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Maudie's Naughties



Shopping Precaution

Be very careful when shopping around Richmond stores. There's a gang of con artists that have been working the parking lots there. They target husbands waiting in the car while their wife is shopping. Two very attractive young females wearing skimpy t-shirts will spray water on the car's windshield and will pretend to be cleaning the glass while pressing their bodies against the windshield. While the driver is distracted, a third person reaches into the back seat of the car and steals any shopping bags. This is getting to be a real problem. One Ravenna man has already been robbed seven times.

You Don't Say

A little old lady is sitting on a park bench in a Florida retirement community. A man walks over and sits down on the other end of the bench.

After a few moments, the woman asks, "Are you a stranger here?"

He replies, "I lived here years ago."

"So, where were you all these years?"

"In prison," he says.

"Why did they put you in prison?"

He looks at her, and very quietly says, "I killed my wife."

"Oh!" says the woman. "So you're single..."

Letter From Home

Dear Billy Joe Bob,

I'm writing this slow because I know you can't read fast. We don't live where we did when you left home. Your Pa read in the newspaper that most accidents happen within 20 minutes of your home, so we moved. I won't be able to send you the address because the last family that lived here took the house numbers when they moved so they wouldn't have to change their address. This place is really nice. It even has a washing machine. I'm not sure it works so well, though. Last week I put a load of clothes in and pulled the chain, we haven't seen it since. The weather isn't bad here. It only rained twice last week; the first time for three days and the second time for four days. About that coat you wanted me to send; your Uncle Bubba said it would be too heavy to send in the mail with the buttons on, so we cut them off and put them in the pockets. Bubba locked his keys in the car yesterday. We were really worried because it took him two hours to get me and your father out. Your sister had a baby this morning, but I haven't found out what it is yet so I don't know if you are an aunt or uncle. The baby looks just like your brother. Uncle Bobby Ray fell into a whiskey vat last week. Some men tried to pull him out but he fought them off and drowned. We had him cremated; he burned for three days. Three of your friends went off a bridge in a pickup truck. Butch was driving He rolled down the window and swam to safety. Your other two friends were in the back, they drowned because they couldn't get the tailgate down.

Love Ma

Watch Where You Send It

A little boy wants \$100 very badly. His father tells him to get a job. His mother tells him to pray to God for it. He prays for several weeks but nothing happened. So, he decides to write God a letter to ask for the \$100. When the post office sees the letter addressed to God, they decide to forward it to the President. The President is so impressed and amused that he instructs his secretary to send the boy \$5. The little boy appreciates the money and sits down to write a thank you letter which reads: Dear God, Thank you for sending me the money. But next time don't send it through Washington. As usual, the crooked politicians kept 95% of it for themselves.

Remember When

A woman wakes in the middle of the night to find her husband missing from their bed. In the stillness of the house, she can hear a muffled sound downstairs. She goes downstairs and looks around, still not finding her husband.

Listening again, she can definitely hear moaning. She goes down to the basement where she finally finds her husband crouched in the corner facing the wall, sobbing.

"What's wrong with you?" she asks him.

"Remember when your father caught us messing around when you were sixteen?" he replies. "And remember he said I had two choices: I could either marry you, or spend the next twenty years in prison."

Baffled, she says, "Yes, I remember, so what?"

The husband sobs, "I would have gotten out today."

Enough is Enough!

There was a preacher whose wife was expecting a baby, so he goes before the congregation and asks for a raise. After much discussion, they pass a rule that whenever the preacher's family expands, so would his paycheck.

But after the sixth child, it starts getting too expensive, so the congregation decides to hold another meeting to discuss the preacher's salary.

After much discussion and bickering about how much the preacher's extra children were costing the church, the pastor finally stands up and says, "Children are a gift from God."

Silence falls on the congregation for a long time.

Finally, from a back pew, a little old lady stands up and in a small, frail voice says, "Rain is also a gift from God, but when we get too much, most of us have enough sense to wear a raincoat."

Public Service Commission Release

PSC Grants Rate Adjustment To Jackson Energy

The Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) has granted a rate adjustment to Jackson Energy Cooperative Corp.

In an order issued last week, the PSC accepted Jackson Energy's proposal to increase its annual revenue by \$4.11 million, or about 4.6 percent. The PSC agreed that the increase is needed to reverse a decline in the utility's financial condition.

Over the next 18 months, Jackson Energy will increase rates in three equal steps, with the increase coming next month, in September and finally in September 2015. The increase will be confined to the monthly customer charge.

For residential customers, the monthly customer charge will increase in three increments of \$2 each. The first, which takes effect March 1, will increase the monthly customer charge from the current \$10.44 to \$12.44. In September of this year it will rise to \$14.44 and then go up to \$16.44 in September of next year.

Jackson Energy estimates that the typical residential customer will experience a 5.14 percent increase in the monthly bill when the rate adjustment is completed.

In requesting to implement the rate increase in phases, Jackson Energy noted the difficult economic conditions in its service territory. A gradual

increase is preferable to larger one-time increase, the utility said.

Jackson Energy has about 51,240 customers in Breathitt, Clay, Estill, Garrard, Jackson, Laurel, Lee, Leslie, Madison, Owsley, Powell, Pulaski, Rockcastle and Wolfe counties in east-central Kentucky. It is one of 16 cooperatives that own and purchase power from the East Kentucky Power Cooperative Inc.

The PSC last granted a rate adjustment to Jackson Energy in June 2008.

In today's order, the PSC noted that Jackson Energy said it did not become aware of its deteriorating financial situation until February 2013, and then waited six months before applying for a rate increase. The utility should have known much sooner that its finances were declining and should have moved with more urgency to address the issue, the PSC said.

Although the rate case did not address Jackson Energy's existing demand-side management (DSM) and energy efficiency programs, the PSC's order urges the utility

to continue its efforts to encourage customer participation and to expand those programs in the future.

In its order, the PSC said it "believes that energy conservation, energy efficiency and DSM will become increasingly important in Kentucky." The rates structure it approved in the order should stabilize Jackson Energy's finances and enable the utility to "vigorously pursue" expansion of DSM and energy efficiency programs, the PSC said.

The PSC directed Jackson Energy to file annual reports on its progress in those areas.

Jackson Energy filed its application for a rate adjustment on Aug. 8, 2013. After deficiencies in the original application were corrected, the PSC accepted the application on Sept. 6, 2013.

There were no other parties to the case. The application was the subject of a PSC hearing on Jan. 28.

The PSC's order, other documents in the case and a video of the hearing are available on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov.

Agriculture Events

Monday, March 10th

Fruit Tree Pruning Demo And Grafting Workshop

On Monday, March 10th, Estill County Extension will host a fruit tree pruning demonstration at Earl Blackwell's place at 242 Kirkland Avenue, Irvine. The meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m.

In addition, there will be a fruit tree grafting workshop the same day at 7:00 p.m. located at the Extension Office off Stacy Lane. Call 723-4557 for more details.

Through March 21, 2014

Strawberry Plants & More

The Estill County Cooperative Extension Service will be taking orders for reasonably priced and good quality strawberry, blackberry, blueberry, raspberry, asparagus, and Candy onion plants through March 21st. Orders must be prepaid with delivery expected early April. If you are interested or need more information, call 606-723-4557.

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