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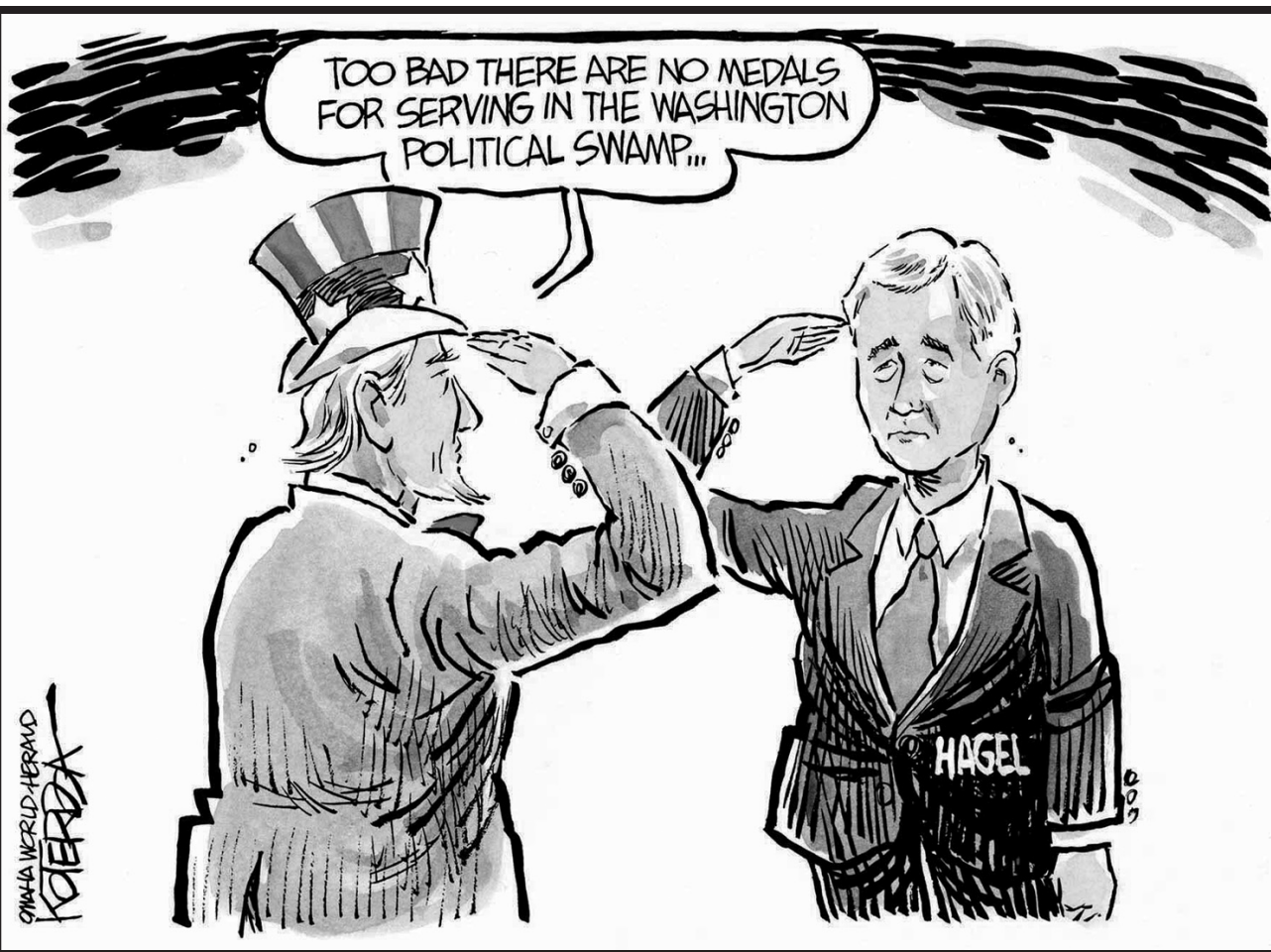
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Maudie's Naughties



Horrible Book

Trixie storms up to the front desk of the library and says, "I have a complaint!"

"Yes, ma'am?"

"I borrowed a book last week and it was horrible!"

"What was wrong with it?"

"It had way too many characters and there was no plot whatsoever!"

The librarian nods and says, "Ah. So you must be the person who took our phone book."

Cold Weather

Some folks up Needmore Hollow call Pa and ask if there is going to be more cold weather this winter or not. Not really knowing an answer, Pa replies that the rest of the winter was going to be cold and the folks up Needmore should cut some more wood to be prepared. A day or two later, Pa dials up the National Weather Service in Jackson and asks if there is going to be more cold weather this winter or not. The person on the phone responds, "This rest of this winter is going to be quite cold indeed."

So Pa calls the folks up Needmore Hollow and tells them they need to collect even more wood to be prepared. A few days later he calls up the National Weather Service again and asks, "If there is going to be more cold weather this winter or not."

The weather person replies, "Yes indeed, the rest of winter is going have very cold weather."

So Pa calls up the folks at Needmore and tells them they need to gather even more wood. The weather stays mild the next few days, so Pa calls up the National Weather Service again and asks, "Are you sure the rest of winter is going to have very cold weather?"

"Absolutely," replies the weather person. "The folks up Needmore are gathering wood like crazy."

Plumber's Fee

A plumber goes to the attorney's house to unstop the sink. When he finishes, he says to the attorney, "That will be \$400.00."

The attorney becomes irate. "What do you mean \$400.00, you were only here 20 minutes, that's ridiculous!"

The plumber replies, "I thought the same thing when I was an attorney."

Rules of the Game

The coach pulls aside one of his young players during a game and says, "Do you understand that we must have some rules in this game for the sake of everyone?" The little boy nods yes.

