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The Rush-to-Judgment 500

Maudie's Naughties



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 worth 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!"

Speeding

Trixie comes flying down Needmore Hollow, and Sheriff Rocky pulls her over for speeding. He asks to see her license. "I wish you guys would get your act together," she says. "Yesterday, you take my license away from men, and then today, you expect me to show it to you!"

I'm Dead!

An older couple is lying in bed one morning. They have just awakened from a good night's sleep.

He takes her hand and she responds, "Don't touch me."

"Why not?" he asks.

She answers, "Because I'm dead."

The husband asks "What are you talking about? We're both lying here in bed together and talking to one another!"

She says, "No, I'm definitely dead."

He insists, "You're not dead. What in the world makes you think you're dead?"

"Because I woke up this morning and nothing hurts."

Write It Down!

A couple that's not really that old starts to have trouble remembering things. A visit to the doctor reveals that they are okay physically, but he suggests they start writing things down. One night, while watching "One versus a 100," the man gets up from his chair during a commercial and starts for the kitchen. "I'm going for a snack," he says. "Do you want anything?"

"Yes," she answers. "I want a bowl of ice cream, but you'd better write that down, so you don't forget."

"Surely I can remember a ice cream," he replies.

"I'm sure," she replies. "But I'd like vanilla ice cream with chocolate syrup and cherries with whipped cream topping."

"Three toppings," he says, as he heads for the kitchen holding up three fingers. "I can remember those easily."

A few minutes later, he returns to the living room and hands her a plate full of bacon and eggs.

"I told you that you should have written it down," she tells him. "You forgot my toast."

Going To The Moon

Pa, Junior and Howard Green are sitting on the store porch.

"Pa," says Howard, "Did you know the Americans were the first on the moon?"

"Yep," says Pa. "But the Russians beat us in space!"

"So, what?!" boasts Junior. "We'll be the first on the sun!"

"You can't land on the sun!" says Pa. "You'll burn up."

"We're not stupid," replies Howard. "We're going at night!"

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."

Letter to the Editor

Fight to save what we are fortunate to have

I'm a parent, not a teacher. None of the bills on pensions and vouchers that are being debated in Kentucky's legislature this year impact my paycheck or retirement. But my children go to school here in Estill County. Our public school is our only choice and will always be our only choice because charter and private schools aren't going to come here. Estill Engineer school pride holds this community together. When our high school basketball team made regionals and played in Rupp Arena and our marching band won state, we were all there and we

were all proud. We all need our public schools. The pension and voucher bills teachers are fighting this year are battles in the all-out war against public schools. It started with charter schools in 2017. Then they moved to pensions. Now they want to offer vouchers to private schools. They will continue to chip away at the public system until they feel the pushback from all of us. They will keep going until public schools are starved and only the parents with the means to move, drive their kids to school, pay for private schools, and pass the tests are the ones able to

provide their children with a good education.

If we allow this administration to starve our public school system, my beloved rural community will crumble. Starving public schools will be the last nail in the coffin Estill County. More will move to the city. We will struggle even more to get new people to move here. It will become a skeleton of what it was and we'll look back ten years from now and wonder what happened. We work very, very hard to keep our community thriving with what we have. We cannot let go of what holds us together.

I chose to move here because it is a beautiful place to raise children and the public school system was a big part of our decision. I have loved every one of my kids' teachers and principals. I love our schools. I feel proud when any of our students succeed.

I think a lot of people who don't have kids in school think this is not their fight. They couldn't be further from the truth. If you care about your community it's time you join the teachers to fight to save what we are fortunate to have.

Go Estill Engineers!!

Victoria Stevens

February 25 - March 1, 2019

This Week at the State Capitol

FRANKFORT -- The Kentucky General Assembly's 2019 session passed a major milestone this week as bills passed by both the Senate and House began arriving on the governor's desk to be signed into law.

The first bill of the year delivered to Gov. Matt Bevin's office was Senate Bill 4, a measure that would require candidates for public office in Kentucky to electronically file their campaign finance reports starting in 2020. Current law requires only candidates for statewide office to electronically file campaign finance reports. Candidates who raise less than \$3,000 during a reporting period would be exempt from the e-filing requirement.

By week's end, several more bills were delivered to the governor, including a comprehensive school safety bill that is widely considered to be many lawmakers' highest-priority bill of the year.

The school safety bill, Senate Bill 1, is the product of a specially-formed committee that travelled the state last year to discuss school safety and collect feedback. The measure calls for improving student safety on a variety of fronts by establishing a state school safety marshal, conducting risk assessments, boosting safety and prevention training, requiring superintendents to appoint a school safety coordinator, promoting the assignment of a school resource officer to each school, increasing awareness of suicide prevention efforts, encouraging collaboration with law enforcement, and, as funds become available, hiring more counselors in school districts.

The proposal also calls upon the state to make an anonymous reporting tool available to each school district.

Other measures that advanced between Feb. 25 and March 1 include bills on the following topics:

Felony expungement. Senate Bill 57, which was approved by the Senate on a 35-2 vote, would increase the number of Kentuckians eligible to have low-level felonies expunged from their criminal records. The measure would expand discretionary expungement to all Class D felonies, except those that involve a breach of public trust, sex offenses, crimes against children and violent crimes that may cause serious bodily injury or death. The bill has been delivered to the House for consideration.

Youth vaping. Senate Bill 218, which received a Senate committee's approval and now awaits the full chamber's consideration, is intended to curb the alarming number of children and teens susceptible to nicotine addiction through the use of e-cigarettes, or vaping products like Juuls. The legislation would establish an anonymous hotline for students to report vaping, require that parents be notified if a child was caught vaping and encourage youth who vape to enroll in local health department smoking and vaping cessation programs. It would also encourage school districts to establish awareness campaigns about health concerns surrounding vaping. The U.S. Surgeon General warns that nicotine exposure during adolescence could harm brain development and affect learning, memory and attention.

Abortion. Performing an abortion due to a decision based on the unborn child's gender, race, color, national origin or disability would be a felony offense under a bill that passed the Kentucky House. House Bill 5 passed the House on a

vote of 67-25. It now goes to the Senate for consideration.

Concealed carry. Kentucky would become the 16th state to allow concealed firearms to be carried without a concealed carry permit under a bill that received House approval on a 60-37 vote. Senate Bill 150 would allow Kentuckians age 21 and older who are legally eligible possess

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