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## Maudie's Naughties



### Repair Job

Ma and Pa are sitting in the living room watching Hee Haw reruns when Ma says, "Hey, Pa, When are you going to fix that hole in the ceiling?"

"Well," replies Pa, "When you put away all your junk from off the couch and clean up this house."

A few minutes later, Ma is on the stepladder with a ruler and a pencil, measuring the hole.

"What are you doing?" asks Pa.

"Fixing the hole."

### Anniversary

Ma and Pa are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary and someone asks Pa what he has learned from all those years he's spent with Ma.

"Well," says Pa, "I've learned that marriage is the best teacher of all. It teaches you loyalty, forbearance, meekness, self-restraint, and forgiveness."

"What else have you learned?" they ask.

"That I wouldn't have had to learn all that stuff if I had just stayed single."

### Well Insured

Gus and Slim show up at the same beach in Florida.

"What are you doing here?" asks Gus.

Slim replies, "You remember that overpriced house I bought in Richmond? Well, it caught fire the other day, so here I am with the insurance proceeds. What are you doing here?"

"Well," replies Gus. "You remember that big house I bought next to the river at Boonesborough? Well, the river flooded it, so here I am with the flood insurance proceeds."

"Gee," says Slim, "How do you start a flood?"

### Special Ring

An older, white haired man walks into a jewelry store one Saturday evening with a beautiful young gal at his side. He tells the jeweler he is looking for a special ring for his girlfriend. The jeweler looks through his stock and brings out a \$5,000 ring.

The old man says, "No, I'd like to see something more special."

So, the jeweler goes to his special stock and brings another ring over. "Here's a stunning ring at only \$40,000." The young lady's eyes sparkle and her body trembles with excitement.

The old man seeing this says, "We'll take it. I'll pay you for it with a check and you can hold the ring until Monday morning when the bank open so you can see that the check clears."

Monday morning, the jeweler phones the man and says, "There's no money in that account."

"Yeah," says the old man. "But that didn't stop me from having a great weekend."

### The Best Gunfighter

Junior and Bubba are coming home from Myrtle Beach and decide to stop by at one of the Old West towns in North Carolina where they use real-like guns that shoot rubber bullets. Junior wants to be like one of the old time gunfighters, so he buys a pistol and holster goes into a saloon.

Just as he walks in, an old man looks at him and says, "If you'll tie that holster lower onto your leg you'll be able to pull your gun out of the holster better."

Junior ties the holster lower and decides he going to try to see if he can get the gun out quicker. But the gun goes off accidentally and the rubber bullet knocks off the hat of a man sitting down at the end of the bar.

The old man says, "If you'll cut a notch in the top of your holster where the hammer hits, the gun will come out smoother."

Junior does so and then practices his draw again. The gun fires again, this time striking the leg of the same man as before who is sitting at the end of the bar, causing the man to fall onto the floor with the pain and discomfort from the rubber bullet.

The old man hands Junior a can of grease and says, "Here, rub this grease all over your gun and that will make it better."

Junior starts rubbing the grease all over his gun but he protests, saying, "I don't see how all this grease can help my draw."

"It won't," says the old man. "But that man you just shot is going to stick that gun where the sun doesn't shine . . . all that grease will keep you from hurting so much."

## Irvine firefighter wants to be full-time

by CATHY DAWES  
The Estill County Tribune

Chad Neal, a part time fire fighter for the city of Irvine, approached the council on Monday night and asked if they would consider making him a full time employee. Neal said that he had been a fire fighter since 2009 and he knew that the city didn't have the money in previous years to hire an extra full time fire fighter but upon crunching numbers with the city clerk he felt like the city would be able to save money if they hired him as a full time employee. Neal said that a part time employee had recently quit and he had picked up some of those hours as well as working his own hours.

