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Maudie's Naughties



The Lawn Mower

Brother Warren is making his rounds one Saturday afternoon when he stops at a house where a young boy is trying to start a lawn mower. The young man tugs at the rope then lets out a stream of cursing before taking his breath and pulling again.

"Here, here," says Brother Warren. "There's no need for that. The mower just needs a little tune up."

So, the pastor fiddles around with the carburetor while the boy sits to the side and catches his breath. After the pastor is satisfied that he has done enough, he puts his foot on the mower and gives the string a few tugs. Finally, he gets out of breath and says, "I don't think this mower's going to start."

"Yeah, it will," says the boy. "You just have to cuss at it to get it started."

Brother Warren answers, "I'm a minister, and I can't curse. It's been so long since I've cursed that I don't know if I even remember how."

The little boy looks at him happily and says, "Just keep pulling on that string. It'll come back to ya!"

The Owl Hooter

One evening an avid bird watcher stands in his backyard and hears an owl hoot. So he thinks he'll give a hoot back. To his surprise and delight the bird hoots again. The next night the same scenario occurs.

All summer, the man and his feathered friend hoot back and forth. He even keeps a log of the "conversations." Just as he thinks he is on the verge of a breakthrough in interspecies communication, his wife has a chat with her next door neighbor.

"My husband spends his nights calling to owls," the wife comments.

"That's odd," the neighbor replies. "So does mine..."

Back to School

A letter from a son at school to his father...

School is really great. I am making lots of friends and studying hard. With all my stuff, I simply can't think of anything I need, so if you like, you can just send me a card, as I would love to hear from you.

Love, Your Son.

A week later... the response from Dad arrived:

Dear Son,

I know that astronomy, economics and oceanography are enough to keep even an honor student busy. Do not forget that the pursuit of knowledge is a noble task and you can never study enough.

Love, Dad.

The Little Turtle

A little turtle begins to climb a tree slowly. After long hours of effort... he reaches the top, jumps into the air waving his front legs, until he crashes heavily into the ground with a hard knock on his shell. After recovering his consciousness, he starts to climb the tree again, jumps again, and knocks the ground heavily again.

The little turtle persists again and again while a couple of birds sitting at the edge of a branch, watch the turtle with pain. Suddenly the female bird says to the male, "Dear, I think it's time to tell our little turtle he is adopted."

The Violin

Little Johnny is practicing the violin in the living room... while his Uncle is trying to read in the den. The family dog is lying in the den, and as the screeching sounds of little Johnny's violin reaches his ears, he begins to howl loudly.

Uncle listens to the dog and the violin as long as he can. Then he jumps up, slams his paper to the floor and yells above the noise, "For pity's sake, can't you play something the dog doesn't know!"

Junior and Clarence

Junior and Howard have been riding their bikes down to the river this summer and fishing quite a bit. Some guy named Clarence has been fishing across the river at Buck Creek as well.

Clarence and Junior must have taken a dislike for each other so that every day when the fish slow up biting, the two throw insults and rocks at each other across river.

Finally, Junior gets so fed up, he tells Howard that he's going to ride his bike into town and cross the bridge to Buck Creek to meet that fellow.

"I'm going to beat him up good," says Junior, as he takes off on his bike toward town.

About 40 minutes later, here comes Junior rolling back up the creek on his bike, and Howard knows he hasn't had time to ride clear over to Buck Creek.

"I thought you were going to ride over to Buck Creek and beat up that fellow Clarence," says Howard.

"I was going to," replies Junior. "But somebody put up a sign down at the underpass that says, 'Warning, Clarence 13 feet, 2 inches.' He sure didn't look that big from across the river."

Community News

Attention Veterans

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

Basement Sale

at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church
322 Fifth Street in Ravenna
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7:30am to 1:30pm
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Saturday, July 6th at 1:00pm

ECHS 50th year reunion

Estill County High School Class of 1969 will have their 50th year class reunion on Saturday, July 6, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Steam Engine Pizza meeting room.

Members of the Class of '69 are asked to meet at the front of the central office at 6 p.m. for a group photo.

Another reunion planning meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 8, at 2 p.m.

All class members and teachers are welcome to attend.

For more information on the planning meeting and/or reunion, please call 1 (859) 519-0563.

Saturday, July 27th at 2:00pm

ECHS Class of 1964 55th Reunion

The Estill County High School Class of 1964 will be having its 55th Reunion on Saturday, July 27, 2019, starting at 2:00 p.m. at Michael's Restaurant in Ravenna.

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Seeds of Hope



A reader recently wrote and asked a question that many of us ask at one time or another: "If there is a God, and if He is a good and loving God, why does He allow sin and suffering?"

A simple answer is that God gave each of us the opportunity and responsibility to make and live with the consequences. But there is a liability that came with this freedom. Even though we can make a poor choice, God will not interfere with our freedom to make it. Unfortunately we all live with the choice that Adam and Eve made: it introduced sin into the world and we have to live with their choice.

But it seems that we all make decisions that are

not in keeping with what is in our best interests. Consider the case history of Israel. The psalmist wrote, "My people would not listen to me; Israel would not submit to me. So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts."

Without choice there could be no love or liberty, grace or goodness, caring or compassion. We are free to choose what is right and righteous or what is destructive and devastating. This is true of individuals and nations alike. We have sin and suffering because of wrong choices.

And why do we make wrong choices? Again our psalmist has the answer: "If my people would but listen to me...I would subdue their enemies."

Whenever we walk in our own ways, individually or as a nation, we will suffer from our "enemies" - whatever would defeat or destroy us. God allows us that choice.

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