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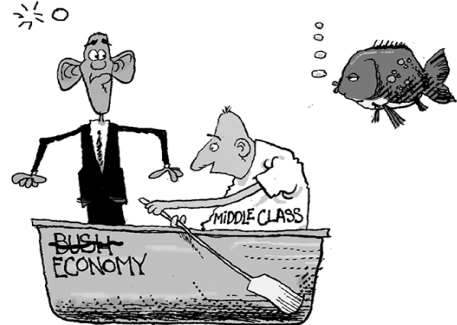
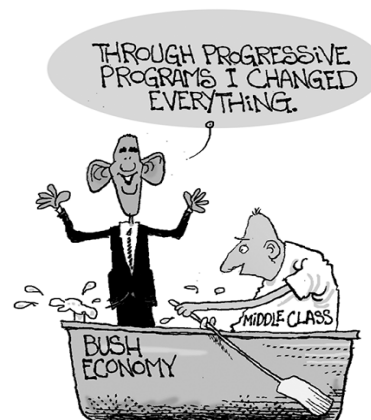
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Maudie's Naughties



Dear Maudie,

The Farmer's Almanac is predicting a very cold winter. It must be true because the squirrels are gathering NUTS. Three of my neighbors have disappeared. Are you O.K.?

Kousin Kandie in Kansas

Going To The Moon

Pa, Junior and Howard Green are sitting on the store porch. "Pa," says Howard, "Did you know the Americans were the first on the moon?"

"Yep," says Pa. "But the Russians beat us in space!"
 "So, what?!" boasts Junior. "We'll be the first on the sun!"
 "You can't land on the sun!" says Pa. "You'll burn up."
 "We're not stupid," replies Howard. "We're going at night!"

Yankee In Town

Pa and Farmer Green are sitting on the store porch one day when a shiny, new car comes rolling up Needmore Hollow and screeches to a stop in front of the store and a well-dressed gentleman jumps out and runs up to Pa.

"I just want you to know that I haven't taken back all I've said about you people and your backward, hillbilly ways," he says, "But I need to use your outhouse really bad!"

"Go right ahead," says Pa, and the gentleman rushes up the bank to a little, broken down outhouse sitting next to the creek."

Watching in amazement, Farmer Green says, "Pa, you've had an inside bathroom nearly all your life. I thought you were going to tear down that old toilet years ago."

"I was," says Pa. "But I just don't have the heart to tell these Yankees."

Poachers

A little while later, the game warden pulls up to the store in front of Pa and Farmer Green.

"Say," says Pa. "Did you catch those Yankees that were hunting turkey out of season up at the head of the holler that I told you about?"

"Well, sort of," says the game warden. "They shot down that old buzzard that always sits up on the cliff at Buffalo Point waiting for something to fall dead. Done had him cleaned and in their big expensive fryer by the time I got there. I just didn't think it was worth the trouble to tell them what they had wasn't a turkey."

Trip to The Doctor

Bambi goes into the doctor's office and tells him that her body hurts wherever she touches it.

"Impossible!" says the doctor. "Show me."

Bambi takes her finger, pushes on her left shoulder and screams, then she pushes her elbow and screams even more. She pushes her knee and screams; likewise she pushes her ankle and screams. Everywhere she touches makes her scream. "What's wrong with me?" she asks.

"Just a small part of your problem," says the doctor, "Is that your finger is broken!"

Speeding

Trixie comes flying down Needmore Hollow, and Sheriff Rocky pulls her over for speeding. He asks to see her license.

"I wish you guys would get your act together," she says. "Yesterday, you take my license away from men, and then today, you expect me to show it to you!"

The Turkey

When I was a young turkey, new to the coop . . . My big brother Tom took me out on the stoop.

Then he sat me down, and he spoke real slow, And he told me there was something that I just had to know;

His look and his tone I will always remember, When he told me of horrors . . . come late in November;

"Come about August, now listen to me,

Each day you'll get six meals instead of just three,

And soon you'll be thick, where once you were thin,

And you'll grow a big rubbery thing on your chin;

"And then one morning, when you're warm in your bed,

The farm wife comes in and hacks off your head;

"Then she'll pluck out your feathers so you're all bald'n pink,

And scoop out your innerds right there in the sink;

"And then comes the worst part" he said . . . I'm not bluffing,

"She'll spread your cheeks wide n' pack your rear with stuffing."

Well, the rest of his words were too grim to repeat,

I sat on the stoop like a winged piece of meat,

And decided on the spot that to avoid being cooked,

I'm gonna lay low to remain overlooked.

I began a new diet of nuts and granola,

High-roughage salads, carrot juice, . . . diet cola.

And as they ate pastries, chocolate, and crepes,

I stayed in my room doing Jane Fonda tapes.

I maintained my weight of two pounds and a half,

And acted like I'm sick when the bigger birds laughed;

For 'twas I who was laughing, under my breath,

As they chomped and they chewed, ever closer to death.

