

Our 38th Year Serving Estill County!

The Estill County Tribune EstillTribune.Com

Member of Kentucky Press Association

6135 Winchester Road
Irvine, Kentucky 40336-8517
Phone (606) 723-5012

Email: news@estilltribune.com

Published on Wednesdays by
Tracy Randall Patrick
Delores L. Rowland, Editor

Subscription Prices

Estill \$17, Adj. Counties \$28, Elsewhere \$32
Periodicals Postage Paid, Irvine, KY 40336
(Permit #685-890)

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to:
The Estill Co. Tribune, 6135 Winchester Rd.
Irvine, Kentucky 40336-8517

Maudie's Naughties



Shopping Precaution

Be very careful when shopping around Richmond stores. There's a gang of con artists that have been working the parking lots there. They target husbands waiting in the car while their wife is shopping. Two very attractive young females wearing skimpy t-shirts will spray water on the car's windshield and will pretend to be cleaning the glass while pressing their bodies against the windshield. While the driver is distracted, a third person reaches into the back seat of the car and steals any shopping bags. This is getting to be a real problem. One Estill County man has already been robbed seven times.

Letter From Home

Dear Billy Joe Bob,

I'm writing this slow because I know you can't read fast. We don't live where we did when you left home. Your Pa read in the newspaper that most accidents happen within 20 minutes of your home, so we moved. I won't be able to send you the address because the last family that lived here took the house numbers when they moved so they wouldn't have to change their address. This place is really nice. It even has a washing machine. I'm not sure it works so well, though. Last week I put a load of clothes in and pulled the chain, we haven't seen it since. The weather isn't bad here. It only rained twice last week; the first time for three days and the second time for four days. About that coat you wanted me to send; your Uncle Bubba said it would be too heavy to send in the mail with the buttons on, so we cut them off and put them in the pockets. Bubba locked his keys in the car yesterday. We were really worried because it took him two hours to get me and your father out. Your sister had a baby this morning, but I haven't found out what it is yet so I don't know if you are an aunt or uncle. The baby looks just like your brother. Uncle Bobby Ray fell into a whiskey vat last week. Some men tried to pull him out but he fought them off and drowned. We had him cremated; he burned for three days. Three of your friends went off a bridge in a pickup truck. Butch was driving. He rolled down the window and swam to safety. Your other two friends were in the back, they drowned because they couldn't get the tailgate down.

Love Ma

Watch Where You Send It

A little boy wants \$100 very badly. His father tells him to get a job. His mother tells him to pray to God for it. He prays for several weeks but nothing happened. So, he decides to write God a letter to ask for the \$100. When the post office sees the letter addressed to God, they decide to forward it to the President. The President is so impressed and amused that he instructs his secretary to send the boy \$5. The little boy appreciates the money and sits down to write a thank you letter which reads: Dear God, Thank you for sending me the money. But next time don't send it through Washington. As usual, the crooked politicians kept 95% of it for themselves.

Remember When

A woman wakes in the middle of the night to find her husband missing from their bed. In the stillness of the house, she can hear a muffled sound downstairs. She goes downstairs and looks around, still not finding her husband.

