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Maudie's Naughties



Pig Story

A pig walks into a store and buys a large soft drink. Afterwards, he asks to use the rest room and then leaves.

A while later, another pig comes in, drinks a large soft drink, asks to use the rest room and then leaves.

Sometime later, a third pig does the same thing, and then a fourth drinks a soft drink, asks to use the rest room and leaves.

In a while, another piggy comes in, drinks a large soft drink and starts out the door.

"Aren't you going to ask to use the rest room like the last four pigs did," asks the store manager.

"Nah," says the pig. "I'm the fifth piggy. I'll just wee, wee, wee all the way home."

Alligators

A man walks into a bar with an alligator on a leash and asks the barman, "Do you serve Washington politicians in here?"

The barman replies, "Of course, we serve people from all types of occupations."

"OK," says the man, "Then a beer for me, and a Washington politician for the alligator."

Two Cows

Two cows are standing in a field. The first cow says to the other, "I'm a little bit concerned about this mad cow disease that's going around."

The second cow replies, "Don't worry about it... it doesn't affect us chickens."

Yard Care

Pa notices that Bambi goes out every morning and sprinkles something white all over her yard, so he decides to ask her what she is doing.

"Oh," answers Bambi. "That's elephant powder. I bought it at the flea market to keep the elephants from trampling my flowers."

Pa says, "Everybody knows that there ain't no elephants around here!"

"Well," replies Bambi. "I guess it must be working then."

Running Rabbits

Two little rabbits are running for their lives in front of a pack of wolves. The one in front yells over his shoulder, "Follow me, I know where there is a place we can hide 'til we outnumber em!"

The other yells back, "You'd better keep running! I'm your brother!"

Rabid Dog On The Loose

Junior is walking down Main Street when he sees Pa and a crowd of people running towards him. He hollers at Pa, "What's happening?"

"A rabid dog is in town!" is the reply.  
"Oh shucks!" says Junior. "Which way is it heading?"

Pa replies, "Son, do you don't think we're chasing it?"

Alligators

Two alligators regularly swim up the Potomac during the summertime and are waiting to feed near the water's edge.

The small one turns to the big one and says, "I don't understand how you can be so much bigger than me. I know we're the same age... I just don't get it."

"Well," says the big alligator. "What have you been eating?"

"Washington politicians, same as you," replies the small one.

"Well," says the big alligator, "How do you catch'em?"

"I wait near the parking lot, and when a BMW pulls in to park, I just wait for someone to unlock the door. Then I jump on'em, bite'em, squeeze the crap out of them and eat'em."

"Ah," says the big alligator. "That's the problem. By the time you get done squeezing the crap out of them, there's nothing left but lips and a briefcase."



An Apple for Teacher

I've recently come home to Kentucky and settled here in Estill County to be near my sister and her family. I taught history at the college level for 30 years before I retired, and I've been involved in developing and delivering online education pretty much since its beginnings in the early 2000s. Over this time, I developed an appreciation of the challenges and opportunities inherent in online education, as well as the similarities and differences it shares with classroom instruction.

Last week, I had the opportunity to see the online teaching and learning the Estill County schools have organized for my grandnieces and nephews in the 1st, 5th, 6th, 10th and 11th grades. Some of the kids use Google Classroom and some use a content management system called Edgenuity. Each digital platform has its positives and negatives. Each kid has his or her individual inclinations and dispositions for online learning. And each parent and grandparent has had his or her share of initial frustrations and fears.

On Monday we were all worried this

wasn't going to work. By Friday, it already was. The kids are resilient. They're settling into their routines. They still love their teachers. They still don't love their homework, and all of them miss their friends. They have their fingers crossed for September 28, and we have ours crossed, too. We understand that not everyone in the county has the economic and family stability to be this lucky. The real time teacher availability during school hours and hot lunch deliveries are key outreach for those who may not.

The school board made a painful but necessary decision to delay the start of in person instruction and replace it on very short notice with unfamiliar and remote learning technologies. The teachers and administrative staffers in the trenches responded with professionalism and an uncommon valor. From my view as a career educator, the students, families, teachers, and staff in the Estill County school system have been given the best chances possible to carry on the vital mission of public education in this difficult time. We heart our Engineers.

Julianne Unsel, Ph.D.

VA boosts COVID aid

VETERANS POST by Freddy Groves

The Department of Veterans Affairs has taken two important steps to help veterans during the COVID pandemic: financial and housing for the homeless.

Debt Relief: The VA is extending financial debt relief through the end of the year. That's going to be a big help to many of us who are struggling. If you are making payments, repayment is going to be more flexible. One step is that the VA is suspending the collection action or extending payment terms on existing debts.

If you have benefit debts, call the VA Debt Management Center at 1-800-827-0648 and ask for help.

If you have health care debts, call the Health Resource Center at 1-866-400-1238. To learn more, go online to www.pay.gov and click on the Coronavirus (COVID-19) alert.

Emergency Housing: The VA is kicking in an additional \$400 million of COVID relief funding to expand its response to veterans who are either already homeless or about to become homeless. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) gave \$17.2 billion to the

VA, which initially allotted \$700 million to homelessness.

The additional \$400 million will go a long way to preventing veteran homelessness and providing emergency housing as part of the Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program. The idea, of course, is to provide housing that will allow physical safety and social distancing.

In additional, the VA is providing \$88 million for the Grant and Per Diem Program and \$10 for the Health Care for Homeless Veterans Program. The GPD Program utilizes eligible civilian organization to provide transitional housing for those who are already homeless or who are in danger of it.

If you and your family need permanent housing, go online to www.va.gov/homeless/hud-vash.asp. This HUD/VA collaboration provides rental assistance vouchers if you're eligible for VA health care. Included can be case managers for health care, mental health and substance-use counseling. This is one of VA's largest programs for homelessness.

The VA isn't perfect, but it's trying. Use its services because you earned them.

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