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Maudie's Naughties



Close Kin

Ma and Pa are sitting on the front porch when Junior and his friend Howard Green get home from the family reunion. They had heard something at the get-together about cousins that had married; so, Junior asks Ma and Pa if they are related.

"Well," answers Pa. "We're not any blood kin, but Ma is my wife and I am her husband."

"Wow," says Junior, turning to his friend Howard with a grin. "That means I'm my own double-first cousin!"

After the boys move on, Pa turns to Ma and says, "Ma, no offense, but I hope that boy doesn't ever bring us home any grandchildren."

"No offense taken," replies Ma. "Likewise I'm sure."

Barred from Minnesota

Ma is sitting out front one day when Bubba comes by and she asks him to tell her why he's not allowed to ice fish in Hutchinson, Minnesota anymore. "Was it that ice pick thing?"

"Nah," replies Junior. "We just bought up all the ice picks to give the locals a laugh."

"It was just a misunderstanding. They thought I was talking badly around the other fishermen because of what I said to Junior. We stopped at a gas station on the way up there and he won a blue stuffed whale from one of those machines and he hooked it on his line and kept dangling it in front of us while we were trying to fish; so, I said 'Get the whale out of here!'"

"Did you call him a name, too," asks Ma?

"I did," replies Bubba. "I called him a son of a biscuit eater."

"Well, that is true," says Ma. "Your pa is a biscuit eater! Did you threaten him, too?"

"I did," replies Bubba. "I told him if he didn't quit, I was going to kick him in the ice hole."

"All those other things you said don't seem so bad," says Ma.

"I think my problem," adds Bubba. "Was when I strung all three sentences together."

Black Bear At Needmore

Pa and Farmer Green are out walking in the woods. Green tells Pa, "We'd better be careful they've been seeing a big bear out this way and he chases people out of the woods."

"I'm not too worried about that bear," says Pa. But, about that time, the bear comes out of the bushes and rears up in front of them with an angry growl. Green takes off running and is about 100 yards away when he realizes that Pa is standing his ground against the bear with the two nose-to-nose. The bear suddenly stops growling, sniffs the air around him, then takes off running through the woods with his tail between his legs.

Green comes running back and asks Pa, "What did you do to that bear to make him run off like that?"

"I just used a little reverse hunting psychology on him. Do you remember last fall when Bubba's Nadine brought up a big pan full of the brownies she had made."

"I remember," says Green. "Nobody could eat those things!"

"Well," continues Pa. "I ground up one of my old sweaty shirts and sprinkled it over the brownies and left them in the woods. Anybody or any thing that ate those brownies would have a bad memory of my odor for the rest of their life."

About that time, Junior and Howard Green had heard the commotion and came to check on Pa. They had just gotten close enough to ask about Pa when they started sniffing the air. A funny look came over them both and they suddenly turned and ran over the hill, nearly catching up with the bear.

Late Night Encounter

Joe is walking home late one night and sees a woman lurking in the shadows.

"Twenty dollars," she whispers.

Joe has never done this before, but decides -- what the heck, it's only twenty bucks. So they slip into the bushes.

They've only been there a couple of minutes when, all of a sudden, a light flashes on them. It's a police officer.

"What's going on here, people?" asks the officer.

