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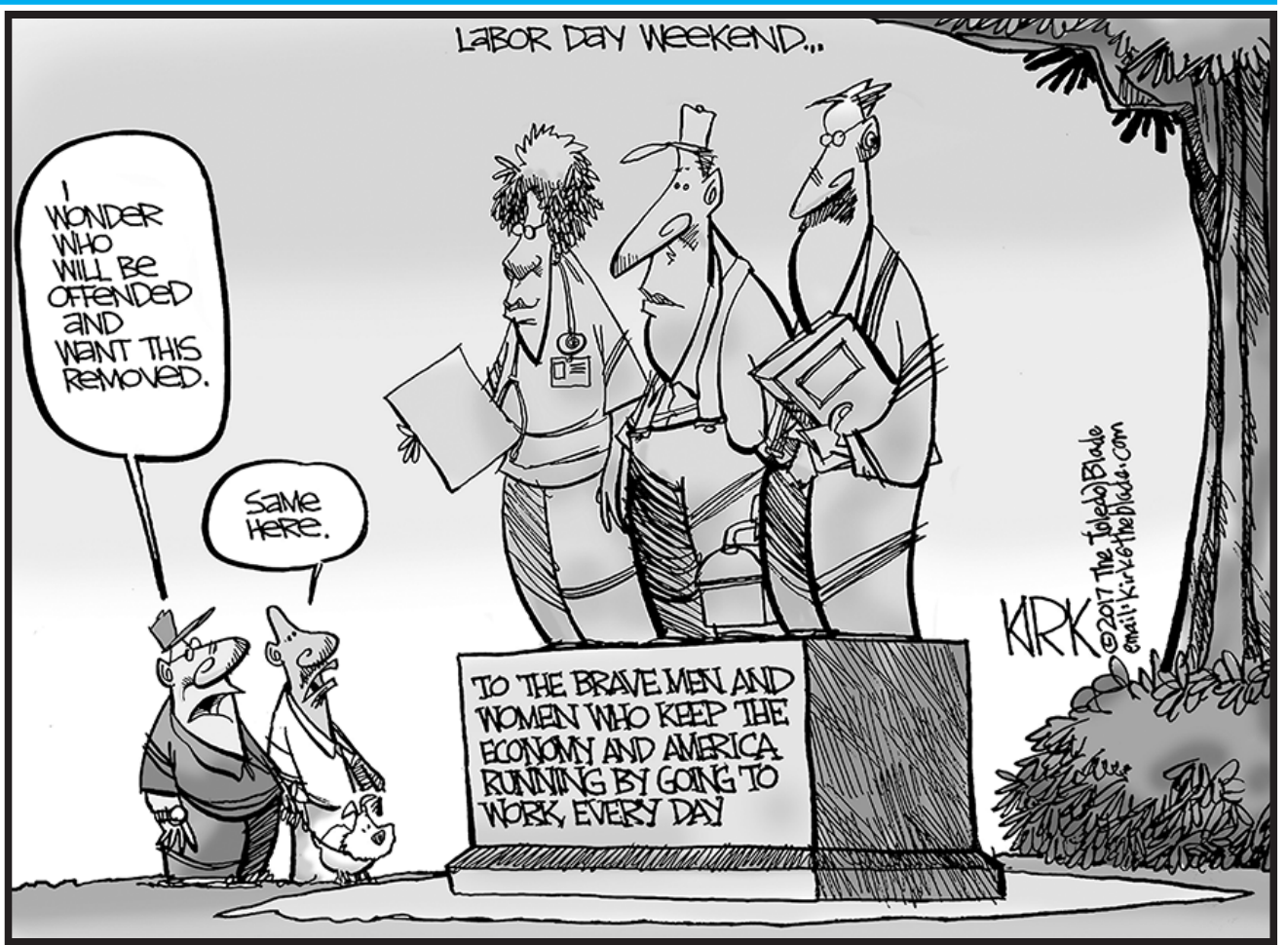
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Maudie's Naughties



Waiting Plane

A news photographer calls the local airport to charter a flight. He is told a plane will be waiting for him at the airport. Arriving at the airfield, he spots a plane warming up outside a hanger. He jumps in with his bag, slams the door shut, and shouts, "Let's go."

The pilot taxis out, swings the plane into the wind and takes off. Once in the air, the photographer instructs the pilot, "Fly over the valley and make low passes so I can take pictures of the fires on the hill-sides."

"Why?" asks the pilot.

"Because I'm a photographer and I need to get some close up shots for the morning edition."

The pilot is strangely silent for a moment; finally he stammers, "You're NOT my flight instructor?"

Bad Eyesight

An old snake goes to see his doctor.

"Doc, I need something for my eyes . . . can't see well these days."

The doctor fixes him up with a pair of glasses and tells him to return in two weeks. The snake comes back in two weeks and tells the doctor he's very depressed.

Doc says, "What's the problem . . . didn't the glasses help you?"

