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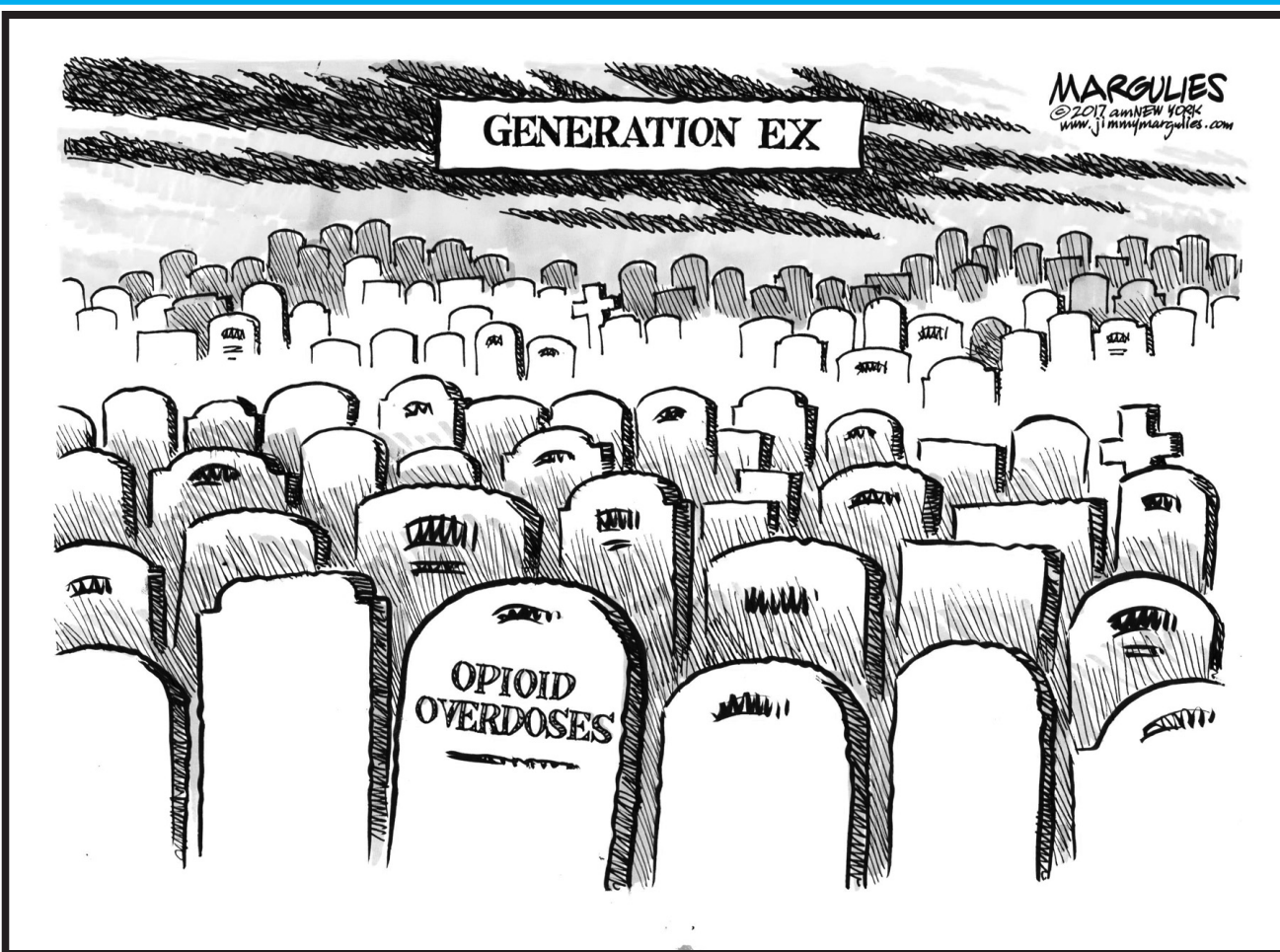
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Maudie's Naughties



Dead Battery

An angry motorist goes back to a garage where he'd purchased an expensive battery for his car six months earlier. "Listen," the motorist grumbles to the owner of the garage, "When I bought that battery you said it would be the last battery my car would ever need. . . . It died after only six months!"

