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Your View: Letters to the editor

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‘Well done’

When a person doesn’t know you personally or has even met you face to face, goes out of his or her way to help, however he or she can, that person deserves recognition of a special kind.

That person is Bill Caldwell, retired librarian at The Joplin Globe.

For many years, Mr. Caldwell and I have talked by phone or connected by mail. We had never met until April 7 of this year. We met for the first time at my 90th birthday party celebration. He was smiling when he approached me. I knew who he was at that moment when he introduced himself.

My prayer is for Mr. Caldwell to have a blessed retirement, doing things he had put on hold because of his dedication to his job. Yet, I am so glad he is going to continue to write his weekly history column.

They have such informative material about what has happened everywhere.

After his Camp Crowder and the USO articles in two of his most recent columns, I added some information when we were talking at the party. He wrote about Johnny Garrison's nightclub at 33rd and Main streets. It was at this nightclub in 1948 that my engagement to William Smith was announced.

Ernie Fields Band from Tulsa, Oklahoma, played the music. Donald Barker, a Joplinite, sang the song "Nature Boy." At Johnny's Golden Door in Carthage, my husband was a waiter and I checked the hats and coats.

On April 7, Mr. Caldwell wrote about Henry's Fine Food at 3535 S. Range Line. Lincoln School held its school reunions of 1972 and 1975 at Henry's. The food was delicious.

Lincolniters received plaques for their success and achievements. Mr. Caldwell deserves special awards in whatever way that says, "A magnificent, awesome job, well done."

Thanks, Mr. Caldwell, for helping me. I truly appreciate all your efforts of history.

Betty J. Smith

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Prayer for Easter

As a child, I wanted a basket filled with chocolate bunnies and eggs on Easter morning. As an adult, my tastes have changed. Instead of candy, I want something more extravagant. I would like to wake up on Easter morning and see the resurrection power of God making all things new. Imagine opening our eyes to a world where healthy, hopeful life is bursting forth, and evil is no more.

Unfortunately, such transformation has yet to occur. The truth of the matter is that despair, death and destruction continue to work at every level of our existence. Our culture is trapped within self-made tombs of hatred, bigotry, jealousy, violence and fear. Self-interest and greed are destroying the moral centers of our society. Apathy and helpless frustration are murdering our spirits. Even the very planet upon which we live is suffering. Truly we are in need of a resurrection miracle.

Resurrection is more than someone dead being brought back to the same life he or she had before. On Easter, Jesus was transformed into a new kind of reality through the creative power of God.

As the theologian Paul Tillich said, Jesus represents the quintessential new being. At the same time, he is also a sign that we, too, can become new beings. This extends to the hope of rebirth for creation as a whole. Easter is about the entire world being raised to new life.

My prayer for this Easter is that the same redeeming power that raised Jesus will be at work in each of us. May Jesus' way of compassion, generosity, healing and self-giving love be born anew in every heart. And may we all become partners in bringing forth a changed world where the old habits of death give

way to new vistas of grace and compassion. Amen.

Russell Willoughby

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Surprise medical bills should not be tolerated

You buy health insurance, pay your premiums on time, and choose in-network health care providers. You save for co-pays and deductibles.

But then, you are slapped with a surprise bill because the anesthesiologist for your surgery wasn't in-network, or your doctor sent your blood to an out-of-network laboratory or ordered X-rays through an out-of-network radiologist. Your insurance company has taken your premiums but now refuses to reimburse for the service or reimburses at a much lower rate, leaving you responsible to make up the difference.

Problems such as this can cost you hundreds of dollars (or more) that hadn't been expected or budgeted for.

Not only are these surprise medical bills a hardship for individual patients, but they also siphon off money that could be spent with local businesses. Money that could have been spent locally is instead being sent to pay off medical expenses not covered by insurance policies.

In 2018, Missouri lawmakers passed a bill that protects patients who are treated by out-of-network doctors hired by their in-network emergency rooms. This was a good start, but lots of other possibilities for surprise medical bills still remain.

Contact your state representative and senator and tell them to keep working. People who insure themselves and follow the rules should not be penalized by surprise medical bills.

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