# **RWRC** News

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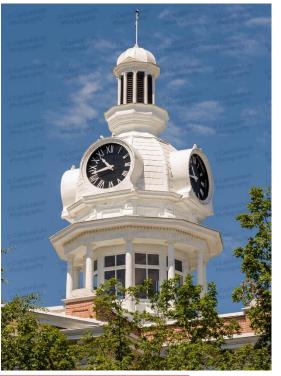
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# 100th Anniversary of the Ratification of the 19th Amendment

August 2020 is an exciting month in Women's History in the state of Tennessee. It is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment which gave women the right to vote. Those who have studied women's history know this did not occur overnight, but in actuality was a hard fought campaign for 75 years. Men and women alike fought those who wanted women to have a say in their government. Those who campaigned in the Woman Suffrage Movement had to endure emotional and physical assault just so they could be recognized as equals. Today, it is hard to believe there was a time when women were thought incapable of higher education or even decision making. Thankfully, change occurred.

On June 4, 1919 Congress passed the Amendment saying that women should have the right to vote. On August 18, 1920, Tennessee was the thirty-sixth state to ratify the Amendment, which was all that was needed to certify its adoption. It wasn't an easy battle in Tennessee either to gain the necessary votes, but it did happen. A great deal of drama played out after the vote. Much of the drama is very similar to what we see daily in our media. Anti-suffragist legislators and advocates bribed, threatened and cajoled pro-suffrage legislators. A re-count was required, but the vote was the same. Tennessee voted to ratify the Amendment becoming known as delivering the Perfect 36.

Don't let this election pass by without doing your part. Educate yourself about the candidates. Help Republicans win local, state and national seats. Let your voice be heard. Our nation and its future is at stake. Remember what your female ancestors fought to accomplish. They did this for you. MW

#### PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR CLUB'S WEBSITE at <u>www.rwrc.us</u> Like our Facebook page: Republican Women of Rutherford County

#### Our Immediate Help Is Requested by Senator Marsha Blackburn and the NFRW

Our immediate assistance and action are needed and urgently requested by Senator Marsha Blackburn and the NFRW on the Human Trafficking bill - S.3398, EARN IT Act (Eliminating Abusive and Rampant Neglect of Interactive Technologies). <a href="http://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/3398/text">http://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/3398/text</a> The bill, which is designed to fight online child sexual exploitation, was ordered reported unanimously from the Senate Judiciary Committee on July 2 (vote of 22-0) and will now move to the floor of the Senate. Senator Blackburn's END Child Exploitation Act is incorporated into the legislation. We are urging all TFRW members to please:

- 1. Call/write/email Senator Lamar Alexander and encourage him to support/urge Senator Mitch McConnell to schedule this bill on the Senate Floor as soon as possible.
- 2. Call/write/email our Tennessee Congressmen and tell them you want to see the EARN IT Act passed. Attached for your convenience is a list of addresses/numbers for Senator Alexander and our Congressmen. Knowing that the 116th Congress will end on January 3, 2021, we cannot assume it is safe to believe that the EARN IT and other Human Trafficking bills we are monitoring will be reintroduced in 2021 thus the urgency. Your continued support with your calls, letters and emails makes a difference in reminding these legislators of the seriousness of this sex trafficking problem.

Thank you in advance for your always strong support!

Millie Gump, NFRW Legislation Committee, TFRW Area 9 Vice President
Felicia Hix, TFRW Legislation Chair

See the attached document for the phone numbers and website address of Senator Alexander and various U.S. House of Representatives that represent the state of Tennessee. Please reach out!

# Officers of the Republican

### Women of Rutherford County

President: Terri Kilgour

1st Vice President: Karen Hudson

2nd Vice President: Marzee Woodward

Secretary: Liz Bouma

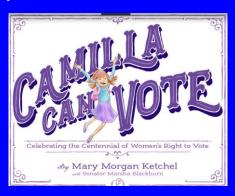
**Treasurer: Andrea Norberg** 

**Chaplain: Rose Marie Shipley** 

**Past President: Felicia Hix** 

#### The Books Are In

The books are in. If you would like one of the books written by Mary Morgan Ketchel and her mother, Senator Marsha Blackburn, we have received a shipment. The children's book is about the history of the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment and the role Tennessee played in its passage. Each book is \$20 with checks made payable to RWRC.



#### **Calendar of Events**

August 18th - Speaker: Teb Batey - Rutherford County Trustee - See below.

August 18th Meeting at 5:45 for Republican Women of Rutherford County

at Through the Grapevine (630 Broadmor Street, Suite 190 in Murfreesboro)

Speaker Rutherford County Trustee, Teb Batey, as well as Silent Auction for the State Iris Fund

RSVP by noon on August 13th

Meal is \$15 per person. Cash or Checks accepted.

Checks are made to Republican Women of Rutherford County.

Please note when you make a reservation, and do not come you are still responsible for payment, as food is being made for you.

The reservations can be made by emailing Marzee Woodward at <a href="marzeew@gmail.com">marzeew@gmail.com</a> with your name and number of reservations being made or text Marzee at 615-479-6721 with your name and RWRC reservation.

Looking forward to being with this like-minded group of women.

