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Connection to former in-laws fades over time

DEAR ABBY: I was married to my first husband for 13 years and was very close to his family. His parents and sister were like my own. We ended up divorcing, and it was an extremely painful situation on both sides.

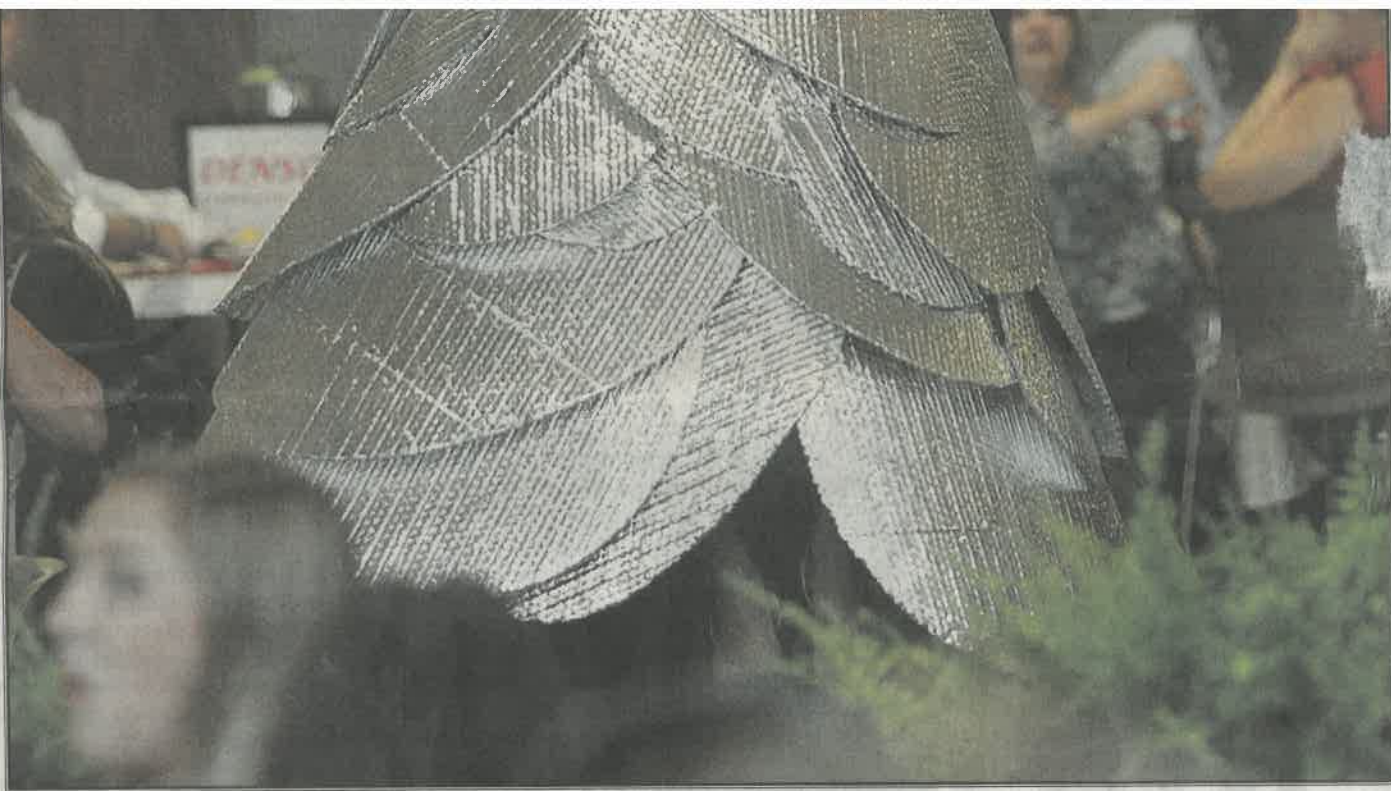
His family wanted to stay in touch with me afterward because they still loved me. I felt the same, so we remained connected through Face-



**DEAR
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book and the occasional phone call. After I remarried, their phone calls became less frequent, but we still remain connected on Facebook and message each other now and then.

It has been six years since



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even further apart now because they often post photos of my ex and his new wife, who has become their daughter in my place. It's painful because it's a reminder that our relationship is fading away. I miss them and the wonderful times we had together that we will never have again.

Sometimes I wonder if it was healthy for any of us to stay in touch since we will never see each other in person, and all our online connection does is make us sad that things aren't the way they used to be. Should I politely cut ties or continue holding on to the frayed ends of what tiny shred of closeness we still have? How can I let go of such wonderful people in my life? And yet, are they not already lost to me?