And sure enough when late November rolled around,

I was the last turkey left walking around . . .

So now I'm a pet in the farmer's wife's lap;

I haven't a worry, so I eat . . . and I nap;

She holds me all day, while sewing and humming,

And smiles at me, and sings, "Christmas time is coming."

Letters To The Editor

Saying "Good Bye" To A Great Paramedic

Estill County is saying "Good Bye" to a great Paramedic, Ron Jackson.

Ron is Director of the Estill County EMS and has been with EMS for over twenty years. Under Ron's leadership, Estill County Emergency Medical Services has grown tremendously and we are very fortunate

to have such a great service that provides quality emergency care to the community. We know that in a time of need, each person requiring emergency medical services will receive excellent care from the Estill County EMS team.

Ron and his team were also very instrumental in

helping Marcum and Wallace Memorial Hospital obtain our Level IV trauma certification. From the hospital's perspective, during an Emergency, we are one team working together to save lives.

Please join us by saying "THANKS" to Ron for his years of service to Estill

County.

Although Ron will be missed, we wish him the best and appreciate all of his hard work as he is leaving us with such a great Emergency Medical Service.

Rodney Davis, Chairman
 MWMH Bd. of Trustees
 Susan Starling, CEO
 MWMH

Making A Landmark Decision At The Polls

This letter is to all the good people of Ravenna as we prepare to make a landmark decision this year when we go to the polls to vote on Tuesday, November 4th, 2014.

First of all, I want to make it perfectly clear to all the residents of Ravenna that this could be one of the most important votes that you will ever cast. This vote is for the life or death of the "City of Ravenna." I have no intention of telling, asking or hinting as to how you should vote on the question that is being put forth on the Voting Ballet on Tuesday, November 4th, regarding the merger between Irvine and Ravenna. I think that you are all perfectly capable of making your own decisions. A "NO" vote lets our city live whereas a "YES" vote gives our city to Irvine. All I want to do is clarify a fact that some foresee as gloom and doom for our fair city. Ravenna is fighting back from a problem that many small towns and many larger cities are having today, it is called "inherited debt." Every since Estine Tipton became mayor she has made it a point to make no new debts and to use any and all surplus city money to pay off these bills that she inherited. At this time the most of the debt has been taken care of and the remaining has been combined into a once monthly payment that the city can comfortably take care of.

I believe, from my own experience, that we can

once again be a debt free city because years ago when I was elected as Mayor of Ravenna, I also inherited a city in debt, but by careful management, frugal spending practices and a dedicated council, we got our head above water and went on to being free of debt.

Mayor Tipton is doing a wonderful job as mayor and her long hours and careful money management are paying off. We are coming back from being a "city in the red" and will soon be a "city in the black". These things do not happen overnight but they are happening because of wise decisions made by our mayor. Ravenna is proud of its heritage and it is once again beginning to see the light of day. Our Veteran's Memorial Park is a thing of beauty and certainly a landmark that we can all be proud of. In September the city of Ravenna hosted another "Railroad Festival". It was a great success and if the election works out in a positive fashion it will be even better next year. The park is a huge plus for the city and the mayor's management ability has made it self sufficient. Mayor Tipton is responsible for another new grant that will remodel and or build at least eight new houses that will enrich the lives of more families and bring in added revenue. Ravenna is blessed with a mayor who is not afraid to work and that is why the park and city always look so well kept. Many hours

are spent to keep the city beautiful and the credit goes to our mayor. Ravenna is blessed with a mayor that is quite capable of doing her job and that works every day to make Ravenna a better place for us all.

We are all so lucky to live in this city. We are not just a number in a book; we are real people with real faces and real names. We have neighbors who look out for us and come to us when we are in need. We are citizens of a loving and caring city and we are important to any and all who are lucky enough to be able to say, "I live in Ravenna, Kentucky, USA." We are a small town

with a big heart.

I am pleased to be able to leave you with this good news about our cities finances. I am hopeful that this information has been helpful and that when you cast your vote on Tuesday, November 4th, you will be able to make a more comfortable and educated decision regarding the life or death of our city. This decision is yours and yours alone. You must decide: does Ravenna live or die?

Thank you for your time and God Bless each and every one of you today, tomorrow and forever.

Sincerely,
 Beverly Thompson

Two Locally Important Elections Are For Estill County School Board

There are many important elections that will take place on Tuesday, November 4, 2014. Two locally important elections are those for School Board Member of Estill County, for the 3rd and 5th Districts. In my opinion, there is no greater investment to be made for Estill County's future than the investment in our children. The school partnered with children's parents/guardians are to provide the preparation to help our children grow to be responsible, self-sufficient

citizens equipped to pursue their educational and vocational desires. In voting for a candidate for School Board Member, please keep in mind the following Statement of Ethics (See Page 14) that each School Board member vows to uphold.

Regardless of which candidate you favor, please vote on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, for the candidate who you believe will make an investment in Estill County's future by putting our children first.

Robbie Starling

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