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Maudie's Naughties



The Owl Hooter

One evening an avid bird watcher stands in his backyard and hears an owl hoot. So he thinks he'll give a hoot back. To his surprise and delight the bird hoots again. The next night the same scenario occurs.

All summer, the man and his feathered friend hoot back and forth. He even keeps a log of the "conversations." Just as he thinks he is on the verge of a breakthrough in inter-species communication, his wife has a chat with her next door neighbor.

"My husband spends his nights calling to owls," the wife comments.

"That's odd," the neighbor replies. "So does mine..."

Back to School

A letter from a son at school to his father...

School is really great. I am making lots of friends and studying hard. With all my stuff, I simply can't think of anything I need, so if you like, you can just send me a card, as I would love to hear from you.

Love, Your Son.

A week later... the response from Dad arrived:

Dear Son,

I know that astronomy, economics and oceanography are enough to keep even an honor student busy. Do not forget that the pursuit of knowledge is a noble task and you can never study enough.

Love, Dad.

The Little Turtle

A little turtle begins to climb a tree slowly. After long hours of effort... he reaches the top, jumps into the air waving his front legs, until he crashes heavily into the ground with a hard knock on his shell.

After recovering his consciousness, he starts to climb the tree again, jumps again, and knocks the ground heavily again.

The little turtle persists again and again while a couple of birds sitting at the edge of a branch, watch the turtle with pain. Suddenly the female bird says to the male, "Dear, I think it's time to tell our little turtle he is adopted."

The Violin

Little Johnny is practicing the violin in the living room... while his Uncle is trying to read in the den. The family dog is lying in the den, and as the screeching sounds of little Johnny's violin reaches his ears, he begins to howl loudly.

Uncle listens to the dog and the violin as long as he can. Then he jumps up, slams his paper to the floor and yells above the noise, "For pity's sake, can't you play something the dog doesn't know!"

Junior and Clarence

Junior and Howard have been riding their bikes down to the river this summer and fishing quite a bit. Some guy named Clarence has been fishing across the river at Buck Creek as well.

Clarence and Junior must have taken a dislike for each other so that every day when the fish slow up biting, the two throw insults and rocks at each other across river.

Finally, Junior gets so fed up, he tells Howard that he's going to ride his bike into town and cross the bridge to Buck Creek to meet that fellow.

"I'm going to beat him up good," says Junior, as he takes off on his bike toward town.

About 40 minutes later, here comes Junior rolling back up the creek on his bike, and Howard knows he hasn't had time to ride clear over to Buck Creek.

"I thought you were going to ride over to Buck Creek and beat up that fellow Clarence," says Howard.

"I was going to," replies Junior. "But somebody put up a sign down at the underpass that says, 'Warning, Clarence 13 feet, 2 inches.' He sure didn't look that big from across the river."

The Lawn Mower

Brother Marv is making his rounds one Saturday afternoon when he stops at a house where a young boy is trying to start a lawnmower. The young man tugs at the rope then lets out a stream of cursing before taking his breath and pulling again.

"Here, here," says Brother Marv. "There's no need for that. The mower just needs a little tune up."

So, the pastor fiddles around with the carburetor while the boy sits to the side and catches his breath. After the pastor is satisfied that he has done enough, he puts his foot on the mower and gives the string a few tugs. Finally, he gets out of breath and says, "I don't think this mower's going to start."

"Yeah, it will," says the boy. "You just have to cuss at it to get it started."

Brother Marv answers, "I'm a minister, and I can't curse. It's been so long since I've cursed that I don't know if I even remember how."

The little boy looks at him happily and says, "Just keep pulling on that string. It'll come back to ya!"

Letters to the Editor

Mushroom Festival Organizers Thanks Supporters

On behalf of the Mountain Mushroom Festival I would like to thank all the individuals that donated time, talents, energy, and financial support to the 27th annual festival. One of the goals of the committee is to be known as one of the best festivals in Kentucky. This was reflected by the amount of community involvement.