— HURTING EX-DAUGHTER-IN-LAW

DEAR HURTING: As the circumstances of life change, so can the intensity of relationships. It says a lot about the one you had with your in-laws that they have remained in contact with you all this time. However, you and your ex have remarried, and your lives have taken different paths. Because seeing posts of the new wife causes you pain, stop viewing them and concentrate your energies on the life you have now. If you do, you will be happier.

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Soon after quitting, I reached out to her twice for a letter of recommendation. To my dismay she never replied. I took it personally since I had worked alongside her for nearly five years. Abby, am I blowing this out of proportion, or should she have had the common courtesy to respond? Is it normal for businesses to ignore former employees when asking for a letter of recommendation for another job? — **CONFUSED IN THE WEST**

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CHRISTINE CLANTON AND RAY Hightower walk the runway modeling outfits by Team Rotary of Maryville during the Habitat for Humanity Construction Couture fundraiser.



WINONA DUBBERLEY AND EMBER Hill walk the runway, modeling dresses designed by Team Newell Brands during the Habitat for Humanity Construction Couture fundraiser. The teams were challenged with designing fashions using construction materials.

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DEAR CONFUSED: In some states, it can be risky for a company to provide a letter of recommendation. That is why if prospective employers ask for information, they are given only the dates the person was employed there, for fear of legal liability. This may be why your former employer was unwilling to write one for you.

READERS: Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

CONTACT DEAR Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

GET THE WORD OUT

BENEFITS

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH, 305 SIXTH ST., MARYVILLE

MAY 4: Church-wide rummage sale will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Concessions will be available. Rain or shine.

FOOD EVENTS

UNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 721 S. EVERETT HIGH ROAD, MARYVILLE

MAY 8: A free dinner will be held from 5-6 p.m. The menu consists of chicken casserole, green beans, corn, rolls, dessert and drinks. This is a nondenominational church. All are welcome.

HOMEcomings/DECORATION

DAY/CEMETERY ASSOCIATIONS

HISTORIC BETHLEHEM CHURCH AND CEMETERY, WALLAND

MAY 11: Decoration Day services will be held with traditional dinner on the grounds at 12:30 p.m. Bring covered dish and lawn chairs.

CALDERWOOD CEMETERY, CALDERWOOD, TENN.

MAY 5: The annual Decoration Day will be observed at the historic cemetery. Located near Calderwood Dam.

EUSEBIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1701 BURNETT STATION ROAD, SEYMOUR

MAY 18: Decoration Day will be observed. Refreshments will be provided throughout the day.

MAY 19: Homecoming will be celebrated with a bagpiper procession at 10:40 a.m. followed by lunch.

FOREST HILL BAPTIST CHURCH, 1850 FOREST HILL ROAD, MARYVILLE

MAY 19: Decoration Day will be observed.

MILLERS COVE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

MAY 19: The Association will hold its annual program and business meeting at 10 a.m. at Millers Cove Missionary Baptist Church, 317 W. Millers Cove Road, Walland.

MOTHER LOVE BAPTIST CHURCH, 3919 WRIGHTS FERRY ROAD, LOUISVILLE

MAY 5: The church will celebrate its 39th

Memphis. Dinner will be served following the service.

MT. TABOR MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, 1159 MIDDLESETTLEMENTS ROAD, MARYVILLE

MAY 5: A 50th anniversary homecoming will be celebrated. Service starts at 10:30 a.m. with lunch to follow.

NEW PROVIDENCE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, 2633 SIX MILE ROAD, MARYVILLE

MAY 5: Decoration Day will be observed. The Foothills Quartet will be singing in the 10 a.m. service. Lunch will follow.

PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, 3736 TUCKALEECHEE PIKE, MARYVILLE

MAY 11: A meeting of the stockholders will be held at 5 p.m. at the church. Everyone who owns a lot or has family members buried in Pleasant Grove cemetery are urged to attend.

MAY 12: Decoration Day will be observed. **UNION GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, 2217 BIG GULLY ROAD, MARYVILLE**

MAY 5: The annual Decoration Day will be observed starting at 10 a.m. Special singers will be Heavens Highways and others, with a service by the Rev. Ralph Patton.

MUSIC

BUTTERFLY GAP BAPTIST CHURCH, 4202 BUTTERFLY GAP LOOP ROAD, MARYVILLE

MAY 5: The Gospel Pioneers will sing during the 11 a.m. service.

FIELD OF DREAMS, 2508 MIDDLESETTLEMENTS ROAD, MARYVILLE

MAY 4: Gospel singing featuring Ray Ball and Family and the Russell Family at 6 p.m. For more information, call 865-984-4505.

OAKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH, 3501 OLD NILES FERRY ROAD, MARYVILLE

MAY 5: Wade Spencer of the Spencer Family will sing during the 11 a.m. service.

