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Maudie's Naughties



The Atheist and The Bear

An atheist is hiking through the Red River Gorge. "What majestic trees! What powerful rivers! What beautiful animals!" he says to himself.

As he is walking alongside the river he hears a rustling in the bushes behind him. He turns to look. He sees a huge male bear charging towards him. He runs as fast as he can up the trail. He looks over his shoulder and sees that the bear is closing in on him. He looks over his shoulder again, and the bear is even closer. He trips and falls on the ground. He rolls over to pick himself up but sees the bear right on top of him, reaching for him with his left paw and raising his right paw to strike him.

At that instant the Atheist cries out: "Oh, my God! . . ."

Time stops. The bear freezes. The forest is silent. As a bright light shines upon the man, a voice comes out of the sky: "You deny my existence for all of these years, teach others I don't exist, and even credit creation to a cosmic accident. Do you expect me to help you out of this predicament? Am I to count you as a believer?"

The atheist looks directly into the light, "It would be hypocritical of me to suddenly ask You to treat me as a Christian now, but perhaps . . . could you make the BEAR a Christian?"

"Very well," says the voice. The light goes out. The sounds of the forest resume. And then the bear drops his right paw, brings both paws together, bows his head and speaks: "Lord, bless this food, which I am about to receive . . ."

Identifying Bears

Q: How do you visually tell the difference between a black bear and a grizzly bear?

A: When you see the bear, climb a tree. If it climbs up the tree and kills you, it's a black bear. If it knocks the tree down and kills you, it's a grizzly bear.

More Bear Identification

In light of the rising frequency of human/grizzly bear conflicts, the Alaska Department of Fishing and Gaming is advising hikers, hunters, and fishermen to take extra precautions and keep alert of bears while in the field. The department has posted the following notice:

We advise that outdoorsmen wear noisy little bells on their clothing so as not to startle any bears.

We also advise outdoorsmen to carry pepper spray with them in case of an encounter with a bear.

It is also a good idea to watch out for fresh signs of bear activity. Outdoorsmen should recognize the difference between black bear and grizzly bear feces. Black bear feces is smaller and contains lots of berries and squirrel fur. Grizzly bear feces has little bells in it and smells like pepper.

Bears in Needmore

"Pa," says Junior. "I know why they haven't caught that bear that attacked the man in the Gorge. He's changing colors."

"How's that," asks Pa.

"Well, it was a brown bear that attacked the man, but they say the bear was spotted in Lee County."

"Pa," says Little Julie. "How come we don't have bears up here in Needmore."

"Well," says Pa. "Bear eat berries and table scraps from the garbage. We like berries, so we pick them all. And folks around Needmore don't leave enough scraps to keep a mouse alive, let alone a bear."

Prayerful Encounter

An Arctic explorer comes face to face with a polar bear. Afraid of being eaten, he falls to his knees and starts praying. When the polar bear kneels down beside him and starts praying too, the man shouts, "It's a miracle!" The polar bear opens one eye and says "Don't talk while I'm saying grace."

Bear Tales

A papa polar bear, a mama polar bear, and a baby polar bear get stranded on an ice-floe and drift out to sea. They decide to tell stories to pass the time. Papa tells his favorite story about the time he outwits a hunter. Mama tells a story about the time she tricks a seal into coming for lunch.

Then Papa turns to the baby bear. "What's your story, son?" he asks. The baby bear shivers. "My tail's cold!" he replies.

The Checkup

An 80-year-old man is having his annual checkup, and the doctor asks him how he is feeling.

"I've never been better!" he boasts. "I've got an eighteen year old bride who's pregnant, and having my child! What do you think about that?"

The doctor considers this for a moment, then says, "Let me tell you a story. I know a guy who is an avid hunter. He never misses a season. But one day he goes out in a bit of a hurry, and he accidentally grabs his umbrella instead of his gun."

