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## Maudie's Naughties



### Say Something Positive

Pa and Ma are getting ready for bed. Ma is standing in front of a full-length mirror taking a hard look at herself. "You know, Pa," she says, "I look in the mirror, and I see an old woman. My face is all wrinkled, my butt is hanging out a mile, I've got fat legs, and my arms are all flabby." She turns to Pa and says, "Tell me something positive to make me feel better about myself." He thinks about it for a bit and then says in a soft, thoughtful voice, "Well, there's nothing wrong with your eyesight."

Doc says Pa will fully recover from his injuries.

### Snoring Problem

A high school basketball team spends the holiday break in Florida playing exhibition games. The head coach is a really bad snorer so the three assistant coaches agree that each will spend one night sharing a room with him.

After the first night, one of the assistants comes to breakfast next morning; hair a mess, eyes all bloodshot. They say, "Man, what happen to you?"

"He snores so loud, I watched him all night."

The next morning, same thing -- hair all standing up, eyes all bloodshot. They say, "Man, what happened to you? You look awful!"

"His snoring can shake the roof. I watched him all night."

The third night is Coach Smith's turn. Next morning he comes to breakfast bright eyed and bushy tailed. "Good morning you all."

They can't believe it! They say, "Man, what happened? Smith replies, "Well, we get ready for bed. I go over and tuck Coach into bed and kissed him good night . . .

He watched me all night."

### Feed My Sheep

One snowy Sunday morning a local farmer decides to go to church. When he enters, he sees that he and the preacher are the only ones present. The preacher asks the farmer if he wanted him to go ahead and preach.

The farmer replies, "I'm not too smart, but if I go to feed my cattle and only one shows up, I'd feed him."

So the minister begins his sermon.

One hour passes, then two hours, then two-and-a-half hours. The preacher finally finishes and comes down to ask the farmer how he liked the sermon.

The farmer answers slowly, "Well, I'm not very smart, but if I go to feed my cattle and only one shows up, I sure wouldn't feed him all the hay."

### Alligator Shoes

Bambi spent her Christmas break in Florida. While there, she wants to take home a pair of genuine alligator shoes in the worst way . . . but is very reluctant to pay the high prices the local vendors are asking for the highly prized shoes.

After becoming very frustrated with the "no haggle on prices" attitude of one of the shopkeepers, Bambi shouts, "Well then, maybe I'll just go out and catch my own alligator, so I can get a pair of shoes at a decent price!"

The shopkeeper says with a sly, knowing smile, "Little lady, y'all just go and give it a try, why don'cha!"

Bambi turns on her heel and heads out toward the swamps, determined to catch herself an alligator. Later in the day, as the shopkeeper is driving home, he pulls over to the side of the levee where he spots Bambi standing waist deep in the murky bayou water, shotgun in hand. Just then, he spots a huge 9-foot gator swimming rapidly toward her. With lightning speed, she takes aim, kills the creature and, with a great deal of effort, hauls it onto the slimy swamp bank. Lying nearby are several more of the dead creatures.

The shopkeeper stands on the bank and watches this scenario in amazed silence. Just then, the Bambi struggles and flips the gator on its back. Then, rolling her eyes heaven-ward and screaming in great frustration, she shouts out, "Dang, this one is barefoot, too!"

### Successful Marriage

Ma and Pa are having their 55th Anniversary party with some of the neighbors from up and down Needmore. Pa and some of the men are sitting out at the well jawing about this and this. One of the neighbors asks Pa, "How is that you and Ma have had such a successful marriage?"

"Well, it dates back to our honeymoon," says Pa. "We visited the Grand Canyon and took a trip down to the bottom of the canyon by pack mule. We hadn't gone too far when her mule stumbled. Ma quietly says, 'That's once.'

We proceeded a little further and, 'That's twice.' Again. Once more Ma quietly says, 'That's twice.'

from Estill Superintendent Jeff Saylor

## Estill County School Closing Info

The decision to cancel school or have a delay impacts many people in our community. We make the best decision, based on the information we have, keeping the safety of our students and staff as the number one priority. Our goal will be to make the best decision as soon as possible, in order to give students, their families, and our local employers' ample time to deal with the various issues caused by school cancellation or a delay.

### School Closing or Delay:

If possible, our goal will be to make a decision about school the night before so everyone will have plenty of time to make plans for the coming day, but more often than not bad weather always seems to happen during the early morning hours. When inclement weather is in the forecast, our morning begins around

4am. There are specific areas and roads we check while monitoring the current forecast from the National Weather Service. Once we have gathered all of our information, we try to make a decision by 5:30am. The decision is immediately posted on all television stations, Facebook, Twitter and One Call is activated.

Here are the possible responses based on the information we have gathered.

1. School will be closed.
2. Delay: Start of school and bus pick-up delayed based on type of delay.
  - a. One hour delay.
  - b. Two hour delay.
3. No School: Teacher/Staff Workday.

### Early Dismissal:

During the school day we continually monitor the forecast when inclement weather is in the forecast. When snow starts to fall, everyone's first instinct is to immediately dismiss school and most of the time we end up putting buses and student drivers on the road at the very worst time. With this in mind, we will usually try to wait until the end of the day to dismiss our students. If a student drives they may not be immediately released due to dangerous road conditions and no phone calls will be accepted by the high school staff asking for a student to check out.

If we do have to dismiss early, we will use all means necessary to notify our parents in a timely manner because sending students home early, with very little warning increases the potential for our students to arrive home, with no one there waiting for them. As always, if a driver does not feel comfortable dropping off a student, they will transport them back to school if a parent cannot be reached.

When it's all said and done, the weather has a mind of its own. I will always try to make the best decision possible based on the information I have available. There are a lot of factors that have to be considered when making this decision, but in the end I will always put safety first.

## Estill County Schools Announces New Director of Law Enforcement

Estill County Schools is proud to announce the hiring of our new Director of Law Enforcement and School Safety; career law enforcement officer Doug Cole. Director Cole has over 22 years of law enforcement experience and recently retired from the Kentucky State Police. Several of those years Officer Cole was a road trooper serving areas including Estill County. Director Cole stated that he always enjoyed his time working in Estill County and has built many positive relationships with the people. In his new job he will continue building those relationships with the students, parents, and local law enforcement. "I am looking forward to being a positive role model for our students and making all schools as safe an environment as possible," said Director Cole.

As the Director of Law Enforcement and School Safety, Cole will implement programs that provide safe learning and teaching environments for students and teachers. He hopes to provide

valuable resources to school staff that can foster positive relationships with students. His work will include developing strategies to resolve problems affecting youth and protecting all students, so they can reach their fullest potential.

Superintendent Jeff Saylor said, "We are fortunate to find an individual with the experiences and qualifications that Director Cole possesses. His hiring will not only fill the void that existed with the recent resignation of our SRO, but will greatly enhance the overall safety of our buildings due to his vast experience gained while working for KSP. Finally, I want to thank our Board of Education for their investment in providing a safe learning and teaching environment for our students and staff."

Director Cole began employment on December 13th, 2018 and if you have any questions or concerns he can be reached at (606) 723-2181 or by email at [doug.cole@estill.kyschools.us](mailto:doug.cole@estill.kyschools.us).

## Americanisms



"It's not whether you fall down, it's whether you get back up."

—Vince Lombardi

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