OTHER

EUSEBIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1701 BURNETT STATION ROAD, SEYMOUR

MAY 20: Medic Regional Blood Center will conduct a blood drive from 2-6 p.m.

with dementia and/or other chronic or long-term illnesses are invited to attend Caregiver Cafe. This is a time of respite and encouragement for caregivers that is held from 9-11 a.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month in the church's Family Life Center. For more information, call Linda Lawson at 865-982-5531 or email Lori Bishop at lbishop@corebi.net.

FRIENDSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 204 E. COLLEGE AVE., FRIENDSVILLE

MAY 5: Medic Regional Blood Center will have a blood drive from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. To schedule a time, call 865-335-2082.

GRAY RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH, 2527 S. CARVER ROAD, MARYVILLE

WEDNESDAYS: The Wednesday night services have started again, at 7 p.m. each week.

PARTNERSHIP CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 323 PARTNERSHIP PARKWAY, MARYVILLE

FRIDAYS: Overcomers Outreach, a 12-step Christ-centered support group, meets at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays. Those overcoming habits, addictions and compulsions are invited to come together for praise and share with one another in strict confidence. Come as you are. New Beginnings Worship Center, 6501 U.S. Highway 411 South, Greenback.

PLEASANT VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH, 487 COCHRAN ST., ALCOA

MAY 7-MAY 27: Fourth annual Month-of-Tuesdays meetings will take place at 7 p.m. each week. Mike Goodson will be the speaker on May 7 with By Grace singing; Freddie Gibson is the minister for May 14 with singing by The Supernals; minister Mike Carpenter will be the guest on May 21 with Foothills Quartet singing; Danny Jenkins will lead the May 28 session with the Valley River Trio.

REST HAVEN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, 224 E. WATT ST., ALCOA

TUESDAYS: Prayer and meditation is held from noon to 3 p.m. Walk-ins welcome. **RIO EAST AT ROCKFORD, 3750 OLD KNOXVILLE HIGHWAY, ROCKFORD**

Home repair funds are now available for senior homeowners

From staff reports

Blount County Habitat for Humanity is happy to announce Senior Housing Trust Fund Aging in Place grants are available to qualifying senior homeowners in Blount County.

Aging in Place funds are used for crucial home repairs helping seniors live in their own homes longer. Possible repair and modification projects may include grab bar installation, roofing, heating and air, bathroom modifications, ramps, trip hazard removal, etc.

Call Habitat's office, 865-982-8717, or visit website, blounthabitat.org, for more information, to request an application, or to schedule application assistance.

Applications are accepted year-round as funding is available and is used on a first qualified, first served basis.

Interested homeowners should be aware of the eligibility require-

ments including:

- Home needing repairs is on a permanent foundation
- Proof you own the home and land in Blount County and live there full-time
- 60 years of age or older
- City and County property taxes are current
- Either no mortgage owed, or the mortgage is current (reverse mortgages are reviewed on a case-by-case basis)
- Household income up to 60% area median income (income limits available at our website, blounthabitat.org, or by calling our office, 865-982-8717)

The funding for this project was provided through a grant awarded by the Davidson County Chancery Court, Part III from the Senior Trust/Elder Trust settlement (Case No. 11-1548-III) and through a contract administered by the Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability.

BRIEFS

Public invited to

Food will be avail-

COMPETE: Fundraising event presented by DENSO

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competition included Team Burrell Built Roofing, whose design was inspired by this weekend's Kentucky Derby; Team Girls Inc. of Blount County, with a dress made from a burlap painters tarp and parachute cord; Team Newell Brands designed a gown fit for a goddess, using canvas drop cloth, PVC pipe, window screen and duct tape, while model Winona Dubberly had an escort, Ember Hill, who was dressed as a peacock; and Team Designing Dixie made the shoes for their model from a block of wood.

Team Ladies of Justice — Legalshield was inspired by women who fought for equality, including women's right to vote. The gavel purse their model carried paid homage to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg.

Team Cirrus Aircraft's models were Angie Toftey and Edith Toftey. The materials for the dresses included window screening, painters plastic, painted sandpaper, nails, washers and paint chips.

Jaton Martin served as the model for Team Exit Ten Pennies. A Real-

tor, she danced to "Brick House," to the delight and applause of attendees. Martin said this was her first time ever on a model runway. She loved it and said she looks forward to next year.

This fundraising event was presented by DENSO Manufacturing

'Everybody deserves an opportunity for a better life.'

Amanda Horn

Women Build committee co-chair

Tennessee and sponsored by PCS, Simmons Bank and Maryville Chapter of Rotary International. Co-chairs for the Women Build committee are Tracy Queen and Amanda Horn.