The doctor continues, "So he is in the woods, and suddenly a grizzly bear appears in front of him! He raises up his umbrella, points it at the bear, and squeezes the handle."

"And do you know what happened?" the doctor queries.

Dumbfounded, the old man replies "No."

The doctor continues, "The bear drops dead in front of him!" "That's impossible!" exclaims the old man. "Someone else must have shot that bear."

"That's kind of what I'm getting at . . ." replies the doctor.

Several Attend Jackson Energy's 76th Annual Meeting

Clear skies and perfect temperatures brought out a large crowd for Jackson Energy's 76th annual meeting. Held on July 3, the event had a decidedly patriotic theme and co-op members drove under a large flag held by two Jackson Energy bucket trucks as they entered the annual meeting grounds.

Several thousand Jackson Energy members and visitors gathered in the field on KY HWY 290 to visit vendor tents, community exhibits, the cruise-in car show and enjoy entertainment and fireworks.

The Ladies for Liberty performed two shows, including one of music in the style of the popular 1940s group The Andrews Sisters. In keeping with the patriotic theme, a red, white and blue banner featuring a lineman and patriotic bunting decorated the main stage under the big tent.

Jackson Energy President & CEO Carol Wright addressed the crowd at the business meeting and urged co-op members to voice their concerns about recently announced EPA regulations. Wright warned members the regulations will raise electric rates and said now is the time to speak out about keeping rates affordable.

Three Jackson Energy board members were re-elected during the business meeting. They were Fred Callahan, Owsley County; Ted Cundiff, Lee County; and Keith Binder, South Laurel County.

Wright and Board Chairman Phil Thompson also recognized scholarship winners and students who participated in this year's Washington Youth Tour program.

Keavy's Chris Smith was

presented the 2014 Lineman Scholarship. Smith won a \$3,500 scholarship to attend the Lineman's Training Program at Somerset Community College.

Winners of the \$2,000 college scholarship were - Rachel Gaines, Jackson County; Tanner Hacker, Clay County; Adam Holmes, Owsley County; Justin Austin, Lee County; Michael Witt, Estill County; Evan Singleton, Rockcastle County; Sawyer Holcomb,

North Laurel; and Zachary Schoolcraft, South Laurel.

Washington Youth Tour students who were recognized at the meeting were Matthew Herald, Laurel County; Jaclyn Johnson, Jackson County; Karlie Reed, Laurel County; and Andie Walters, Laurel County.

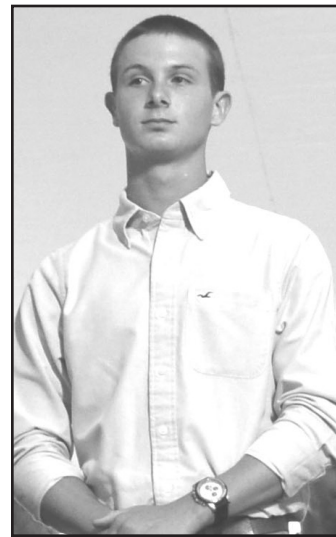
Herald was also honored for being selected as Kentucky's delegate to the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's

Youth Leadership Council. He will represent Kentucky at the 2015 NRECA Annual Meeting and attend leadership training in Washington, D.C.

Five co-op members also won \$100 each during the Grand Prize drawing. They were Cindy Vickers, Jackson County; Ronnie Tillery, Jackson County; Angela Fox, Lee County; Mike Johnson, Estill County; and Edgar Eversole, Jackson County.



The grand prize winners at Jackson Energy's Annual Meeting each received \$100. They were, from left to right, Mike Johnson, Estill County; Cindy Vickers, Jackson County; Angela Fox, Lee County; Edgar Eversole, Jackson County; and Ronnie Tillery, Jackson County.



Michael Andrew Witt of Estill County was among several students receiving \$2,000 scholarships at the Jackson Energy Annual Meeting.

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