"Sorry," apologizes the garage owner. "I didn't think your car would last that long."

In King Solomon's Court

Two women come before wise King Solomon, dragging between them a young man in a three-piece suit.

"This young lawyer agreed to marry my daughter," says one.

"No! He agreed to marry MY daughter," says the other.

And so they haggle before the King until he calls for silence.

"Bring me my biggest sword," says Solomon, "and I shall hew the young attorney in half. Each of you shall receive a half."

"Sounds good to me," says the first lady.

But the other woman says, "Oh Sire, do not spill innocent blood. Let the other woman's daughter marry him."

The wise king does not hesitate a moment. "The attorney must marry the first lady's daughter," he proclaims.

"But she was willing to hew him in two!" exclaims the king's court.

"Indeed," says wise King Solomon. "That shows she is the TRUE mother-in-law."

The Ballplayer

"He's great on the court," a sportswriter notes of a college basketball player during an interview with the coach. "How are his grades?"

"He makes straight A's," replies the coach, adding after a short pause, "But some of his other letters are a little crooked."

Hill Folk

An old man and his wife live deep in the hills and seldom see many people. One day a peddler comes by to sell his goods and asks the man if he or his wife want to buy anything.

"Well, my wife ain't home," says the man. "She's gone down to the crick to wash clothes, but lemme see what you got."

The peddler shows him pots and pans, tools and gadgets, but the old man isn't interested.

Then the man spots a mirror and says, "What's that?"

Before the peddler could tell him it is a mirror, the old man picks it up and says, "My goodness! How'd you get a picture of my Pappy?"

The old man is so happy he trades his wife's best pitcher for it. The peddler leaves before the wife comes back and spoils his sale.

The old man is worried that the wife will be mad at him for trading her best pitcher, so he hides it in the barn behind some boxes of junk. He goes out to the barn two or three times a day to look at the "picture" and eventually the wife gets suspicious.

One day she gets fed up and after he retires for the night, she goes out to the barn. She sees the mirror behind the boxes, picks it up and says, "So this is the old bag he's been foolin' around with!"

Annual Checkup

Pa goes to Dr. Smedley's office for his annual checkup. While in the waiting room, a technician comes in wheeling a large, intimidating-looking machine with tubes and wires and dials.

Pa takes one look at the machine and says, "Boy, I'd sure hate to be hooked up to something like that."

"Me, too!" says Ma. "It's a carpet cleaning machine."

After spending quite a while in the waiting room, Pa gets restless and slowly heads for the door.

"Where are you going?" asks Ma.

"I decided it would be easier if I just went home and died a natural death," replies Pa.

Pa finally gets in for his checkup. He tells the doctor, "I haven't gained a pound since I saw you last."

"Well in that case," says Dr. Smedley, "I hate to tell you this, but you've got dresser disease."

"What's that?" asks Pa.

"Well," replies Dr. Smedley. "That's when your chest starts sliding into your drawers."

The doctor wants to check out Pa's balance so he says, "Pa, can you stand on one foot for me?"

"How's this, Doc?" asks Pa.

"Well, that's quite remarkable" replies Dr. Smedley, "But, I really meant for you to stand on your own foot."

District 10 Equipment Rodeo

Algin Moreland Takes Individual Award

It took an extra day to complete the competition, but after the storm clouds cleared, the crew from the Morgan County Kentucky Department of Highways maintenance garage won the overall team championship in District 10's annual Equipment Rodeo.

Algin Moreland of Estill County won first place in the "Tractor with mower" category.

Patrick Graham, an equipment operator from the Powell County crew, won the overall individual championship on the strength of victories in two of the individual events.

Individual event winners hailed from Estill, Morgan and Powell counties.

This year's Rodeo began on Wednesday, June 14, but strong thunderstorms late in the afternoon delayed completion of the event until the next morning. Participants who had not finished the

competition Wednesday afternoon were given the opportunity to complete the Rodeo on Thursday morning.

