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## Maudie's Naughties



### Say Something Positive

Pa and Ma are getting ready for bed. Ma is standing in front of a full-length mirror taking a hard look at herself. "You know, Pa," she says, "I look in the mirror, and I see an old woman. My face is all wrinkled, my butt is hanging out a mile, I've got fat legs, and my arms are all flabby." She turns to Pa and says, "Tell me something positive to make me feel better about myself." He thinks about it for a bit and then says in a soft, thoughtful voice, "Well, there's nothing wrong with your eyesight."

Doc says Pa will fully recover from his injuries.

### Snoring Problem

A high school basketball team spends the holiday break in Florida playing exhibition games. The head coach is a really bad snorer so the three assistant coaches agree that each will spend one night sharing a room with him.

After the first night, one of the assistants comes to breakfast next morning; hair a mess, eyes all bloodshot. They say, "Man, what happen to you?"

"He snores so loud, I watched him all night."

The next morning, same thing -- hair all standing up, eyes all bloodshot. They say, "Man, what happened to you? You look awful!"

"His snoring can shake the roof. I watched him all night."

The third night is Coach Smith's turn. Next morning he comes to breakfast bright eyed and bushy tailed. "Good morning you all."

They can't believe it! They say, "Man, what happened?" Smith replies, "Well, we get ready for bed. I go over and tuck Coach into bed and kissed him good night . . . He watched me all night."

### Feed My Sheep

One snowy Sunday morning a local farmer decides to go to church. When he enters, he sees that he and the preacher are the only ones present. The preacher asks the farmer if he wanted him to go ahead and preach.

The farmer replies, "I'm not too smart, but if I go to feed my cattle and only one shows up, I'd feed him."

So the minister begins his sermon.

One hour passes, then two hours, then two-and-a-half hours. The preacher finally finishes and comes down to ask the farmer how he liked the sermon.

The farmer answers slowly, "Well, I'm not very smart, but if I go to feed my cattle and only one shows up, I sure wouldn't feed him all the hay."

### Alligator Shoes

Bambi spent her Christmas break in Florida. While there, she wants to take home a pair of genuine alligator shoes in the worst way . . . but is very reluctant to pay the high prices the local vendors are asking for the highly prized shoes.

After becoming very frustrated with the "no haggle on prices" attitude of one of the shopkeepers, Bambi shouts, "Well then, maybe I'll just go out and catch my own alligator, so I can get a pair of shoes at a decent price!"

The shopkeeper says with a sly, knowing smile, "Little lady, y'all just go and give it a try, why don't cha!"

Bambi turns on her heel and heads out toward the swamps, determined to catch herself an alligator. Later in the day, as the shopkeeper is driving home, he pulls over to the side of the levee where he spots Bambi standing waist deep in the murky bayou water, shotgun in hand. Just then, he spots a huge 9-foot gator swimming rapidly toward her. With lightning speed, she takes aim, kills the creature and, with a great deal of effort, hauls it onto the slimy swamp bank. Lying nearby are several more of the dead creatures.

The shopkeeper stands on the bank and watches this scenario in amazed silence. Just then, the Bambi struggles and flips the gator on its back. Then, rolling her eyes heaven-ward and screaming in great frustration, she shouts out, "Dang, this one is barefoot, too!"

### Successful Marriage

Ma and Pa are having their 55th Anniversary party with some of the neighbors from up and down Needmore. Pa and some of the men are sitting out at the well jawing about this and this. One of the neighbors asks Pa, "How is that you and Ma have had such a successful marriage?"

"Well, it dates back to our honeymoon," says Pa. "We visited the Grand Canyon and took a trip down to the bottom of the canyon by pack mule. We hadn't gone too far when her mule stumbled. Ma quietly says, 'That's once.'

We proceeded a little further and the mule stumbled again. Once more Ma quietly says, 'That's twice.'

## Letters To The Editor

### Offended By Statements About "Carts"

I am responding to "Tam's Front Porch Ponderings". I highly take offense to the statements about people who use the carts at WalMart. No one wants to use the carts, they have to. They also have to put up with dirty looks, people who won't move so they can reach items, and being ignored when needing help. I have family members who cannot walk but can't afford \$25,000 for a handicap vehicle. To shop for themselves

they need the carts. They are physically disabled largely due to having worked at jobs their bodies were not made to do. You should be thankful you do not have to use one.

Also about the preaching in the store, I believe that this time of year is about a religious event. That is what most people are at Walmart for now. It seems that you could use a little forgiveness from what you have said. This time of year is hec-

tic for everyone so everyone should step back and take a breath every so often. I'm sorry you are having such a bad time. I wish you the best but did you stop to think that maybe God was chastising you by causing the timing chain to squeal? He chastises me often for thoughts that I have and I thank Him for it. It makes me remember that things could be a lot worse.

Lynda Sams, Clay City

### Editor's Response

### Intent Was Not To Offend, But To Entertain

Dear Maam,

I am sorry you were offended by my article, I truly wish you had taken the time to read that I think Preaching in Walmart is a GREAT thing, let's just step over to the side. I feel we should spread the word everywhere, but in the middle of the floor at the entrance to Walmart got more hateful looks than understand-

ing ones simply because they were in the middle of the aisle. I am not being chastised, it's called humor! Thank you though, my walk with God is a good one and if you have read my articles in the past, you surely know that.

Please accept my sincerest apologies, my intent was not to offend, but to entertain. I think the carts are

wonderful for those that need them, but let's not misuse them as the lady I was referring to clearly was. It was a grand old time for her to stop quickly in front of people and to run over peoples toes and block the aisles. It was very apparent that she was doing it intentionally, but again, accept my sincerest apologies and Merry Christmas.

Tam

### Samuel Scott Webb Graduates From Campbellsville University

Dr. Michael V. Carter, president of Campbellsville University, told 210 undergraduate and graduate students in two commencement ceremonies Friday, Dec. 12 in Ransdell Chapel to live by fellowship, leadership and scholarship - words on the university seal.

Samuel Scott Webb of Irvine, Ky. received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Area and Marketing. Webb is a graduate of Estill County High School in Irvine, Ky. and is the son of Webb Samuel of Irvine, Ky. and Kathleen Webb of Irvine, Ky.

In his charge to the graduates, Carter reminded the graduates they can make a difference in the world and to create a spirit of fellowship. "Be your own thinker," he told the graduates.

He said leadership involves inspiring and creating an atmosphere around an individual that allows them to achieve a level of competence they didn't believe they could achieve.

He also told the graduates to commit to a lifetime of scholarship. "Learning begins with the study of the word of God," he said. "Be bold, go aggressively in the

future; don't just accept the status quo," he said. "You can change our world and do it with the love and spirit of Jesus Christ."

He urged the students

to thank those who helped them along their journey. He told the students to be people who can bring forth solutions and solve problems.

### Army Pvt. Phelps Graduates From Basic Combat Training

Army Pvt. Dillion M. Phelps has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony,

marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Phelps is the son of Inga Weddington of Berea, Ky. and grandson of Fred Weddington of Irvine, Ky.

He is a 2012 graduate of Madison Southern High School, Berea, Ky.

### AF Airman Clapper Graduates From Basic Military Training

Air Force Airman Timothy W. Clapper graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and

basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Clapper is the son of Lisa Beard of Irvine, Ky.

He is a 2010 graduate of Estill County High School, Irvine, Ky.

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