#### **Election Date to Keep in Mind:**

August 6<sup>th</sup> Winners: Congratulations are given to newly elected Circuit Court Judge Jo Atwood and new School Board Member Claire Maxwell. We are very proud of your accomplishments!

**November 3rd, 2020**: State & Federal General, Eagleville, LaVergne & Smyrna Municipal Elections

Silent Auction at August 18th Meeting

We are helping to raise money for the Tennessee Federation of Republican Women's (TFRW) Iris Fund. The Iris Fund has been available for several years to help Republican candidates who may need financial assistance. We need every member to lend a helping hand and you can do this one of two ways. You can donate an item for the Silent Auction we are having at our Meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Just take a picture, send it to Marzee (marzeew@gmail.com) as well as an estimated cost of the item, and then bring it early to the meeting for bidding. A bid sheet will be provided for your item. (If you cannot be at the meeting, please email Marzee on how you can drop your items or donation off beforehand.) The bidding will end after the meeting. All funds collected will be donated. OR you can drop a donation into the donation jar that will be available. Either way, we are helping our state organization and we hope you will participate.



August 18<sup>th</sup>'s Speaker

Teb Batey

Rutherford County Trustee

**Teb Batey** is a lifelong resident of Rutherford County. After selling B&B Awards and Engraving, a partnership he started as a junior in high school, Teb pursued a degree in business administration from David Lipscomb University. He then worked full time at Batey's Office Supply and Photo, while he completed a Master of Business Administration degree from MTSU. In 2006 he was elected Rutherford County Trustee and has served in that position since then. He has many accomplishments in this position. In 2014 he was recognized as Tennessee's Outstanding Trustee for that year.

Teb has served as minister for Milton church of Christ since 1989. He is a husband, father, farmer, and board member for numerous organizations. We are thrilled to have him speak this month to share with us what his job as County Trustee entails. Please be ready with questions for Teb and welcome him to our fabulous group.

#### **Great Meeting on July 21st at GOP Headquarters**

We had a great meeting in July at the GOP Headquarters. Jo Atwood came by and explained why she was running for Circuit Court Judge. She was appointed to this position by Governor Lee and is now running for the office. (SHE WON IT! YAY!)

Our speaker, State Representative Charlie Baum, shared information about his position as Representative from the 37<sup>th</sup> District. He serves on the Finance Ways and Means Committee which works to balance the state's budget. Both were excellent presentations and informed our members of what is going on in our community and state. Thank you!



Representative Baum

Jo Atwood

**Group at Meeting** 

Keep inviting friends to come and join us at our informative meetings. Be an informed voter!



Let Rutherford County's Republican Women know we are here!

# **Bits and Pieces of Information**

# Information you NEED to know

#### **Getting the Call out**

Blake Hassler from the Republican Caucus will share at our August meeting how the Caucus needs our help. Representative Baum has Democrat Mariah Phillips running against him. Blake will share how we can help Charlie win his race. It is imperative that we keep all Republican seats.



\$2 each for members

#### **Items for Sale**

We will have at the meeting GOP items from Headquarters, Suffrage corsages, pins and the Ketchel/Blackburn book.
Cash or checks are accepted. GOP items include: Trump Hats/Visors,
Trump Flags, Trump buttons, Trump bumper stickers, T-shirts,
Miscellaneous jewelry, and Books.
Email marzeew@gmail.com if you need to know the prices.

#### **New Member Watch**

Please welcome new member Laura Messick. She recently became a member and we are excited to add her to our number. We now have 48 members. In February we had 31 members. Yay!!!



#### **Headquarter Volunteers Needed**

Daniel Gammon, chair of the Republican Party of Rutherford County, is asking for volunteers until November to help at The Republican Headquarters on Saturday mornings. The GOP has many great items for sale and we can help distribute these. This is a great way we can provide assistance in this important year. Email Marzee at marzeew@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer.



Our organization accepted the National Federation's Challenge to create a video using one of three suggested prompts. Yes, it took a few tries but the video turned out great and we appreciate the President helping us pull it off. Thank you, Marzee, Brenda, Liz, Lisa, Terri and Andrea. Check out their *Women Voters* song on our Facebook page and let's hope we win. P.S. Received a wonderful email from a National Representative from NFRW who was very

impressed with our club's video. YAY!



## **Keep Inviting Women to Our Meetings**

On recent outings one of our members noticed there are many women who are just like us. They expressed how fed up and tired they are with the way the media and Democrats are pushing their agenda. She invited each to our August meeting. Let's continue to tell women in our community about our organization of women who care about our country and invite them to come to a meeting. We need to get the message out!

# Spotlight on Members Survey: Please Send in Picture of Yourself and answer the questions below. WE NEED YOU!

Please complete any parts of this form you are comfortable with completing and give to Marzee Woodward at a meeting or you can email it to her at <a href="marzeew@gmail.com">marzeew@gmail.com</a>. Headshots need to be sent by email or text her your picture at 615-479-6721. We are excited to get to know about you. (Please note the editor will condense if needed.)

1. Tell us something you would like to share about yourself.
a. Hobbies?
b. Passions?
c. Pets?
d. Any special travels?
e. Why did you decide to join the Republican Women of Rutherford County?