The annual Rodeo brings equipment operators from the district's county garages together for a day of friendly competition and fellowship. The event allows equipment operators from the district's crews to show their skills in operating the equipment they use to maintain state highways in the district. The obstacle courses simulate actual situations equipment operators may encounter in the performance of their duties.

Individual event winners were:

- Backhoe: Patrick Graham, Powell County, first place; Scott Prater, Morgan County, second place.

- Snowplow obstacle course: Matt Howard, Morgan County, first place; Josh Howard, Magoffin County,

second place. (This event ended in a tie, and a tie-breaker was used to determine the champion).

- Tractor with mower: Algin Moreland, Estill County/District 10 Equipment Garage, first place; John Rose, Wolfe County, second place.

- Grader: Patrick Graham, Powell County, first place; Reed Graham, Wolfe County, second place.

The individual contest winners and runners-up will advance to a statewide competition against participants from the other 11 highway districts across Kentucky, to be held at the Kentucky Horse Park June 26-28. State winners will be eligible to participate in the annual Southeastern Regional Equipment Operators Safety Training Conference competition, to be held in the Sevierville/Pigeon Forge/Gatlinburg, Tenn. area later this year.

"Our county maintenance crew members have to work in all sorts of weather conditions and are subject to be-

ing called out at any time of the day or night," said Corbett Caudill, chief district engineer. "Our personnel do an excellent job maintaining our state highways and responding to emergency situations caused by the weather or other issues. Operating the equipment necessary to maintain our highways year-round, and to keep them clear of snow and ice in the winter, takes a lot of skill and knowledge. The Rodeo gives our employees a chance to show off their abilities. It also gives our employees from our county garages, who don't get to have much interaction with other crews on a regular basis, a chance to know that they are all part of one team and that we appreciate all of them for their effort and hard work."

District 10 encompasses the counties of Breathitt, Estill, Lee, Magoffin, Menifee, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Powell and Wolfe in east-central and southeastern Kentucky.

NWTF Celebrates Pollinator Week

The National Wild Turkey Federation works throughout the year to improve habitat not only for wild turkeys but also for some of our upland habitat's most important visitors — pollinators. Bees, birds and butterflies are a part of the pollinator group, which has seen drastic declines over the past 20 years. This week, during National Pollinator Week, the NWTF asks you to join our celebration and help keep our pollinators protected.

According to the North American Pollinator Protection Campaign, bees, butterflies, beetles, bats and other small mammals that pollinate plants are responsible for bringing us one out of every three bites of food. An estimated one-third of all foods and beverages is delivered by pollinators, and pollination produces nearly \$20 billion worth of products annually. Pollinators also provide us with one-half of the world's oils; they prevent soil erosion and increase carbon storage.

The NAPPCC raises public awareness through education and partnerships while promoting restoration of pollinator habitats.

At the NWTF headquarters, staff and volunteers have worked tirelessly to improve pollinator habitats throughout the 700-acre Hunting Heritage Center, which includes demonstration forests, food plots, observation decks, wetlands and fish habitat. Travis Sumner, NWTF Hunting Heritage and Habitat specialist, said the NWTF has taken its pollinator efforts to

a new level this year.

According to Sumner, the NWTF's managed pollinator area includes butterfly gardens, a bat house and an area for honey bees and other foraging pollinators.

In addition, pollinator plots are planted at the shooting stations of the Palmetto Shooting Complex at the NWTF. Stations include descriptive signage to explain to visitors why the chosen plants were used, he said.

Improving the habitat at the NWTF complex has included a grant for development of NWTF pollinator habitat from Bayer Crop Science as well as help from many individuals and companies. Crop Production Services, Strom Thurmond FFA, Roundstone Seed, Mossy Oak Native Nurseries and Hallman Farms have all donated resources to the endeavor.

"With just a little care, pollinators give us life sustaining foods as well as improve our world with their beauty," said Becky Humphries, CEO of the NWTF. "We are proud of the work we have done to enhance habitat for pollinators, but there is still more to do. Join us in helping preserve pollinator habitats across the country by enhancing, restoring or establishing their habitats near you."

Additional habitat information is available on the NWTF website, www.nwtf.org/conservation/category/habitat and seed program information is available to NWTF members, www.nwtf.org/conservation/category/seed-program.

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