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Maudie's Naughties



Runaway Car

Junior and his friend Howard Green are hanging out in front of the gas station when suddenly they see a driverless car headed straight for the pumps. Junior runs to the car, jumps in and pulls on the emergency brake with a jerk. He gets out and proudly says to a man that is approaching him, "I stopped it!"

"I know you did," says the breathless man. "I ran out of gas, and had pushed it ALMOST to the pumps."

Vehicle Break-Ins

A student commuting to UK is fed up of having his car broken into and having his electronic equipment and other items removed. So, he decides to leave a note on the dash saying that there is no point breaking into the car since there is nothing left inside to steal. He returns after classes to find a smashed in window and a new note, next to his on the dash, that says, "I'm sorry that I didn't trust you!"

Which Way to Drip Rock?

A driver pulls up beside a rundown farmhouse. He gets out and knocks at the door. A very old woman answers the door, and he asks her for directions to Drip Rock.

"Don't know," the woman says.

He gets back in his car and pulls away. Then he hears voices. He looks in his rearview mirror and sees the woman and an equally old man waving for him to come back. So he made a U-turn and drives up to them.

"This is my husband," the old woman says. "He says he doesn't know how to get there either."

Two Cannibals Are Having Lunch

"Your girlfriend makes a great soup," says one to the other.

"Yep!" he replies. "But, I'm going to miss her terribly."

Won It In A Race

Bill: Where did you get that gold watch, Joe?

Joe: I won it in a race.

Bill: How many people participated in it?

Joe: Three, a policeman, the owner of the watch, and me!!

Brake Down

Jill's car is unreliable and she calls John for a ride every time it breaks down. One day John got yet another one of those calls. "What happened this time?" he asks.

"My brakes went out," Jill says. "Can you come to get me?"

"Where are you?" John asks.

"I'm in the drugstore," Jill responds.

"And where's the car?" John asks.

Jill replies, "It's in here with me."

The Deep, Dark Secret

At school, Little Johnny is told by a classmate that most adults are hiding at least one dark secret, which makes it very easy to blackmail them by saying, "I know the whole truth."

Little Johnny decides to go home and try it out. He goes home and tells his mother, "I know the whole truth."

She quickly hands him \$20 saying, "Just don't tell your father."

Quite pleased, the boy waits for his father to get home from work, and greets him with, "I know the whole truth."

The father promptly hands him \$40 and says, "Please don't say a word to your mother."

Very pleased, the boy is on his way to school the next day when he sees the mailman at his front door. The boy greets him by saying, "I know the whole truth."

The mailman immediately drops the mail, opens his arms, and says, "Then, come give your real daddy a big hug."

Foggy Night in Needmore

Esmerlda follows a taillight up Needmore Hollow during a dense fog and crashes into the car ahead of her when it stops suddenly. "Why didn't you let me know you were going to stop?" she yells into the mist.

"Why should I?" comes a voice out of the fog. "I'm in my own garage!"



Destination Eco-Resort Proposed as Anchor

Regional Tourism Plan for Red River Gorge Area Released

Planning consultants for a group of eastern Kentucky business and community leaders unveiled a comprehensive tourism strategy for the Red River Gorge region during a virtual town hall meeting Tuesday night and proposed a 4 1/2-star destination resort as an anchor for future economic growth in the region.

Red River Economic Development, LLC (RRED) sponsored the planning process with a combined \$1 million federal-state grant and hired the consulting firm, Stantec, to produce the plan. A local advisory board consisting of 15 area small business owners, environmentalists, rock-climbers, hikers, cabin owners and three county judge-executives met monthly with Stantec's planning team and provided local input.

While the original planning process called for community forums and workshops to gather ideas, only two public meetings were held before COVID-19 restrictions halted in-person meetings. The pandemic delayed the planning process for two months while planners developed an alternative plan for public engagement. RRED agreed to host four virtual town hall meetings and Stantec created a dedicated website for gathering ideas and comments.

According to County Judge-Executive James Anderson, the planning process brought together area business leaders and public officials to balance economic growth and environmental protection. "Virtually everyone wants more economic opportunity and jobs so our young people can stay and raise their families here, and everyone wants to protect the natural environment that makes our region so unique and popular", according to Anderson.

According to Lee County Judge-Executive Chuck Caudill, the possibility of a top-notch resort will attract a lot of attention but the economic benefits of tourism growth in the entire region will need equal attention. Caudill noted that in Beattyville and Lee County, "We have the Kentucky River that

could become the focus of activities that tourists in the Gorge area could access for kayaking, boating, and hiking."

The regional tourism plan for Lee, Menifee, Powell and Wolfe County calls for the development of various tourism attractions, an integrated trail network, a four-county tourism coordinating group, joint marketing of the Gorge area and the creation of environmental and cultural protections for an area immediately surrounding the geologically designated Red River Gorge.

The proposed destination resort is recommended as a high-end, 4 1/2-star resort that would include a 170-room lodge with a full-service spa, a full-service restaurant, a distillery and/or brew pub, conference facilities, a "gathering lawn" for outdoor events and live performances, an indoor/outdoor swimming pool, villas and a limited number of private residences.

The proposed location is a privately-owned 891-acre site on the Mountain Parkway at the Slade exit. It lies outside the Red River Gorge Geological Area and is outside the land of the Daniel Boone National Forest that is owned by the U.S. Forest Service. According to Stantec, the resort would create a total of 500+ jobs (300+ on the resort property and 200+ "spin-off" jobs created in the surrounding area).

Preliminary cost estimates for the resort are in the \$135 million range, with about 1/3 of that for infrastructure improvements.

seeds of Hope

It was Jim's birthday and his dad wanted it to be one he would long remember. So he decided to take him to the Christian book store to buy him a picture of Jesus that he could hang in his room.

Upon entering the store he said, "Son, which picture of Jesus do you want for your room? Look around carefully and then tell me which one you want."

After looking at most of the pictures in the store very carefully, he said, "Dad, I want a picture of Jesus that will shine in my room when it is dark."

We live in a world filled with darkness that would, if it could, put out the light of God. But this is nothing new. Jesus said, "This is the

verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds are evil."

Jesus brought the light of God into a world that has been darkened by sin. But His light has a condition to it: it must be received through faith in what He did for us on the cross. Those who receive Him are made righteous.

Hear what the Psalmist said, "Light is shed upon those who are righteous - the godly." His light dissipates the darkness of despair and brings the hope of eternal life.

In Him we are no longer victims but victors and through Him we need no longer fear the darkness and despair that surround the lost and those facing death.

It was King David who once said, "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil for You are with me" ... "shedding Your light."

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