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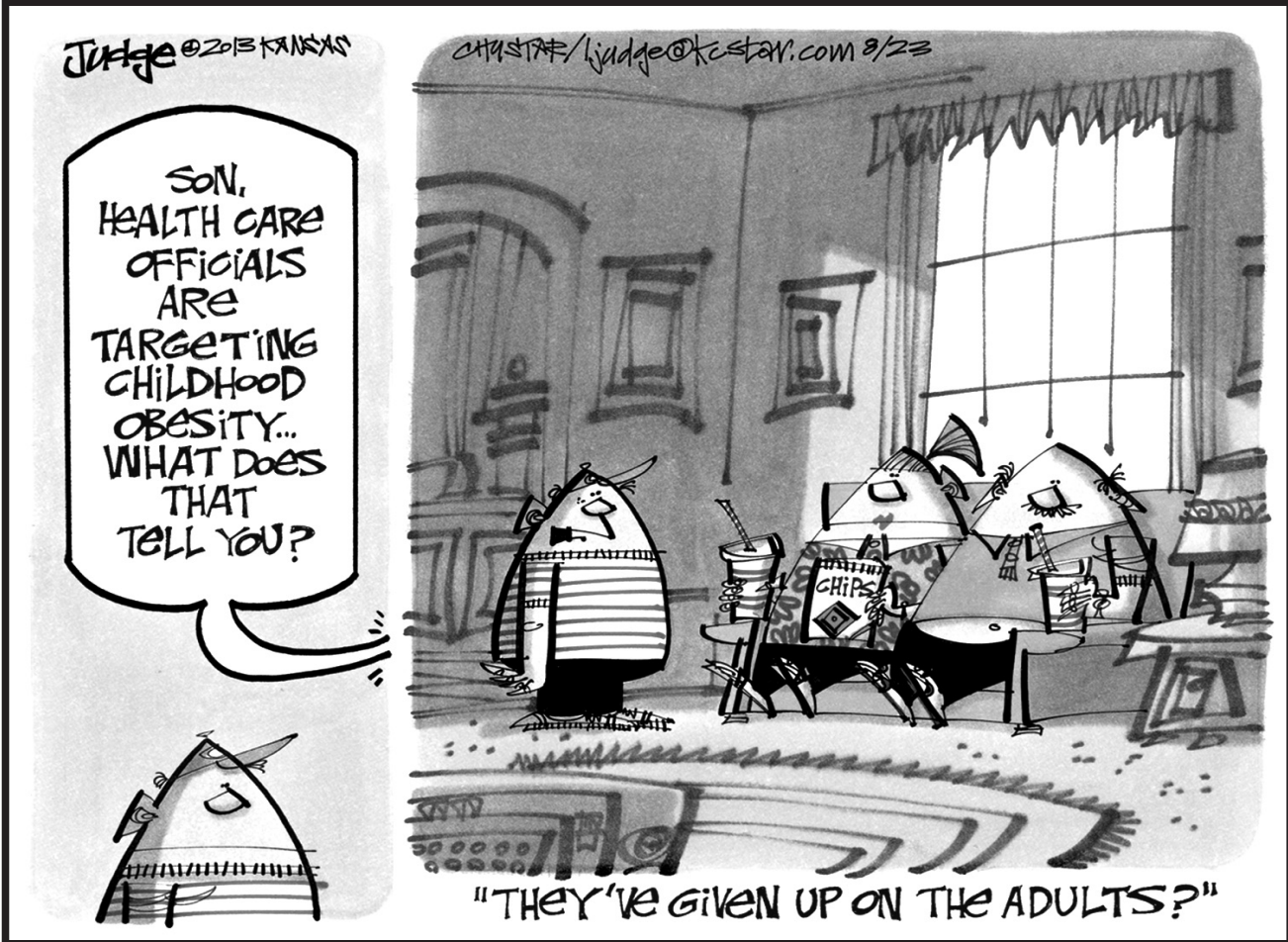
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Maudie's Naughties



Cold Case Pig

Farmer Green kills a pig and hangs it up for the night intending to butcher it in the morning; but the next day it is gone.