"The glasses are fine doc, I just discovered I've been living with a water hose the past two years!"

Ice Fishing

Howard and Junior spend last Christmas near Alvin City, Wisconsin where they'd heard about the great ice fishing and are told where there is a lake that is frozen over just right.

They stop by at a little store on the way the next morning to pick up some supplies. Junior reminds Howard that they're going to need an ice pick. They set out on their way, but in a couple of hours, Howard comes back to the store wanting a dozen more ice picks. The bait shop owner is a little curious but says nothing and sells Howard a dozen ice picks.

Later in the day, Junior shows up, wanting some more ice picks. The bait man can't stand it any longer so he asks, "Well, how are you boys doing at ice fishing?"

"Not too well," replies Junior. "We ain't even got our boat in the water yet."

Fishing

Junior and Howard are fishing the slough after the backwater has gone done in the spring when, all of a sudden, a game warden jumps out of the bushes.

Howard throws down the new rod he got for Christmas and starts running across the field like a bat out of Hank's barn. The game warden is hot on his heels.

Reaching the edge of the field behind Shell Mart, Howard stops and bends over with his hands on his thighs to catch his breath, and the game warden finally catches up to him.

"Let's see yer fishin' license, Boy!" the officer gasps.

Catching his breath, Howard pulls out his wallet and gives the game warden a valid fishing license.

"What do you think you're doing, son?" says the game warden. "You don't have to run from me if you have a license!"

"I know," says Howard, "But Junior back there, he didn't have one."

Who's Your Daddy?

The teacher says to her new class, "For our first lesson . . . each of you will stand up, tell us your name, what your father does, spell what your father does, and then explain it to us."

"All right, Billy. You go first."

Billy stands up and says, "My name's Billy. My father's a lawyer, l-a-w-y-e-r, and he defends people in court."

The teacher says, "Very good. All right, Benjamin."

Benjamin stands up and says, "My name's Benjamin. My father's a pharmacist, f-a-m... f-a-r-n... f-n..."

The teacher says, "Benjamin, you go home tonight and learn how to spell pharmacist."

"All right . . . Angelo."

Angelo stands up and says, "My name's Angelo. My old man's a bookie, b-o-o-k-i-e, and if he was here, he'd give you 9-to-5 odds Benjamin can't spell pharmacist by tomorrow."

Split Wide Open

The graveside service for Great Aunt Granelda had just ended when a tremendous burst of thunder is accompanied by a distant lightning bolt and more rumbling thunder.

One of her nephews looks at the pastor and calmly says, "Well, she's there."

Letters to the Editor

To the Good People of Estill County:

VOTE FOR RHONDA CHILDERS!!! VOTE FOR RHONDA CHILDERS!!!

Estill County is my "green" as the late Joe Estes once said to me. He meant it was my home and that I shouldn't leave it! And in so many ways, it is. I spent 20 of the best years of my life there, being a farmess, CV&T Times editor and Estill citizen. I am now thriving and happily married in Paint Lick, still loving nature, gardening, and the land. For 13 years I have been at Berea College at the Brushy Fork Institute an initiative of the College that does leadership, economic and community development in the region. While I was living and working in Estill, I met some of the truest, bravest, most interesting people I've ever known. Near the end of my time at the newspaper, we (the community) went through the trauma of having to stand up to Ashland Oil who wanted to bring radioactive NORM to the Estill County Landfill. Everyone in the county stood up in this together. And Ashland didn't do it. Rhonda Childers' public voice was one of the most articulate against the intrusion and danger to life and health in Estill. I worked alongside of her at the CV&T where she "saved me" a couple of times, and at Berea College where she worked in a program that brought high schoolers to the Berea Campus to get a leg up in education. After obtaining her degree, she joined Save the Children and then Community Action Council always with a plan to make whatever community she was working in a better one. Later she went to Save the Children. Then she got a degree in social work to further her abilities to help.

Rhonda is intelligent, articulate, savvy and tough when she needs to be. She is young and strong. She is an administrative genius, keeping things organized. She is aware of eco-

nomie needs and beneficial ways to enhance Estill's natural talents and resources. She is a good negotiator and facilitator of group action. Most importantly, she is positive and compassionate. She has the vision to a bright future and already has a steady, good handle on what that means. She is the best candidate to be your next County Judge Executive. I only wish I could cast a vote for her. Please cast many for me.

Please let this valiant and true leader be your choice.

My deep gratitude to the many good people who made my life better while I was there, from getting my vehicles unstuck from ditches, returning my lost wallets, hugging me when I was sick, telling me their stories and making it "my green."

Sincerely, Beth Curlin Weber

Keep up the good work:

I want to compliment the Estill County Fiscal Court, including the magistrates and County Judge/Executive Kevin Williams and his staff, for doing a fine job. Keep up the good work!

Thank you, Gary Robinson

Attention Veterans

The Veterans Benefits Field Representative will be at the **Estill County Public Library**, 246 Main Street in Irvine, on Thursday, September 6th 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.

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