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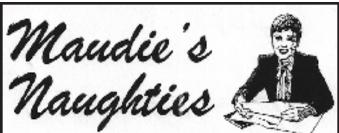
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### **Last Rites for Penguins**

Did you ever wonder why there are no dead penguins on the ice in Antarctica - where do they go? *Wonder no more !!!* 

It is a known fact that the penguin is a very ritualistic bird which lives an extremely ordered and complex life. The penguin is very committed to its family and will mate for life, as well as maintaining a form of compassionate contact with its offspring throughout its life.

If a penguin is found dead on the ice surface, other members of the family and social circle have been known to dig holes in the ice, using their vestigial wings and beaks, until the hole is deep enough for the dead bird to be rolled into and buried.

The male penguins then gather in a circle around the fresh grave and sing:

"Freeze a jolly good fellow" "Freeze a jolly good fellow." "Then they kick him in the ice hole." You really didn't believe that I knew anything about penguins, did you?!

#### Snow Plows

Trixie is spending a couple of weeks with a cousin in Lexington. The night before the expected snowfall, they overhear the weather announcer telling everyone on that street to park on the even side of the street so the snow plow can get through.

Trixie moves her car to the even side of the street. The next night, they hear the announcer tell them to move all cars to the odd side of the street so



# Family Resource Youth Services Centers In Kentucky Impacting lives of students and families for over 30 years

30 years ago, the movie "Home Alone" was released, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles comics were released and George W. Bush was our President. Also, in Kentucky the Family Resource Youth Services Centers were starting to develop.

Family Resource Youth Services Centers have been significantly impacting the lives of students and families in Kentucky for over 30 years. Following a declaration by the Kentucky Supreme Court that Kentucky's education system was inefficient and inequitable, the Kentucky Education Reform Act (KERA) was formed.

In response to growing concerns and desire to remove barriers to educational success, the Kentucky General Assembly created the Family Resource Youth Services Centers (FRYSC's) as an integral part of the reform system. The need for education and human service systems to engage in the joint provision of services and support to children, youth and families had rapidly increased. The growing number and complexity of problems faced by our society (e.g. poverty, family restructuring, teenage pregnancy, substance abuse and domestic and youth violence) have caused increasing levels of stress on families and children that children bring to the classroom, which creates barriers to learning.

These problems have also placed a greater demand on public service agencies and demonstrated a need for community and schools to work together to restore family and child well-being. KERA provided an unprecedented state-level partnership between Kentucky's Department of Education and the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. These partnerships share the responsibility of implementing and sustaining centers across the state. The Cabinet for Health and Family Services and Division of FRYSC, has the responsibility for administration of this program, where the Kentucky Department of Education continues to provide technical support for the public education mandate. Now more than 2 decades since inception, the Kentucky Family Resource and Youth Services Centers are recognized as the nation's largest school-based family support initiative. These centers are designed to address the needs of children by developing partnerships with school, family and community to help all public school students reach proficiency. Recent surveys report that educators, parents and community partners feel that the Family Resource and Youth Services Centers are a "necessary component of Kentucky educational programming and "a program vital to students, empowering families, and helping to improve schools." In 1991 just over 100 Family Resource and Youth Services Centers were opened in Kentucky. In 2021 centers now have grown to 857 serving 1200 schools. The Estill County Family Resource and Youth Services Centers are located in inside every school within the Estill County Public School System and their services are available every day that school is in session, plus our coordinators provide vital services during the summer months as well as by appointments when necessary. You can contact your YSC or FRC coordinator by calling your child's school and asking for the FRC/YSC coordinator. This year, Family Resource Youth Services Centers across the state are being recognized the week of February 8-12. Legislators are working on legislation to make the 2nd Wednesday of February of



each year FRYSC Day in Kentucky. It will be February 10, this year. To celebrate this week, we are asking that community supporters please display a picture of our FRYSC Day Logo that week in your business, organization, church, family home, etc. We also encourage everyone to post pictures to Facebook using the hashtag #FRYSCStrong to recognize the dedication that our centers provide for our students and families every day. It will show the wonderfully community connection and support that Estill County provides together to meet the FRYSC motto of "Whatever It Takes".



the snowplows can finish their job.

"I wish they'd make up their mind," says Trixie. "I'm getting tired of moving my car to one side of the street; then the other."

"Well," says her cousin, "Why don't you just put it back in the garage."

### Football

Pa takes Junior and Howard to their first football game. After the game, Pa asks them how they liked it and if they wanted to come back again.

"I don't think so," says Junior.

"Me neither," adds Howard. "I've never seen that big of a fight over such a piddly amount of money."

"What do you mean, fighting over money?"

"You know," says Junior. "The 25 cents. They went out there and flipped a coin and after one team got it, the other team went after them screaming, 'Get the quarter back, get the quarter back!""

## Visible Roots

Trixie and Mitzie become so sick of hearing blonde jokes that they cut and dye their hair. A few days later, as they are out driving around the countryside, Trixie stops the car to let a flock of sheep pass.

Admiring the cute woolly creatures, Mitzie says to the shepherd, "If I can guess how many sheep you have, can I take one?"

The shepherd, always the gentleman, says, "Sure!"

Mitzie thinks for a moment and, for no discernible reason, said, "268."

This being the correct number, the shepherd is, understandably, totally amazed, and exclaims, "You're right! O.K., I'll keep my end of the deal. Take your pick of my flock."

Mitzie and Trixie carefully consider the entire flock and finally they pick the one that is by far cuter and more playful than any of the others.

When she is done, the shepherd turns to her and says, "O.K., now I have a proposition for you. If I can guess your true hair color, can I have my dog back?"

## **Family Values**

Two guys are discussing popular family trends on sex, marriage, and values. Stu says, "I didn't sleep with *my* wife before we got married, *did you?"* 

Leroy replies, "I'm not sure, What was her maiden name?"



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