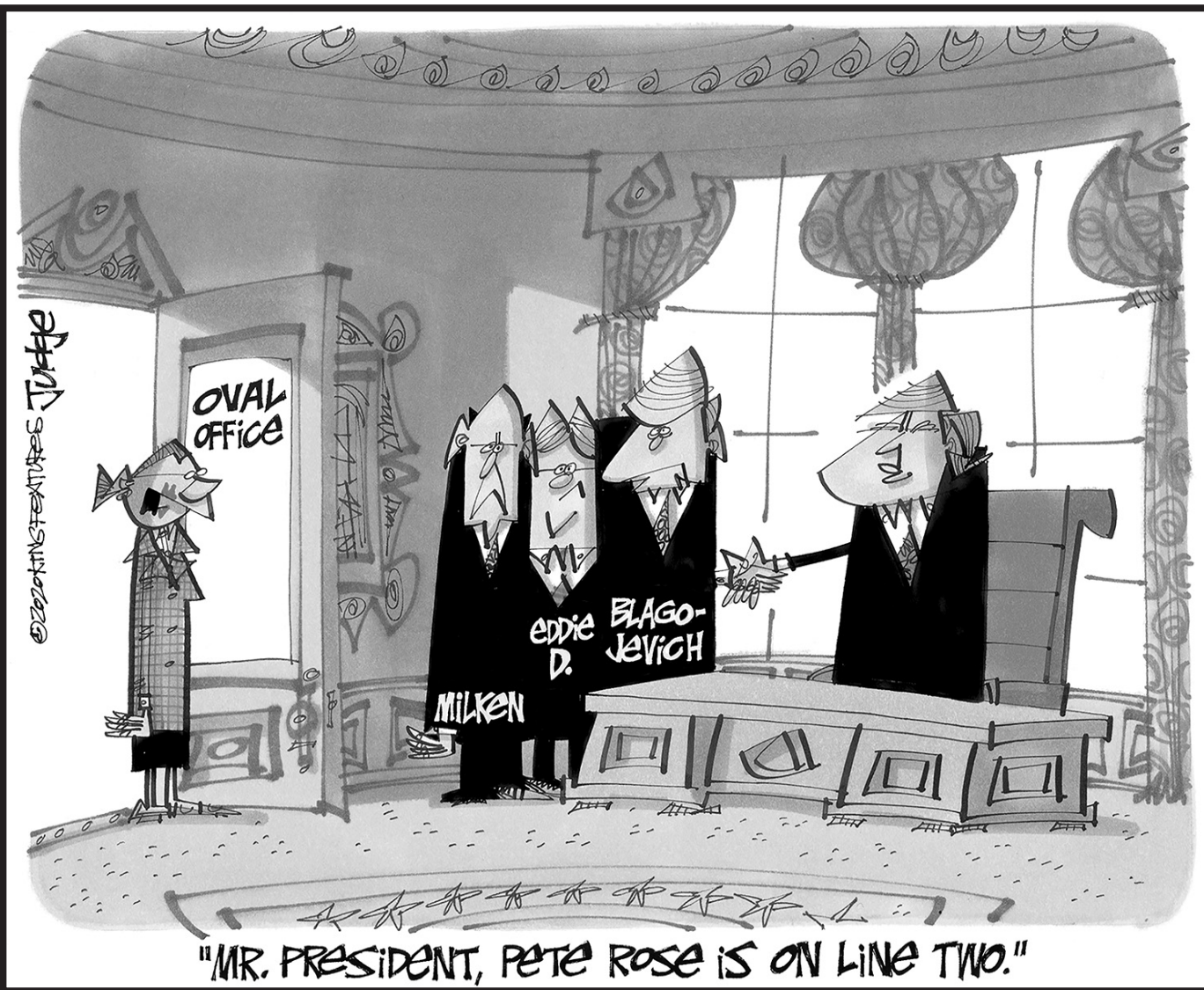
Listening again, she can definitely hear moaning. She goes down to the basement where she finally finds her husband crouched in the corner facing the wall, sobbing.

"What's wrong with you?" she asks him.

"Remember when your father caught us messing around when you were sixteen?" he replies. "And remember he said I had two choices: I could either marry you, or spend the next twenty years in prison."

Baffled, she says, "Yes, I remember, so what?"

The husband sobs, "I would have gotten out today."



This Week at the State Capitol - February 24-28, 2020

2020 Session came into better focus this past week

FRANKFORT - More top issues of the General Assembly's 2020 session came into better focus this past week as legislative action hit high gear.

In the Senate, members gave approval to a proposed constitutional amendment that could give the General Assembly authority to establish standards on restoring voting rights for certain felons, not including those who committed treason, election bribery, a sex offense, a violent crime, or an offense against a child.

Kentucky law currently prohibits felons from voting unless they have their rights restored by the governor.

Gov. Andy Beshear issued an executive order in December to restore voting rights to about 140,000 felons. Supporters of Senate Bill 62 say the legislation would build on this by giving Kentucky an enduring approach to restoring voting rights that isn't susceptible to different approaches future governors might have on the issue.

The bill passed the Senate 29-7 on Thursday and now goes to the House for consideration. If approved there, Kentucky voters would have the final say on the proposed constitutional amendment in November.

Measures advancing in the House this past week include a bill that would establish a tax on vaping products. It would also increase the excise tax rate per unit and weight on snuff and chewing tobacco. Pipe tobacco and cigars would also see a wholesale tax increase from 15 to 25 percent, although cigarettes would not see a change. Supporters say the legislation, House Bill 32, would help decrease vaping among youth while generating needed revenue for the state.

The bill was approved by the House 75-17 on Wednesday and delivered to the Senate.

