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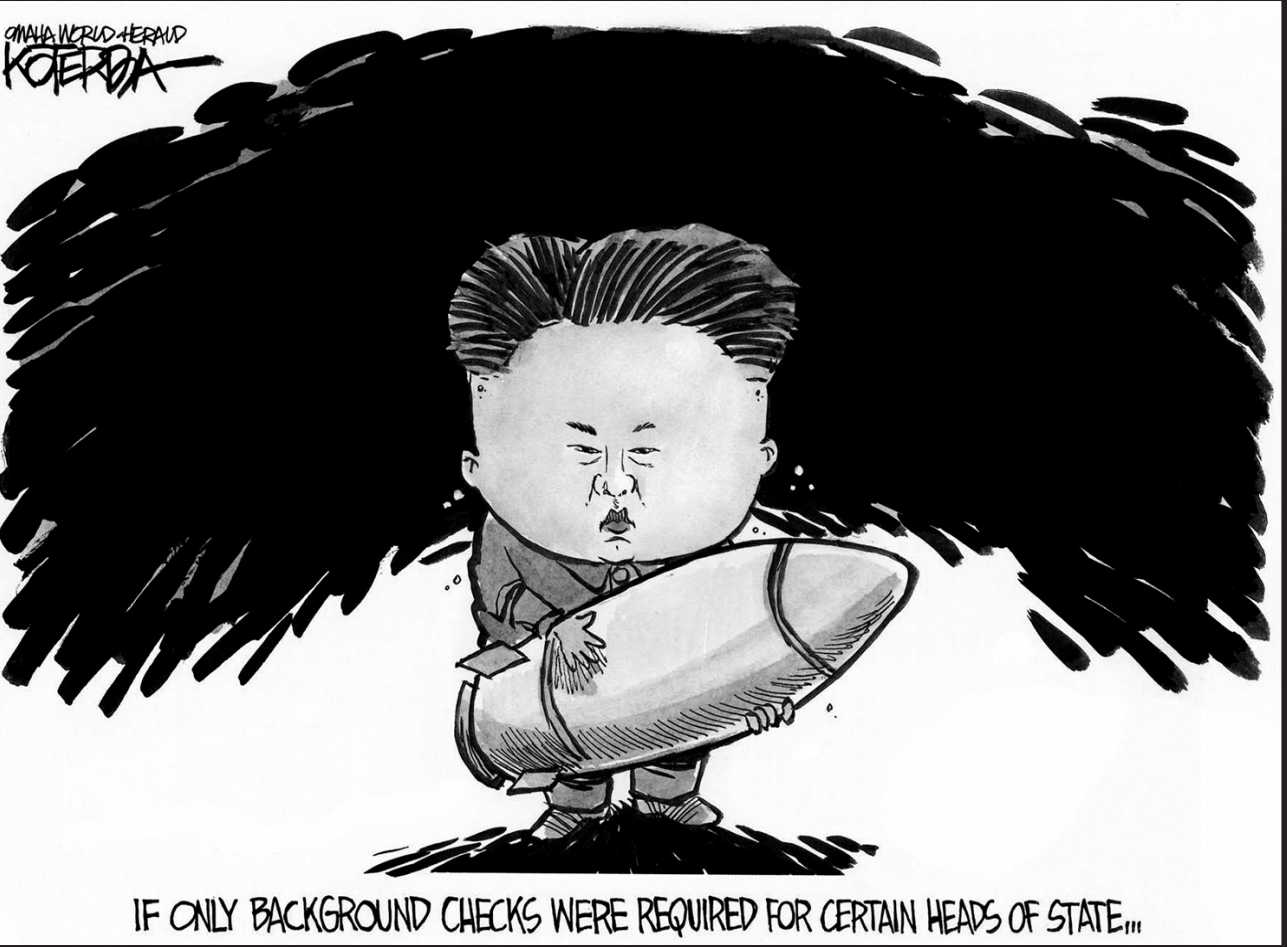
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IF ONLY BACKGROUND CHECKS WERE REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN HEADS OF STATE...

Maudie's Naughties



Final Arrangements

Pete and Louise are approaching an elderly age and decide it's time for them to make their final arrangements. They file a will and make pre-arrangements for each of them at the funeral home. Finally, they think everything is taken care of but discover they have overlooked the John Deere tractor. They decide if either of them dies they will sell the tractor; so, they visit the local newspaper (you know which one) to pre-pay for an ad. They agree on the phone number but decide each can write what they want in the ad. Pete sits down and writes a big, long classified describing the tractor and how well it has run over the years. It is well over a hundred words. Finally, Louise gets her turn and she writes down, "Pete's dead!"

