meet the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Hospital conference room. No meetings are held in December due to the holidays.

Letter to the Editor policy

The Times-Journal welcomes letters to the editor regarding our publications or local issues of importance. Letters should be no more than 300 words; we reserve the right to edit for clarity or length, or to reject letters that are in poor taste or libelous. Writers must include their name and a valid telephone number for verification purposes. Anonymous letters will be rejected. Send your letter by email to jobe@jobeinc.com or mail to or drop off at any Jobe Publishing office.

Letter to the Editor

A Letter from a Heart Transplant Patient:

Organ donation. These words can carry a different weight dependent on the person you are asking. Some people only associate with the question when they receive their driver's license. Then for people like myself, it means a new shot at life and infinite gratitude to those who decide to donate theirs.

I was 15 years old when I was diagnosed with a rare heart disease called Restrictive Cardiomyopathy. I was fortunate enough to maintain a stable status and live a relatively normal life up until I was 22. In November of 2015, my condition began to deteriorate and by November of 2016 I was hospitalized, forced to medically withdrawal from school just 4 weeks shy of graduation. I was then added to the heart transplant list.

I received a heart transplant at the University of Kentucky Hospital on December 17, 2016. I remember waking up from surgery and for the first time in years being able to breathe and feel my heart beating and actually feeling alive. There is not a single day I do not think about my donor and their family or the new heart beating in my chest. Due to my donor's generosity, I saw another birthday, I graduated from college, and I am living a full life. This family changed my life and others because they said "YES" to organ donation.

Currently there are 114,000 waiting on a lifesaving organ transplant and not all of them will get their miracle because of lack of available organs.

I am overwhelmed with gratitude to have been given a second chance at life and it is only possible because this person chose to be an organ donor. I encourage whomever is reading this, to become an organ donor. Simply visit: registerme.org

With all my heart,
Adrienne M. Rogers

...Publisher's note: We have family, neighbors and friends waiting for transplants right here in our community. Sign your donor card today.

Letter to the Editor

Let the man do his job

Is this really happening in America? The democrats begged for Investigations and for two years the tax payers have watched as time and money have been wasted, yes wasted, in a perpetual bias, and ery dishonest investigation of the President. Then saying they would abide by what the outcome showed. They lied. Because the decision handed down was that there was NO Russia Collusion., Satisfied? No, they want him out. Have they legally proven the President has broken the law? NO. sp they continue to fabricate and press and devise underhanded way to taint the President. The facts prove he has made great strides in accomplishments to better the country. He is doing a good job to improve America, and keep us safe. He has a right to accomplish those achievements that he was elected on. How embarrassing for the Democratic party to be so vindictively hate driven. I say, LET THE MAN DO HIS JOB.

Patty Hadley

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