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Maudie's Naughties



Stayin' Alive

A cowboy tells his grandson the secret to a long life. He says, "You gotta sprinkle a little gunpowder on your oatmeal, see. If you do, you'll live to a nice ripe old age." So the cowboy does this religiously every day, and sure enough, lives to the nice ripe old age of 96. When he dies he leaves behind four children, eight grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren . . . and a 16-foot hole in the wall of the crematorium.

Paying Respects

A golfer and his buddies are playing a big round of golf for \$200. At the eighteenth green, the golfer has a ten-foot putt to win the round and the \$200. As he is lining up his putt, a funeral procession starts to pass by. The golfer sets down his putter, takes off his hat, places it over his chest and begins to wait for the funeral procession to pass. Afterwards, he returns and sinks the winning putt. "That was one of the most touching things I have ever seen," says one of his buddies. "Stopping play, possibly losing your concentration, to pay your respects."

"Well," the golfer says. "We were married for 25 years."

Vacuum Cleaner Salesman

The farmer's wife answers a knock on the door one day, only to be confronted by a young vacuum cleaner salesman. "Good morning," says the young man. "If I could take a couple minutes of your time, I would like to demonstrate the very latest in high-powered vacuum cleaners." "I haven't got any money," says the farmer's wife, "And I couldn't use one of those anyway." She tries to close the door, but quick as a flash, the young man wedges his foot in the door and pushes it wide open. "Don't be too hasty!" he says. "Not until you have at least seen my demonstration." And with that, he empties a bucket of dried cow dung all over her hallway carpet. "If this vacuum cleaner does not remove all traces of this from your carpet, Ma'm, I will personally eat the remainder."

Special Pig

Farmer Jones got out of his car and while heading for his friend's door, notices a pig with a wooden leg. His curiosity roused, he asks, "Fred, how'd that pig get him a wooden leg?" "Well, that's a mighty special pig! A while back we had a fire one night. That pig pushes open the door and wakes us up. We all got out okay and were able to save the house, too." "And the pig got his leg burned off in the fire?" "No," says Farmer Fred. "He got out okay, too!" "Well, how did he get the wooden leg?" "That's a special pig," says Farmer Fred. "When you have a special pig like that, you don't want to eat him all at once!"

Lip Gloss

An old cowhand comes riding into town on a hot, dry, dusty day. The local sheriff watches from his chair in front of the saloon as the cowboy wearily dismounts and ties his horse to the rail. The cowboy then moves slowly to the back of his horse, lifts its tail, and places a big kiss where the sun don't shine. He drops the horse's tail, steps up on the walk and aims toward the swinging doors of the saloon. "Hold on there, Mister," says the sheriff. "Did I just see what I think I saw?" "Reckon so, Sheriff. I got me some powerful chapped lips." "And that cures them?" the Sheriff asks. "Nope, but it keeps me from lickin' 'em."

Call From Work

Leroy comes home from work one day and is met at the door by his wife who has just gotten a call from Leroy's boss. It seems that Leroy has been having problems understanding differences between men and women at work. So his wife takes him upstairs to their bedroom and closes the door. First, she says, "Leroy, I want you to take off my blouse." So, he unbuttons her blouse and takes it off. "Okay, now, take off my skirt . . ." And he takes off her skirt. "Now, take off my bra . . ." Which he does. "Now, Leroy, take off my panties . . ." When Leroy finishes removing those, she says, "Leroy, please don't wear any of my clothes to work anymore!"

Free Sex With Fill Up

Bubba and Junior are driving down the road when they need some gas. After a while, they see a sign that reads "Free Sex with Fill-up." They decide to pull in and ask the attendant for a full tank. After he is done, they pay, and the attendant starts to walk away. "Wait," Bubba yells, "What about my free sex?" The attendant rolls his eyes and comes back to the car. "Okay, but you will have to guess a number between 1 and 10." "6." "No, the answer is 3. Sorry." As the attendant starts to walk off, Junior asks to guess. The attendant agrees. "7." "No, I told you the answer was 3." Bubba then speeds off. "I think that game was rigged," says Junior. "There is no way to win." "Uh-uh," says Bubba. "My wife won three times last week."