Financial support was given by Estill Court Clerk Sherry Fox, Jackson Energy, Irvine Healthmart/Estill Clinic Pharmacy, Kiwanis Club of Irvine-Ravenna, White House Clinics, Aldersgate Camp & Retreat Center, Irvine Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Davis Law, Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital, Hinkle Contract-

ing Company, Warren F. Toler Funeral Home, Estill County Conservation District, Dr. William W. Wachs, and Big E Insurance.

Thanks go to the following organizations who sponsored/organized events and activities: Estill Development-Kids Zone, American Legion Riders, Post #79-Bike Show, Chamber of Commerce-vendor hospitality, ECHS Spanish Club-Furry Friends Fashion Show, Estill County Historical & Genealogical Society-museum/displays, Hillbilly Flyers-Antique Gas Engine & Tractor Show, Irvine-Ravenna Woman's Club-Student Art Show, Kiwanis Club of Irvine-Ravenna-Fungus 5K/2K Run & Walk,

Masonic Lodge-Pancake Breakfast, Southeast KY Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Club -agate hunts/Agate, Gem, & Mineral Show, Twin City Kruzerz Club-Car Show, Marcum & Wallace Hospital-health screenings, Lions Club-eye screenings, and Hargett Fire Dept. - parking, parade, vendor assistance.

We appreciate the following who participated on the mushroom cooking and narrative stage: John Allen, Steve Atkins, Lowell Bowlin, Joan Murphy/Tina Pasley, Jordan Noel/Robyn Pasley, Jack/Teresa Stickney, Robin Reed, and Stacy Family.

The Mountain Mushroom Festival Committee volunteered many hours throughout

the year to organize and host the best festival possible. We also appreciate the city of Irvine employees. They helped move needed equipment and supplies, clean the streets, and get the city back in shape after the festival.

An evaluation meeting of the festival committee will be held soon to evaluate the 2017 festival. We will also start to plan the 28th festival to be held April 28-29, 2018. Anyone wanting to volunteer for next year's festival can contact Irvine City Hall. Your input and help would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Francine Bonny
Mountain Mushroom Festival Chairman

Recognizing Estill EMS

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this chance to recognize a very important partner of Marcum & Wallace Hospital...our local ambulance service.

Our friends at Estill County EMS are great partners in caring for patients and we appreciate their role in our recent Chest Pain Accreditation from the American College of Cardiology.

The life-saving protocols and skills that our EMS implemented over two decades ago have meant so much to our community. Not all communities have ALS-certified EMS, so for this we are very fortunate.

Whether Estill County EMS has been there to care for you, your child, parent, other fam-

ily member or friend; you'll never forget the assurance that comes with knowing that Estill County EMS will provide the highest quality of care.

We are in good hands because of their dedication. They put in long hours and sleepless nights to care for the community. They attend community events and provide education to hospital employees through training.

During this EMS Week celebration, we recognize and thank you for your commitment to Estill County.

With sincerest thanks and congratulations,
Susan Starling, Marcum & Wallace Hospital, President & CEO
Rodney Davis, Chairman, Board of Directors

Irvine student receives masters degree May 6

On Saturday, May 6, University of the Cumberland (UC) conferred 927 degrees during the annual commencement ceremonies.

Among the graduates was Brooke Young of Irvine, KY, who earned a Master of Arts in Education degree.

"We are proud of our institution and of our graduating seniors," said Dr. Larry Cockrum, UC President.

"Today, the University family pauses to recognize you and the significance of this milestone in your life and the life of the University."

For the first time in UC history, the University held two services to celebrate its students and their accomplishments: one in the morning for undergraduates and one in the evening for graduate and doctoral students.

Estill Board of Health

The Estill County Board of Health will be meeting at Michael's in Ravenna on Wednesday, May 31, 2017, at 12:00 Noon. The public is welcome.

Attention Veterans

The Veterans Benefits Field Representative will be at the Estill County Public Library, 246 Main Street in Irvine, on Thursday, June 1st and normally the first Thursday of each month. The hours are 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Veterans and their dependants will receive assistance filing for Federal and State veterans benefits. This service is provided free of charge by the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs. To apply, veterans need to furnish copies of pertinent documentation to verify eligibility. For further information, please call toll free within Kentucky, 1-866-376-0308, to speak with a Veterans Benefits Field Representative.

Estill County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting
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