Other bills that took steps forward in the legislation process over the past week include measures on the following topics:

Adoption leave. House Bill 390 would require employers to offer the same leave policies to adoptive parents as they offer to birth parents. The legislation was approved by the House 81-0 on Friday and now goes to the Senate.

Eating disorders. Senate Bill 82 seeks to offer better treatment options to those with eating disorders by establishing the Kentucky Eating Disorder Council. The council would oversee the development and implementation of eating disorder awareness, education and prevention programs. It would also identify strategies for improving access to adequate diagnosis and treatment services and made recommendations on legislative and regulatory changes. The bill was approved by the House Health and Family Services Committee on Thursday and awaits action from the full House.

High school vocational education. Senate Bill 156 would require the state to develop plans to transition state-operated secondary vocational educational centers to local school districts by mid-2024. The bill was approved by the Senate 30-7 on Tuesday and has been sent to the House for consideration.

Infrastructure protection. House Bill 44 seeks to strengthen the security of critical infrastructure across Kentucky. The legislation would specify that above-ground natural gas and petroleum pipelines and cable television headend are among the infrastructure assets aren't suitable areas for drone flights. The legislation also defines tampering with the assets as felony criminal mischief. The bill was approved by the Senate Natural Resources and Environment Committee on Wednesday and awaits consideration from the full Senate.

Local taxes. House Bill 475 is a proposed constitutional amendment that would remove restrictions on ways the General Assembly can allow local governments to levy certain taxes. The bill was approved Thursday by the House Elections, Constitutional Amendments, and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee on Thursday. If approved by the full House and Senate, the measure would be decided by voters in a statewide ballot this fall.

Mental illness. Senate Bill 154 would add a diagnosis of serious mental illness to the disabilities which prevent the death penalty for persons convicted of capital offenses. The diagnoses of the serious mental illness would need to come before the capital offense occurs, not after. The legislation was approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee on Thursday and now goes to the full Senate.

Newborn screenings. Senate Bill 60 would require that newborns be screened for spinal muscular atrophy. Early diagnosis of this genetic disease helps babies receive treatment

when it's most effective. The bill passed the House Health and Family Services Committee on Thursday and awaits a vote from the full House.

Pardons. Senate Bill 58 would prohibit a governor from pardoning or commuting sentences 30 days or less before a gubernatorial election. If a governor is re-elected, pardon powers would be restored on inauguration day. The bill, which was approved by the Senate 33-4 on Wednesday, now goes to the House for further consideration. Since Senate Bill 58 seeks to amend the state constitution, it would need to be approved by Kentucky voters this fall to go into effect.

Veterans. House Bill 24 would support plans to build a veterans nursing home in Bowling Green. The legislation would appropriate \$2.5 million needed to complete design and preconstruction work for the 90-bed facility. That must be completed before federal funding is allocated to start building the proposed \$30 million facility. The bill was approved by the Senate 36-0 on Wednesday and now goes to the governor's desk.

Youth protection. Senate Bill 182 would make it illegal to post personally identifying information about a minor online with the intent to intimidate, abuse, threaten, harass, or frighten. The bill received approval from the Senate Judiciary Committee on Thursday and awaits a vote from the full Senate.

To offer your legislators feedback on the issues under consideration, call the General Assembly's toll-free message line at 800-372-7181.

Owlhead's Grocery
South Irvine * 723-7473

We Sell
Formax PRODUCER FEEDS
Feeds by Producer

Pet & Livestock Feed

- Corn50 Lbs.
- Cracked Corn.....50 Lbs.
- Horse Feed50 Lbs.
- Rabbit Pellets50 Lbs.
- 40% Hog Supplement .50 Lbs.
- Pig & Show 18%50 Lbs.
- Starter & Grower....25 Lbs.
- Starter & Grower....25 Lbs.
- Layer Pellets.....50 Lbs.
- Dog Food.....50 Lbs.
- Mineral Block.....50 Lbs.
- Salt Block50 Lbs.
- Fly Block.....50 Lbs.
- Trace Mineral Salt...50 Lbs.
- Pebble Lime50 Lbs.
- Pride Dog Food50 Lbs.
- Dry Molasses50 Lbs.

We Have Farm Supplies!!

Stop by Owlhead's for Hay, fencing supplies, nails, fertilizer and more!

Owlhead's Grocery
South Irvine * Phone 723-7473
Donald & Katherine Dixon, Owners
We're open until 10:00 p.m.