Letters to the Editor

Join in this Monday's Memorial Day celebration in Ravenna

Please join the American Legion, V.F.W. and all their brother and sister organizations at the Ravenna Veterans Memorial Park on Monday, May 25th, 2015 at 11:00 for their Memorial Day Service to honor all our veterans. Memorial Day is a United States federal holiday which occurs yearly on the final Monday in May. Memorial Day is a day to remember and pay tribute to all our young men and women who have fought and are still fighting to keep our country free. So many of our children have marched away and never returned. When they leave they never suspect that they could have to pay the ultimate price and never return to the homes that they left. The parents know because they have seen it so many times before but they stay strong until they can find a quiet place to be alone and then cry for the innocent child that has just walked away to become an adult. These young people are so special and it is as if they were born for this purpose. We here at home can only pray for them and begin to count the days till they will be with us again.

For some that day never comes but for those who do return to the safety of our homeland we find that they are not the same people who left so carefree and fun loving. The veteran that has returned now has a purpose in life other than home and family. They want to continue to serve their country that is so precious to them. He or she now wants to cherish every beautiful moment because they have witnessed things they are so horrible that they cannot even bear to think of them. They have seen their

friends taken in a twinkling of an eye. Thankfully, the veteran organizations are waiting to help these survivors and hopefully be able to help them make the transition back to a normal life.

We Americans have a bad habit of forgetting the reason for this day and instead of visiting our cemeteries we spend the day barbecuing, picnicking and shopping. If it were not for the veterans organizations I am afraid that this day could be completely lost. Every Veteran's grave in our county has an American flag flying today. These things do not just happen they are a direct effort of our American Legion, V.F.W., and their brother and sister groups. For many years our Boy Scouts have been helping with this task and by so doing they are learning the meaning of service and respect for our veterans.

Hopefully, Memorial Day tributes are being done all over our great country today. We all have tasted the tragedy of losing loved ones and sadly it will happen again and again.

The remembrance of our loved ones brings us all together. As we meditate in the quietness of our beautiful "Veterans Memorial" or visit our loved ones at their graves, the memories come back that will live with us forever.

Every war takes another generation and destroys some of the youngest and the finest of our children. Even in so called times of peace they continue to join the service of their choice and begin the task of protecting their country. There is something in the make up of a soldier that cannot be denied. They have to protect and serve. They have this

Disappointed With Cartoon

Dear Editor: I am a former resident of Estill County lived there most of my life actually. I have lived in other states as well as other countries and met a lot of people and seen a lot of things. I also am the daughter of a police officer, and the sister of a police officer, and my husband was a police officer. I have NEVER been more disappointed in your paper than this past week when you published a drawing that showed the Statue of Liberty and a Police Officer.

Since you obviously are ill informed and do not know the facts I have done the task of compiling them for you. These are FBI statistics. In 2014 51 Officers were feloniously killed in the line of duty. This number does not include motor vehicle accidents and the like this is the number that were at-

tacked and murdered. Now that is up 89% from 2013 when there were 27 felonious deaths. The number injured in line of duty assaults for 2014 is not yet available as it is published in the fall, but in 2013 the number of officers assaulted in the line of duty was 49,851. No that is not a misprint, the number was 49,851. I promise you there were not 49,851 incidents of police brutality in the same time frame. I am sure the number of Officers assaulted for 2014 will be higher.

Are there some bad apples in uniform... Absolutely! There are bad apples in every profession. Doctors who perform needless surgeries just to collect money, teachers who have affairs with students, news people who exaggerate facts to boost ratings.

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feeling for their country that they cannot forsake. Nothing will give them peace of mind until they can be a part of our great armed forces and begin the process of training and making themselves ready to defend their country. There is nothing that makes a parent prouder that to be able to say my child is serving his or her country but there is also no sadder day than when that child leaves to fulfill their dream.

I am afraid that a lot of people do not realize what a fine and strong veteran presence that we have in this county. They have programs that directly help the family and the dependent child to be able to find their way. They can help a child build character and find a way for them to go to a college of their choice. Our service men never let us down and when they return home they continue their service through our veteran organizations. You may be sleeping but they are still protecting. No matter what takes place in this county

you can be assured that a veteran will be there to help and serve.

War is the demon that robs us of our family and friends. War is the demon that denies our children and grandchildren the joy of a peaceful life. War is the enemy but our children are the conquerors. They have taken the challenge time and time again and so often fought to the death so that others might be free. Some of our heroes are gone but some remain and will continue the fight until all people are free. We are a great nation that will never turn and run. We will fight for freedom until the last person falls. We are Americans and never forget it. Since the beginning of time there have been those who stood out above all others. Our veterans have made their presence known by their deeds and devotion to a great cause. Our veterans are the hope of our world. God Bless America and God Bless our Veterans.

Sincerely, Beverly Ashcraft Thompson

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