"And do you understand that we have to have somebody to enforce these rules?" The little boy nods yes.

"So," the coach continued, "When someone breaks those rules and the referee calls a foul on them, then we should not curse the referee or throw things at him. Do you understand all that?" Again, the boy nods yes.

"Good," said the coach. "Well, go over there and explain it to your mother before we get a technical foul."

Testimonial

The Methodist preacher, a Catholic priest, and Brother LeRoy are discussing funerals while eating lunch. The question comes up -- "When you are in your casket, and friends, family, and your congregation are mourning over you, what would you like to hear them say?"

The Methodist preacher says, "I'd like to hear them say that I was a wonderful husband, a fine spiritual leader, and a great family man."

The Catholic priest says, "I would like to hear that I was a wonderful teacher and a servant of God who made a huge difference in people's lives."

Brother LeRoy replies, "I'd like to hear them say . . . 'Look, he's moving!'"

Grand Theft

Farmer Green is getting ready for bed when Mrs. Green tells him that she can see lights moving around in their barn. As they watch from their bedroom window, they realize people are taking things from out of their barn and loading them in a van.

Green calls the police and tells them people are stealing stuff out of his barn and he needs someone to come right over. He is told that there is no one available in his area, but they'll send someone over as soon as possible.

After about a 30 minute wait, Green calls the police back and says, "Don't worry about sending someone over. I've just shot every last one of them rascals."

Five minutes later about a half dozen cars show up along with an Armed Response unit and they stop the van down the road where they apprehend the three burglars in it, unharmed.

One of the officers comes up to the door and says, "I thought you said that you'd shot every last one of these rascals."

Green replies, "I thought you said there was nobody available!"

Winter Weather Safety Tips

After the harsh start to last week the future forecast doesn't look any better. Extremely cold temperatures will enter the area with temperatures below zero and wind chills as cold as 25 below zero. Temps this cold are very dangerous to people, pets and livestock; take time to prepare now. Make sure pipes are well insulated to prevent freezing. Also take the time and prepare a Disaster Supply Kit, you never know when you might need it.

Everyone is potentially at risk during winter storms. Most fatalities are indirectly related to the storm. People die from traffic accidents on icy roads, heart attacks while shoveling snow, and hypothermia from prolonged exposure to cold.

Be prepared for winter weather! Listen to NOAA weather radio or commercial radio/television to stay informed about winter storm watches, warnings and advisories.

At home and work, plan ahead for winter storms by having these in hand:

- Flashlight and extra batteries
 - Battery-powered NOAA weather Radio
 - Extra food and water - high energy food such as dried fruit, nuts and granola bars, and food requiring no cooking or refrigeration
 - Can opener
 - Extra medicine and baby supplies
 - First aid kit
 - Heating fuel
 - Emergency heat source
 - Fire extinguisher
 - Smoke alarm
 - Make sure pets have plenty of food, water, and shelter
- If you are already indoors during hazardous winter weather:
- Stay inside!

- When using alternate heat from a fireplace, wood stove, space heater, etc., use fire safeguards and properly ventilate
- Close off unneeded rooms
- Stuff towels or rags in cracks under doors
- Cover windows at night
- Eat and drink - food provides the body with energy for producing its own heat
- Wear layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing

The best advice for traveling during forecasted winter conditions is; "simply stay at home". Only travel if necessary. However, if you must:

- Before starting out in a vehicle:
 - Plan your travel
 - Check the weather
 - Have road condition phone numbers handy
 - Carry a Winter Storm Survival Kit
 - Keep the gas tank near full to avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines
 - Avoid traveling alone
 - Let someone know your timetable and route

If you are stranded in your vehicle during hazardous winter weather:

- Stay with your vehicle
- Take turns sleeping
- Run the motor every hour for 10 minutes to keep warm

- Keep windows open a little to prevent carbon monoxide buildup
- Make sure the exhaust pipe is not blocked
- Tie a bright cloth to the antenna
- Exercise periodically by vigorously moving your arms, legs, toes and fingers
- Turn on the dome light while the engine is running to aid rescuers at night
- After the snow stops falling, raise the car hood to

indicate you need help

A good automobile Winter Safety Kit includes: cell phone and charger, blankets, flashlight and extra batteries, first-aid kit, knife, high-calorie non-perishable food, bottled water, extra clothing to keep dry, large empty can to use as emergency toilet, tissues and paper towels, small can and waterproof matches to melt snow for drinking water, sack of sand or cat litter for traction, shovel, windshield scraper and brush, tool kit, tow rope, battery booster cables, water container, compass and road maps. Dress for the storm if you must be outdoors during severe winter weather:

- Wear loose, lightweight, warm clothes in layers
- Remove layers to avoid perspiration and subsequent chill
- Outer garments should be tightly woven, water repellent, and hooded.
- Wear a hat --half your body heat loss can be from the head.
- Cover your mouth to protect your lungs from ex-

treme cold.

- Mittens, snug at the wrist, are better than gloves.

- Try to stay dry
- If you are caught outdoors during hazardous winter weather:

- DO NOT PANIC
- Find shelter
- Try to stay dry
- Cover all exposed body parts
- Build shelter: a lean-to, windbreak or snow cave for protection from the wind
- Build a fire for heat and to attract attention
- Place rocks around fire to absorb and reflect heat
- Melt snow for drinking water -- eating snow will lower your body temperature
- Avoid overexertion - especially when shoveling or freeing stuck vehicles

Being prepared for winter weather (just like all weather) starts at home. Be Aware, Learn How to Prepare. Visit us on the web at www.estillcountyma.net, find us on FB and follow us on Twitter.

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