"Everybody deserves an opportunity for a better life," Horn told those gathered Thursday. "Habitat for Humanity partners with our community to build a place they can call home."

Queen encouraged the audience to get involved with the upcoming

Women Build by picking up a hammer or by making a donation. "Every dollar we raise today goes to the construction of this year's Women Build home," she said.

The Women Build committee was recognized. There are 22 of them, including Vanessa Sparks of Habitat.

DENSO spokesperson Katie Warf took to the stage to express her company's gratitude for being part of this project. She said as a person in charge of putting together team-building exercises, this one has been the most popular.

DENSO has sponsored four Habitat builds, she said, totaling 1,000 hours of volunteer assistance.

To put the purpose of this fun event into perspective, a video was shown of one of Habitat for Humanity's most recent homeowners, Miranda Van Hoy, who has moved into her new home in Alcoa. The mom and her two daughters had been living in a small apartment off Alcoa Highway. Their new Habitat home has a yard, much more space, and a washer and dryer — something this mom didn't have.

Habitat has given them a safe place to call home, Van Hoy said.

Behind Red Shield

Behind the Red Shield, the annual fundraiser for Blount County Salvation Army, will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 9, at New Providence Presbyterian Church, 703 W. Broadway Ave., Maryville. Admission is free and the public is invited.

The evening's events include Blount County Mayor Ed Mitchell as the master of ceremony. There will be a silent auction and also a food truck on the premises before and after the event. The Knoxville Jazz Orchestra will perform and Community Partner Awards will be presented. The Salvation Army History Museum will host an exhibit. Stories of hope and inspiration will be shared.

Appetizers and desserts will be served.

Highlander Center benefit will be May 6

In response to the recent fire at the Highlander Center, a benefit for the Highlander Center, "A Gathering of Neighbors," will take place from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6, at The Creek Cafe, 110 E. Old Andrew Johnson Highway, Johnson City. Everyone is invited to an evening of music, art and community to support the Highlander Center and its work for justice, equality and sustainability.

Music will be provided by Cary Stewart, Cat Faber and Lois Gilbert. Speakers will include the Rev. Allen McCall

can be made to the Highlander Center during the event.

Listening Hearts open to grieving moms

Listening Hearts, A Gathering of Bereaved Moms, will meet for grief support at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14, at Celebration Lutheran Church, 10330 Chapman Highway, Seymour. The group serves all bereaved moms regardless of the age of the child, the cause of death or the length of time since the child's passing. Mothers are invited to bring photos, songs, mementos, etc. to share. No fee or prior registration is required. For more information, call 865-679-1351 or email listeningheartsmoms@gmail.com.

Storyteller Sparks to present workshop

Writer and storyteller Minton Sparks will present a writing workshop this year as part of the 2019 Flatwater Storytelling Festival from 1-4 p.m. on Friday, May 31, at the UT Arboretum Auditorium, 901 S. Illinois Ave., in Oak Ridge.

Sparks will conduct a three-hour interactive writing workshop, "My Crazy Kin-Transform Your Family Stories into a Compelling Personal Narrative."

Tickets are \$100 and there is a maximum of 30 participants. Buy tickets at Flatwatertales.com, Eventbrite.com

DAILY CALENDAR

CLASSES OFFERED

MARTIAL ARTS: Will be offered from 6:30-9 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at Faith Encounter, 2342 Duncan Road, Maryville. Harold Nuchols, an eighth degree Black Belt, will offer instruction. For information, call 984-0465.

ANTI BULLY/ANTI-ABDUCTION CLASSES: For children ages 7-12, from 6-7 p.m. on Tuesdays at Smoky Mountain Self Defense, 2422 E.

STOCK UP INVESTMENT CLUB:

Meets from 10 a.m. to noon the third Tuesday of each month. The club is a member of National Association of Investment Clubs. Meetings are open for visitors. For more information, call Ethel at 865-566-4222.

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION:

Meets on the third Monday of each month at the Shoney's in Maryville. Meal at 6 p.m. and meeting at 7 p.m. All motorcycle riders

MILITARY VETERANS LUNCH BUNCH:

Group meets at 11 a.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Asbury of Maryville's clubhouse bistro. For more information, contact retired Capt. Tom Teague at 789-5896 or retired Master Sgt. Jim Watson at 389-1400.

BLOUNT COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION:

Meets from 6:30-8:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month except in September and December, at Maryville

therapeutic support group and a child therapeutic support group on Mondays to victims and survivors of domestic abuse, facilitated by licensed therapist. For more information, call the outreach office at 983-6818. A 24-hour crisis hotline is also available at 982-1087.

SMOKY MOUNTAIN CANCER SUPPORT GROUP:

An American Cancer Society self-help group providing support for people with cancer, their