He doesn't tell a soul about it, and nothing happens for more than two months.

Then another farmer, who lives down the road, comes by and says, "By the way, Mr. Green, did you ever figure out who stole your pig?"

Chess Nuts

A group of chess enthusiasts check into a motel and are standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager comes out of the office and asks them to disperse.

"But why?" they ask, as they move off.

"Because I can't stand chess nuts boasting in an open foyer."

Domestic Bliss

Walking into the bar, Mike says to Charlie the bartender, "Pour me a stiff one - just had another fight with the little woman." "Oh yeah?" says Charlie, "And how did this one end?" "When it was over," Mike replies, "She came to me on her hands and knees."

"Really. Now that's a switch! What did she say?"

She says, "Come out from under the bed, you little chicken."

Short Runaway

An airplane is coming to land at an airport obscured by fog. Visibility is practically nil, the radar system is on the blink, so the pilot has to land on wits alone.

"Flaps, check," he says to the co-pilot, "Landing Gear, check. Altitude, check. Right, we're going in. Hold on."

The plane lands and comes to a screeching, grinding halt; just short of the edge of the runway.

"Holy Cow!" exclaims the pilot, "This must be the shortest runway I've ever landed on!"

The co-pilot looks left and right and says "Yeah, and about the widest, too . . ."

Tense Case

A Needmore man is forced to take a day off from work to appear for a minor traffic summons. He grows increasingly restless as he waits hour after endless hour for his case to be heard. When his name is called late in the afternoon, he stands before the judge, only to hear that court will be adjourned for the rest of the afternoon and he will have to return the next day.

"What for!?!?" he snaps at the judge.

His honor, equally irked by a tedious day and sharp query, roars out loud: "Twenty dollars contempt of court! That's why!"

Then, noticing the man checking his wallet, the judge relents, "That's all right. You don't have to pay now."

The young man replies, "I know. I'm just seeing if I have enough for a few more words."

Fountain of Youth

Two elderly gentlemen are sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says: "Slim, I'm 83 years old now and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel?"

Slim says, "I feel just like a newborn baby."

"Really!?! Like a newborn baby!?"

"Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants."

Not Hungry

The flight attendant on a cross country flight just out of Atlanta announces, "We have 103 passengers on board, however, through an oversight, only 40 dinners were packed. Anyone who wishes to give up the meal will have receive free drinks for the length of the flight."

A while later, the flight attendant comes on the intercom again and announces, "If anyone wants to change his mind, we still have 29 dinners available!"

I Didn't Do It!

A canine officer parks his vehicle in front of the mall; then notices a little boy listening to the barking of his K-9 partner from the back of the police vehicle.

"Is that a dog you got back there?" he asks.

"It sure is," the officer replies.

Puzzled, the boy looks at the officer and then towards the back of the van. Finally he says, "What'd he do?"

Power of Prayer

Members of the Little Needmore Church learn that a well-known bootlegger has purchased an empty building next to their house of worship and plans to move his entire operation there. They gather in a special meeting and decide they are going to pray night and day about the situation until they receive an answer from above. Two days later, a severe thunderstorm moves up Needmore Hollow and lightning strikes the building, causing it to burn to the ground. Church members are ecstatic about having the power of prayer until they learn that the wealthy bootlegger is suing the church for the loss of his building.

Both sides file briefs regarding whether or not the church members' praying caused the building to burn. The case comes before Judge Jim who tells the two parties, "I don't know how I'm going to decide this, but it appears from the paperwork that we have a bootlegger who believes in the power of prayer, and an entire church congregation that no longer does."

Letter to the Editor

Reports concerning sales of alcohol

I would like to share a couple of news reports concerning the sales of alcohol. One is from Mammoth Cave and the other is from Louisville. Both were written within the last month.

