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# Maudie's Naughties



### Runaway Car

Junior and his friend Howard Green are hanging out in front of the gas station when suddenly they see a driverless car headed straight for the pumps. Junior runs to the car, jumps in and pulls on the emergency brake with a jerk. He gets out and proudly says to a man that is approaching him, "I stopped it!"

"I know you did," says the breathless man. "I ran out of gas, and had pushed it ALMOST to the pumps."

### Vehicle Break-Ins

A student commuting to UK is fed up of having his car broken into and having his electronic equipment and other items removed. So, he decides to leave a note on the dash saying that there is no point breaking into the car since there is nothing left inside to steal. He returns after classes to find a smashed in window and a new note, next to his on the dash, that says, "I'm sorry that I didn't trust you!"

### New Driver

An independent trucker decides he needs some help on some long hauls so he hires a new guy to help with the driving. The trucker is very protective of his nearly-new rig, but the new driver seems to be doing well; so, the trucker decides to get some sleep. After a while, he is awakened suddenly when the truck hits something with a thud. "What the heck was that?" he asks the new driver.

"Oh, some kind of animal," the new guy replies.

Some time later, the truck hits something again with a thud, and the trucker is awakened again. "Oh, just another animal," says the new guy. "Go back to sleep."

Moments later, the trucker is startled by three thuds in a row, and gets the same reply, "Oh, just some kind of animal."

"But there were three thuds?" inquires the trucker.

"Yeah," is the reply. "Well, I had to go through a couple of fences to get that one."

### Which Way to Drip Rock?

A driver pulls up beside a rundown farmhouse. He gets out and knocks at the door. A very old woman answers the door, and he asks her for directions to Drip Rock.

"Don't know," the woman says.

He gets back in his car and pulls away. Then he hears voices. He looks in his rearview mirror and sees the woman and an equally old man waving for him to come back. So he made a U-turn and drives up to them.

"This is my husband," the old woman says. "He says he doesn't know how to get there either."

### Two Cannibals Are Having Lunch

"Your girlfriend makes a great soup," says one to the other. "Yep!" he replies. "But, I'm going to miss her terribly."

### Won It In A Race

Bill: Where did you get that gold watch, Joe?

Joe: I won it in a race.

Bill: How many people participated in it?

Joe: Three, a policeman, the owner of the watch, and me!!

### Brake Down

Jill's car is unreliable and she calls John for a ride every time it breaks down. One day John got yet another one of those calls. "What happened this time?" he asks.

"My brakes went out," Jill says. "Can you come to get me?"

"Where are you?" John asks.

"I'm in the drugstore," Jill responds.

"And where's the car?" John asks.

Jill replies, "It's in here with me."

### The Deep, Dark Secret

At school, Little Johnny is told by a classmate that most adults are hiding at least one dark secret, which makes it very easy to blackmail them by saying, "I know the whole truth."

Little Johnny decides to go home and try it out. He goes home and tells his mother, "I know the whole truth."

She quickly hands him \$20 saying, "Just don't tell your father."

Quite pleased, the boy waits for his father to get home from work, and greets him with, "I know the whole truth."

The father promptly hands him \$40 and says, "Please don't say a word to your mother."

Very pleased, the boy is on his way to school the next day when he sees the mailman at his front door. The boy greets him by saying, "I know the whole truth."

The mailman immediately drops the mail, opens his arms, and says, "Then, come give your real daddy a big hug."

### Foggy Night in Needmore

Esmerlda follows a taillight up Needmore Hollow during a dense fog and crashes into the car ahead of her when it stops suddenly. "Why didn't you let me know you were going to stop?" she yells into the mist.

"Why should I?" comes a voice out of the fog. "I'm in my own garage!"

## Fans of Family Resource and Youth Service Centers Celebrate 25 years of Success!

*Family Resource and Youth Service Centers (FRYSC) across the state of Kentucky are celebrating 25 years of successfully working with students, families, and community partners to remove educational barriers to student achievement. These centers were originally created as a part of the 1990 Kentucky Education Reform Act (KERA) and are the only remaining strand of the five original KERA strands. There are currently 823 FRYSC Centers serving 1181 Kentucky schools, representing 626,696 students. The Estill County Schools has had the good fortune to have FRYSC Centers in all schools since 1993. Over these many years numerous great partnerships have been developed and strengthened to provide the students and their families of our school district with educational support programming that has focused on removing non-cognitive educational barriers to student learning in Estill County. Celebrations are occurring across the state, focused on creating awareness of the success of these programs and to say "thank you" to the countless partners, families, and volunteers who have played such a vital role in the success of FRYSCs. Among those celebrations was a "Why I'm a Fan of FRYSC" essay contest sponsored by the Family Resource and Youth Services Centers of Kentucky Coalition. Thirty students from the Estill County Middle School (ECMS) participated in the essay contest. Below is one essay by ECMS student, Dean Tucker.*

### Why I am a Fan of FRYSC by DEAN TUCKER

Family Resource Centers make a difference in the lives of many children. Family resource centers can provide information on raising and educating children. They are places where you can get ideas about how to work with your child's teacher, volunteer in the classroom, and support your child's learning at home. They are also open to ideas on how to make your child's school a better place. Although all family resource centers may not do things the same way or put the same focus on all services they offer from one center to the next, I am a fan of FRYSC for the many great services they offer to students and families to aide in the achievement of their educational goals.

Family resource centers provide a welcoming environment and draw parents into their programs. They provide activities that are educational and important in the community that they are located in. FRYSC coordinators ensure to parents that they are valued and their opinions are important and needed to make the school run efficiently. They also provide materials on discipline, health, nutrition, and child care. They offer many parenting classes on such topics as coping with stress, how to provide healthy meals, and can even help parents get their GED if needed. Educating the parent is a very important task and will ensure that the child will be given a better education when their parent values education. Some centers can even help parents find child care while they finish their own education.

Family Resource Centers are also a great place to meet other parents and share ideas about their children's education and

development. This experience can also bring together parents of different cultures and backgrounds to share and learn from one another in a relaxed environment. FRYSC make many services more available to the public. Outside agencies can use the center to offer families health and social services. Some centers can also help families apply for food stamps so that children can receive the necessary food needed to support healthy bodies. Centers can also work with doctors to be sure that children are immunized and that they have regular well-child check-ups. Centers can help families that are eligible for services as well as those who are not. Centers are designed to help all children.

FRYSC offer support to families and students throughout their school years. They not only work with elementary students, but also provide services till they graduate. During this time the centers can form relationships with the families and students and are able to establish needs early on and continue the process throughout the student's educational experience. Forming relationships with families

can also help the coordinator realize the best option for the student when it comes to their personal educational needs. The center can also be seen as a meeting place for parents to come together to help make their child's school a better place. Coordinators can provide information and suggestions as to how to change school policies that affect their children. Parents are encouraged to be involved in their child's experience at school as well as how to improve their school.

For the many reasons listed above I am a fan of Family Resource Centers and want others to join in this fan club. Many obstacles can get in the way of students getting a quality education and FRYSC helps to eliminate those barriers and provide a quality education to all students. By everyone working together Family Resource Centers can provide opportunities to students that would otherwise be unreachable. All students should be given the chance to live out their dreams and I feel that Family Resource Centers are a very important factor in helping students reach for the stars.

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