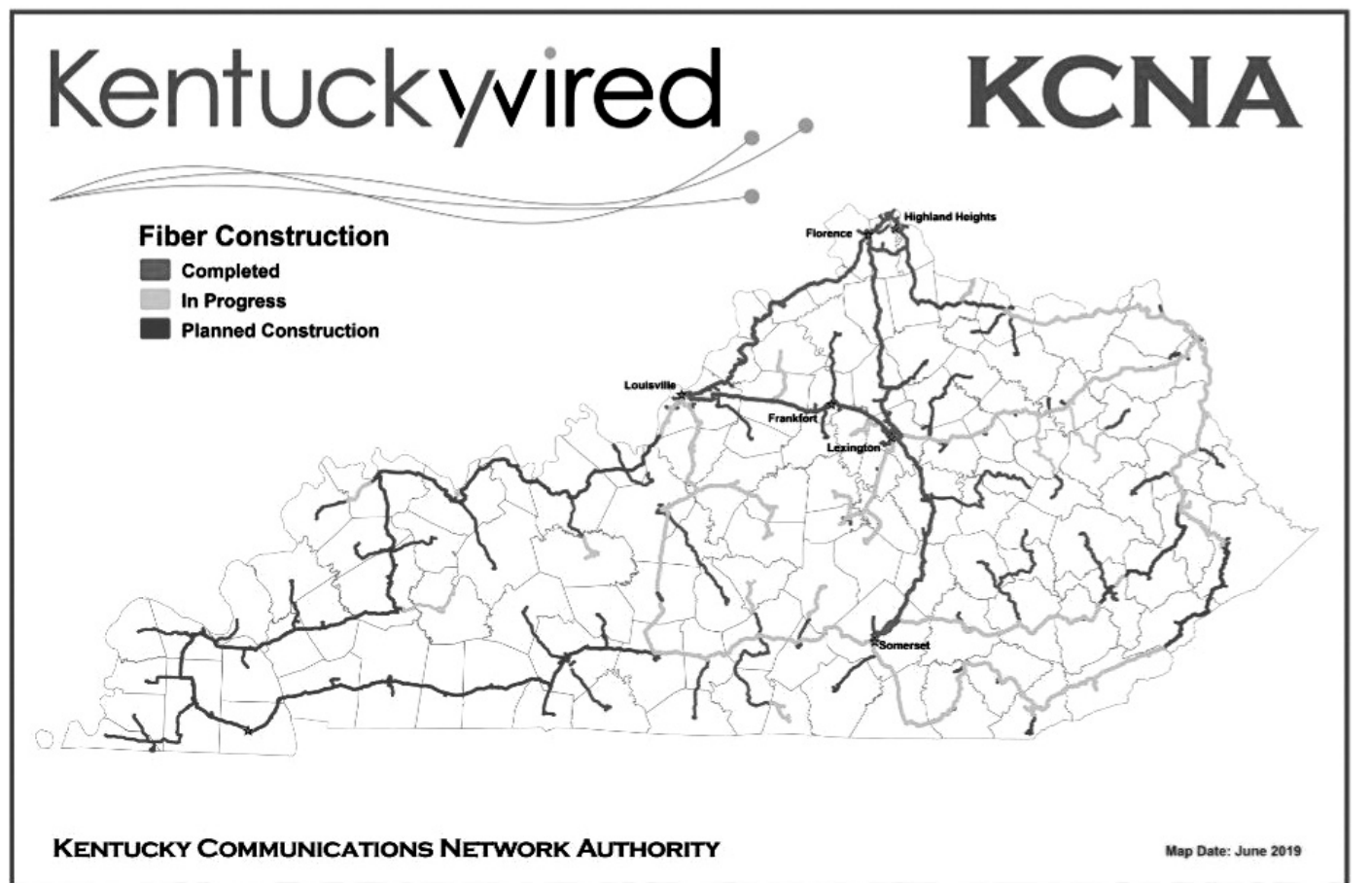
"I was just having some romantic time with my wife," says Joe, sounding annoyed.

"Oh, I'm so sorry," says the cop, "I didn't know."

"Well, neither did I," says Joe, "Until you shined the light in her face!!!"

KentuckyWired Achieves Another Mileston

Installs Final Local Telecom Hut



The state's KentuckyWired project reached another milestone, placing the last of 20 local telecommunications huts across the state. The final hut was installed in Henderson, near U.S. Highway 41 and the Henderson bypass on June 27. The huts, housing communications equipment vital to the KentuckyWired fiber optic network, are located primarily at state police posts and Kentucky Community and Technical College campuses.

"I'm excited to see KentuckyWired's infrastructure beginning to be built out in Northwest Kentucky," said State Senator Robby Mills, who represents Henderson and Senate District 4. "Access to reliable, low cost internet service is one of the keys to attracting the high paying jobs our communities desire!"

State Representative Rob Wiederstein, who also represents Henderson and House District 11 said, "It is universally recognized that access to high-speed internet is crucial for rural Kentucky to thrive. While KentuckyWired has had some challenges, they are being addressed. I can

think of no other infrastructure initiative that has the economic development potential that KentuckyWired does."

KentuckyWired is a state-run project constructing high-speed fiber optic cable in every county. It connects government offices, universities, community colleges, state police posts, state veterans homes, and state parks.

Along its 3,000-mile path, private companies can connect to the network and lease its fiber. This will enable private internet companies to expand their service farther out into more remote areas. Similarly, cellular companies will be able to lease capacity to connect to more cell phone towers throughout the Commonwealth. KentuckyWired will attract companies to build in Kentucky, enhance education and healthcare opportunities, and boost economic investment and job growth.

More than half of the 3,000 miles of fiber cable is in place, and the "backbone" of the first portion of the network, Lexington-to-Louisville-to-Cincinnati, has been completed.

The entire KentuckyWired network is projected to be completed in 2020, although portions of the network may be activated earlier.

More information about KentuckyWired can be found at <https://kentuckywired.ky.gov> or www.facebook.com/KentuckyWired.

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"Does God have a sense of humor? He must have if He created us."

— Jackie Gleason

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