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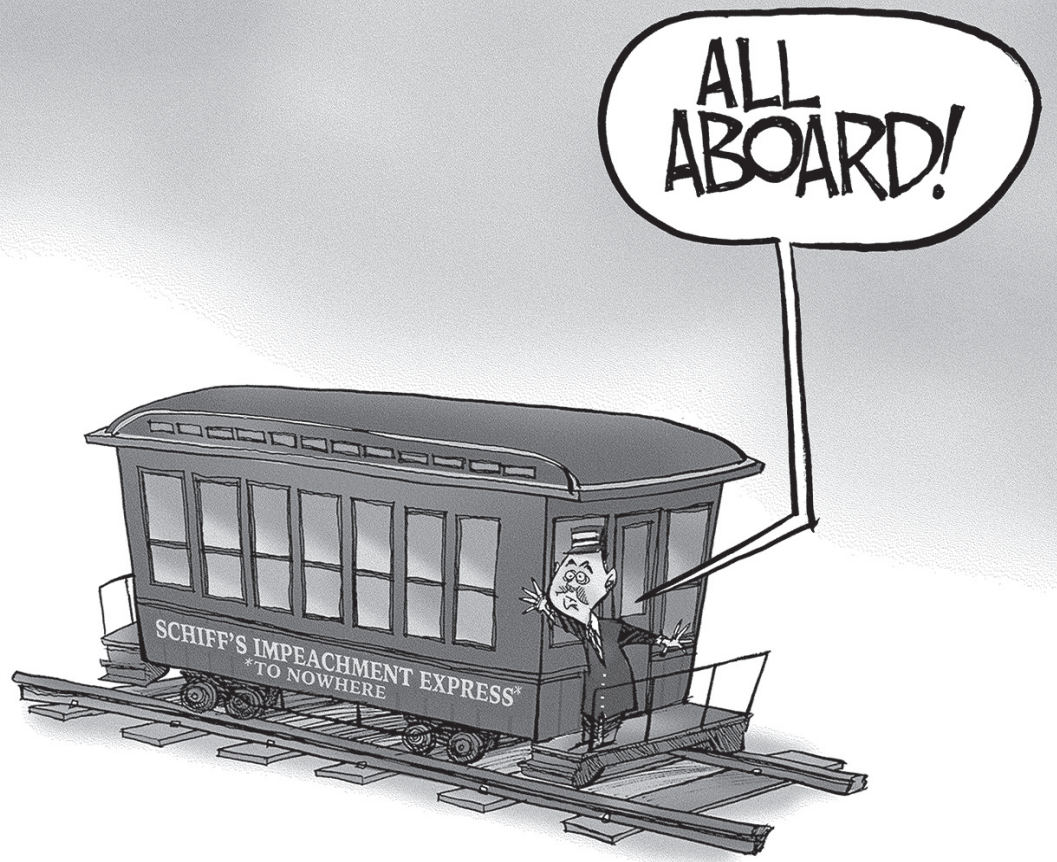
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## Maudie's Naughties



### The Turkey

When I was a young turkey, new to the coop . . .  
My big brother Tom took me out on the stoop.  
Then he sat me down, and he spoke real slow,  
And he told me there was something that I just had to know;  
His look and his tone I will always remember,  
When he told me of horrors . . . come late in November;  
"Come about August, now listen to me,  
Each day you'll get six meals instead of just three,  
And soon you'll be thick, where once you were thin,  
And you'll grow a big rubbery thing on your chin;  
"And then one morning, when you're warm in your bed,  
The farm wife comes in and hacks off your head;  
"Then she'll pluck out your feathers so you're all bald'n pink,  
And scoop out your innerds right there in the sink;  
"And then comes the worst part" he said . . . I'm not bluffing,  
"She'll spread your cheeks wide n' pack your rear with stuffing."  
Well, the rest of his words were too grim to repeat,  
I sat on the stoop like a winged piece of meat,  
And decided on the spot that to avoid being cooked,  
I'm gonna lay low to remain overlooked.  
I began a new diet of nuts and granola,  
High-roughage salads, carrot juice, . . . diet cola.  
And as they ate pastries, chocolate, and crepes,  
I stayed in my room doing Jane Fonda tapes.  
I maintained my weight of two pounds and a half,  
And acted like I'm sick when the bigger birds laughed;  
For 'twas I who was laughing, under my breath,  
As they chomped and they chewed, ever closer to death.  
And sure enough when late November rolled around,  
I was the last turkey left walking around . . .  
So now I'm a pet in the farmer's wife's lap;  
I haven't a worry, so I eat . . . and I nap;  
She holds me all day, while sewing and humming,  
And smiles at me, and sings, "Christmas time is coming."  
**Yankee In Town**

Pa and Farmer Green are sitting on the store porch one day when a shiny, new car comes rolling up Needmore Hollow and screeches to a stop in front of the store and a well-dressed gentleman jumps out and runs up to Pa.  
"I just want you to know that I haven't taken back all I've said about you people and your backward, hillbilly ways," he says, "But I need to use your outhouse really bad!"  
"Go right ahead," says Pa, and the gentleman rushes up the bank to a little, broken down outhouse sitting next to the creek."  
Watching in amazement, Farmer Green says, "Pa, you've had an inside bathroom nearly all your life. I thought you were going to tear down that old toilet years ago."  
"I was," says Pa. "But I just don't have the heart to tell these Yankees."

### Poachers

A little while later, the game warden pulls up to the store in front of Pa and Farmer Green.  
"Say," says Pa. "Did you catch those Yankees that were hunting turkey out of season up at the head of the holler that I told you about?"  
"Well, sort of," says the game warden. "They shot down that old buzzard that always sits up on the cliff at Buffalo Point waiting for something to fall dead. Done had him cleaned and in their big expensive fryer by the time I got there. I just didn't think it was worthy the trouble to tell them what they had wasn't a turkey."

### Trip to The Doctor

Bambi goes into the doctor's office and tells him that her body hurts wherever she touches it.  
"Impossible!" says the doctor . . . "Show me."  
Bambi takes her finger, pushes on her left shoulder and screams, then she pushes her elbow and screams even more. She pushes her knee and screams; likewise she pushes her ankle and screams. Everywhere she touches makes her scream. "What's wrong with me?" she asks.  
"Just a small part of your problem," says the doctor, "Is that your finger is broken!"

From the Estill County Superintendent's Office

## Estill County School Closing Information

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 there is a threat of inclement weather. 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 have to dismiss early, we will use all means necessary to notify our parents in a timely manner. Dismissing early increases the potential for our students to arrive home with no parent or guardian 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.

### Final Comments:

When it's all said and done, the weather has a mind of its own. We will always try to make the best decision possible based on the information available. There are a lot of factors that have to be considered when making this decision. Schools provide a safe warm place where students get breakfast and lunch during the cold winter months. Our goal is to be in school every day possible, but the safety of students, parents and employees is always our first priority.

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