Fire Chief Tony Murphy said that at one time the city had four full time employees and two part time employees. He said that with Neal picking up the extra hours of the fire fighter that had quit that meant that Neal was getting overtime pay on almost all of his paychecks. He also said that if anyone needed time off that Neal picked up those hours

as well. Murphy added that if the city did hire Neal it would make the fire department's ISO rating much better.

"Chad is one of the most reliable employees that we've got at the fire station and I'm thankful we've got him," stated Murphy.

"We'll have to look this over because I don't think one person should hold two government jobs," stated Mayor W.J. Noland.

Neal is also currently employed by EMA and his salary is paid by a grant through CSEPP. Neal said that the contract with his job is renewed each year and that he doesn't know from one year to the next if he will have that job.

Councilman Billy Arthur stated that he thought Neal did a great job and that he was all for hiring him as a full time employee at the fire department. The council agreed to table the discussion until the next meeting that will be held in two weeks.

The council read and approved the first reading of the 2016-2017 budget. City

Clerk Robin Powell reported that there was an increase in revenues for the upcoming year and a decrease in expenditures. She said that the workman's comp policy was down \$13,000 from last year and that even though there was a slight increase in the health insurance and retirement policies there were several different areas where the city was saving money.

Councilman Arthur asked what the large sum of money to the state auditor was for. Mayor Noland replied that the state auditor had received two anonymous letters that claimed wrong doing on the city's part and they had to investigate the matter. Arthur asked Noland if he was the one who had turned them in and he said that he had not and that to his knowledge they would never know who had turned the city in because the state wasn't required to tell them. Noland said that the investigation was almost complete and they should have a report by the end of the month.

Chief of Police Brad

Smith said that with the council's approval, the IPD hoped to be able to purchase a new cruiser by the middle of next month. He said that transmission repairs had been done to one of the older cruisers but he felt like it was a cruiser that was worth putting money into and that it should last another five years.

Janice Bush said that she thought the Policeman Memorial was a nice tribute to the fallen officers. Bush said that she was very impressed by the service but would've liked to have seen more people attend the service.

Tobo Bryant reported that last week's Cruze In was a huge success. He said that 56 cars had signed in at the car show but he knew that there was more cars there that didn't register. Bryant said that he had spoken with a few of the workers at the Steam Engine and they had reported that their business had increased that night during the car show.

The next city council meeting will be held on June 27th at 7 o'clock at City Hall.

## Ravenna pays bills on CEDA project; may fund a home

by CATHY DAWES  
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Bryan Kirby of CEDA presented members of the Ravenna council with pay resolution #21 in regards to the home renovations within the city. The resolution was for payment on a storage unit to Webb Rentals and to AAA Fencing from Richmond. Kirby said that chain link fences had been removed from two of the properties during construction and the resolution was to replace those fences now that the homes have been completed.

Kirby also addressed an issue that was brought up at the meeting last month pertaining to the newly built home belonging to Roger Walters. According to Kirby, the home has a foundation that is taller than most and during construction concrete was poured into the block foundation and rebar to make sure that it was structurally sound. Although extra measures were taken during the construction, the foundation has a straight line crack in it that is visible from both the outside and inside of the home. Kirby said that inspectors had looked at it and deemed that it was structurally sound and that even though there is no cause for alarm they would continue to monitor

the situation.

He added that there will be a post construction meeting at which time the home owners will sign a letter of acceptance on the home. They will have a one year warranty on the home from the date of the meeting.

Kirby stated that there could possibly be enough money left over from this round of the project to do another home but wouldn't know for certain until everything was completed with this phase of the project.

The second reading of the 2016-2017 budget was read and approved by the council.

Councilwoman Tina Johnson said that one of her neighbors had approached her about a drainage problem in her driveway that runs into her basement. Mayor Tipton said that the homeowner had brought her deed to city hall and they had reviewed it and came to the conclusion that it is not the city's responsibility to fix the problem.

Fire Chief David Harvey said his granddaughter loved the newly purchased playground equipment at the park. Harvey said that she especially loves the slide. The new equipment was purchased with money that was left to the city from Charlie VanHuss.

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