MAMMOTH CAVE, Ky. "The campground store at Mammoth Cave National Park will stop selling beer and wine because of what officials said is an increase in alcohol-related incidents. Chief Park Ranger Brad McDougal told the Glasgow Daily Times the last opportunity to buy booze from Caver's will be Aug. 17. At the close of business that day, alcoholic beverages will be removed from the shelves. McDougal said the sales are causing a problem that park can't justify trying to handle

with the staff on hand."

LOUISVILLE, Ky. "Some members of the Louisville Metro Council say they want to reduce crime, mainly in the west end. That's why they're proposing banning package liquor stores from staying open past 2 a.m. This measure would not apply to bars and restaurants -- only package liquor stores. But some of those stores say getting their hours cut would be bad for business. Lucky Jr. is a family owned package liquor store in Louisville's west end. It's been around nearly 50 years. It's open until 4 a.m. seven days a week. One of the operators, James Aleksa, says closing two hours earlier would hurt business. "It's going to take a lot of revenue from not sell-

ing the product," said Aleksa. He says that's because the store doesn't just sell liquor and beer in the early morning hours. It also sells cigarettes, soft drinks and snacks. Metro Councilwoman Cheri Bryant Hamilton is the primary sponsor of the proposal. She says her main goal in proposing a ban on package alcohol sales after 2 a.m. is to reduce crime. "It's a quality of life issue for us in west Louisville," said Hamilton. "There are things going on that wouldn't normally be going on if people were home

or even somewhere else other than hanging around the liquor stores."

Considering that the city of Irvine is facing a wet/dry vote in a little less than five weeks, I believe it is time that the citizens of Irvine read the above articles and ask ourselves if this is really what we want for our community.

Alcohol still destroys so please join me in voting "NO" on August 8th.

Paul Groves - Estill County Ministerial Association

Be Prepared

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The month of September has been designated as Preparedness Month. Take the time this month to design, update or review your family plans. Every home needs a family plan. This plan includes; What to do in case of a fire, earthquake, tornado, an accident/incident at the Blue Grass Army Depot or other emergency situations that may arise.

Disasters happen quickly and without warning most of the time. The month of September is a time of reflection of how quickly things can change and the importance of being prepared for the unexpected. As we remember all those lost on September 11, 2001 and the many lives thereafter of our first responders and military personnel take the time to make a family plan. Take the time to prepare for the unexpected, so that you can help protect your family should the unexpected happen.

Why prepare? There are real benefits to being prepared; people can reduce the impact of disasters and sometimes avoid the danger completely. Being prepared can reduce the fear, anxiety and losses that accompany disasters. You should know what to do in the event of a fire, tornado, earthquake or an accident or incident at the Blue Grass Army Depot.

The need to prepare is real. Disasters disrupt hundreds of thousands of lives every year and each disaster has lasting effects, both to people and property. You need to be able to care for yourself and your family for at least three days. This means providing for your own shelter, first aid, food, water, and sanitation. If a disaster should occur emergency personnel will try to help you, but you need to be ready as well. Local responders may not be able to reach you immediately, or they may need to focus their efforts elsewhere. To be prepared for all disasters you need a Family Disaster Plan and Disaster Supply Kit. A Family Disaster Plan consists of phone numbers to reach family members and plans on what you will do during a fire, tornado, earthquake, or an accident or incident at the Blue Grass Army Depot. A Disaster Supply Kit consists of canned food, water, clothes, radio, flashlight, medications and anything else you think is necessary for your family during a disaster. Store all these items in a box labeled Disaster Kit in a place such as a coat closet or anywhere you can get to it quickly if needed.

For more information contact the Estill County EMA/CSEPP office at 723-6533 or visit us on the web www.estill-countyema.com, like us on Facebook Estill County EMA/CSEPP and follow us on Twitter Estill County EMA-KY.

Attention Veterans

A Veterans Benefits Field Representative will be at the National Guard Armory, 335 Cow Creek Road, Ravenna, on Thursday, September 5, 2013 and 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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