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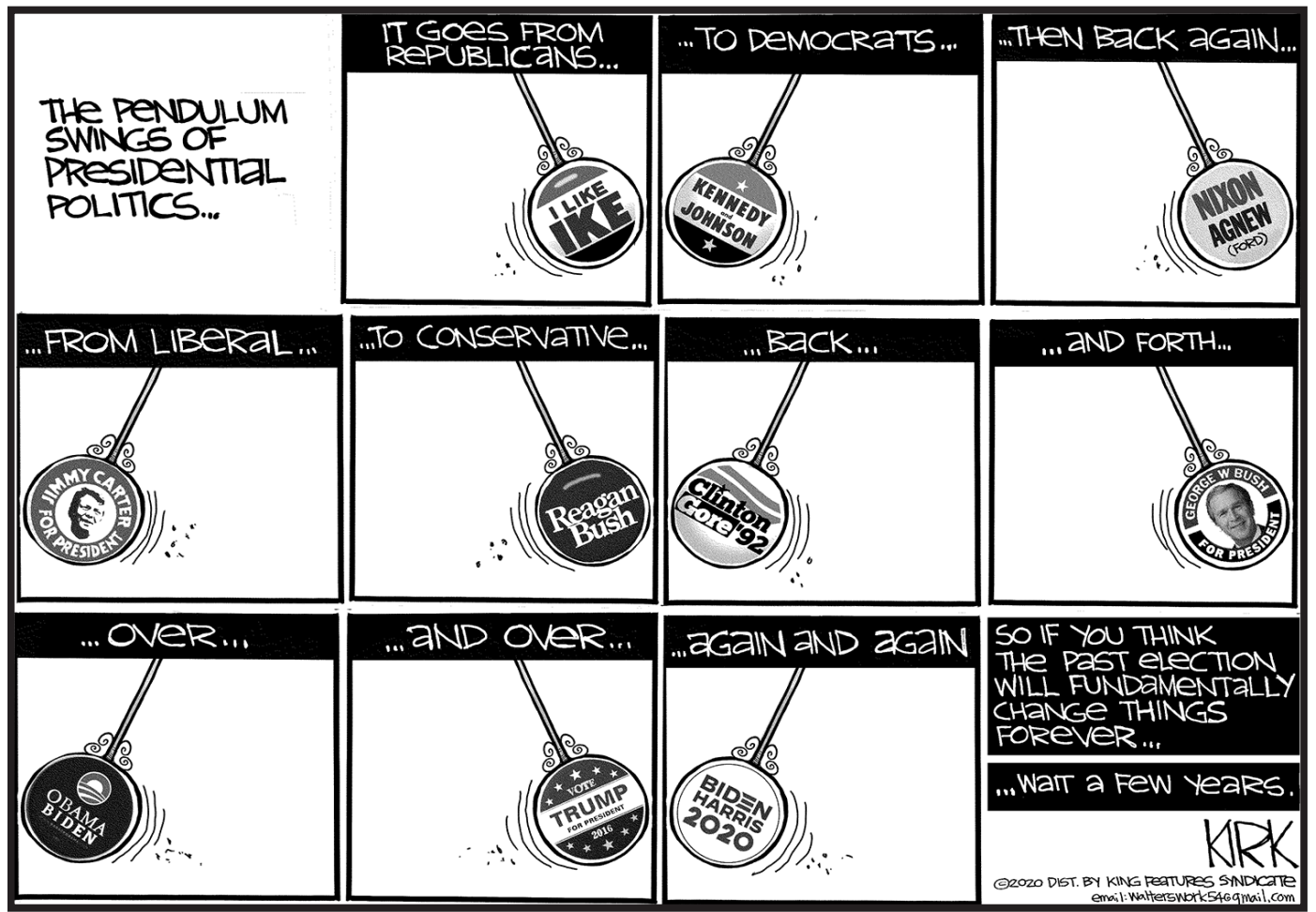
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Maudie's Naughties



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 ankle 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!"

We need to wash, maintain social distance, wash our hands, etc.

It's time to rethink Thanksgiving

We've heard it time and time again - we need to mask, maintain social distance, wash our hands and avoid large gatherings -- but as evidenced by our ever-growing case numbers, COVID-19 fatigue has set in across our community.

Even though hundreds of thousands of people across the country have died from COVID-19, we've become numb to the numbers and other news has replaced the urgency of this pandemic.

The idea of social bubbles has given us a false sense of security. And the size of our bubbles has grown as

people become fatigued by the sacrifices COVID-19 has forced us to make. The reality is that it's almost impossible to keep most bubbles pure. People often come into close contact with those who are COVID-19 positive but asymptomatic, which is one way COVID-19 spreads from bubble to bubble and across entire communities. This is the reality right now in our community, as our public health officials have confirmed, and we fear it will continue to be a significant issue as we plan for the holidays.

We need to act now and take new, bold steps to save lives right here in our community. It's time to rethink Thanksgiving. Consider a smaller gathering with your immediate household. Consider gathering outside if the weather permits.

We've seen the damage COVID-19 can cause as we gather together, and Canada provides a cautionary tale. COVID-19 case counts are climbing across Canada, even in areas under new restrictions. Canadian officials point to the Thanksgiving holiday, which took place on the second Monday of October, as the reason for the spike.

Let's all rethink our Thanksgiving plans to ensure we put the safety of our families first as an act of love and gratitude for everyone we care about. We must also continue to wear our masks and practice all the tried and true safety measures we know to be effective in stopping the spread of COVID-19. If not for ourselves, then for the sake of those we love.

The time to make a change is now.
*Trena Lynn Stocker, MSN, MHA, RN, President
Mercy Health - Marcum and Wallace Hospital*

Notice of Public Meeting

Mercy Health - Marcum and Wallace Hospital will be hosting a public meeting via zoom conferencing call at 11:30 a.m. on December 7, 2020.

Due to current guidelines to avoid significant public health risks resulting from in-person public hearings, the hospital is conducting the meeting by virtual platform.

Individuals interested in participating may access the meeting by computer at the following link: <https://bsmh.zoom.us/j/95875431437>

The meeting may also be accessed by dialing in by phone at 1-312-626-6799. The meeting ID is 958 7543 1437.

Arielle Estes,
Director of Development, Marcum and Wallace Hospital

Estill County Memorial Service Will Not Be Hosted This Year

Due to COVID-19 restrictions we will not be hosting an in-person Estill County Memorial Service this year.

The Estill County Ministerial Association, Interfaith Wellness Ministry and Mercy Health- Marcum and Wallace Hospital

invite you to honor and remember your loved one who passed away.

From the comfort of your home, remember those who have so recently been a part of our lives and whose deaths we recall in the light of the Resurrection.

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