"You've got to write more than that," says the editor. "Our policy is that you must have at least five words beside the phone number."

So, Louise writes, "Pete's dead. Tractor for sale!"

Lottery Picks

Cousin Thelma is visiting with Ma when the phone rings. Ma picks it up and tells Pa, "It's for you!" Pa picks up the phone and says, "19, 36, 37, 63, 67 and 22."

A short time later, the phone rings again, and Pa says, "I'll get it." Then again he says, "19, 36, 37, 63, 67 and 22." The phone rings several more times and each time, Pa repeats the same series of numbers.

Finally, Thelma's curiosity gets the best of her and she asks, "Ma, What's that all about?"

"It's the lottery," replies Ma. "All of the kids call to find out what numbers Pa is playing."

"So they can play the same numbers as Pa?"

"No," replies Ma. "Pa never gets a single number right. They're calling to see what numbers NOT to play!"

Hubby's Birthday!

A wife decides to take her husband to a strip club for his birthday. They arrive at the club and the doorman says, "Hey, Dave! How ya doin'?" His wife is puzzled and asks if he's been to this club before.

"Oh, no" says Dave. "He's on my bowling team."

A waitress comes over and asks Dave if he'd like his usual. His wife says, "How does she know what you drink?"

"We bowl together, honey. We share lanes with them."

A stripper then comes over to their table, throws her arms around Dave, and says "Hi Davey. Want your usual table dance, big boy?"

Dave's wife, now furious, grabs her purse and storms out of the club. Dave follows and spots her getting into a cab. Before she can slam the door, he jumps in beside her. He tries desperately to explain how the stripper must have mistaken him for someone else, but his wife is having none of it. All the while, she is screaming at him at the top of her lungs, calling him every name in the book.

The cabby turns his head and says, "Looks like you picked up a real wild one tonight, Dave."

Winning Roll

Two casino dealers are waiting the tables when a very attractive blonde woman arrives and bets \$20,000 on a single roll of the dice.

"I hope you don't mind," she says. "But I feel much luckier when I'm completely nude."

She strips off her clothes, rolls the dice, and yells, "Come on, baby, Mama needs new clothes!"

When the dice comes to a stop, she jumps up and down and squeals, "Yes! Yes! I won, I won!"

She hugs the two dealers, picks up her winnings and what she calls her "lucky dice," grabs her clothes and leaves.

The two dealers stare at each other dumfounded. Finally, one looks and the other and asks, "What did she roll?"

"I don't know," says the other. "I thought you were watching!"

MORAL: Blondes may be dumb, but all men are men.

Single Man

A man is in the checkout line behind a woman and a little girl. The little girl watches as he lays down a can of beans, a bag of chips, a pack of hamburger, a pint of ice cream, a cake and a pint of milk.

The little girl tells him, "You're single, aren't you?" "Why, yes," says the man. "Could you tell that by the groceries I am buying?"

"No," says the little girl. "Because you're ugly!"

What is Kiwanis?

To many people in Estill County, KIWANIS is only the name of a group of people who meet somewhere and have a park named for their organization. It is unfortunate that this is the extent of their knowledge. As a club, the members feel that it is important for the people of Estill County to understand who we are, why we exist, and what we do. Therefore, our desire is that the following information will describe this outstanding organization.

KIWANIS is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time. Its purpose is to improve lives through fellowship in service throughout the world. It is dedicated to serving children, families and our community. Its name is taken from "Nun Keewanis", an Indian term which roughly means "self-expression", "we share talents", or "we build", depending on which native American group from where it really originated.

A KIWANIAN adheres to the belief of giving primacy to the human and spiritual, rather than the material values of life. He/she believes in treating other human beings as he/she would be treated in all human relationships.

KIWANIS was founded in Detroit, Michigan in 1915. The KIWANIS Club of Irvine-Ravenna was founded in 1922 by a group of 52 local businessmen who wanted to provide service to Estill County and as a forum to present the many good things that were happening in the community.

Down through the years, the KIWANIS Club of Irvine-Ravenna has been responsible for many projects in our community. Charles Vanhuss wrote in his history of Irvine-Ravenna Kiwanis, "agriculture is a prime economic resource for our county and it has frequently been the focus of the IrvineRavenna Kiwanis Club programs down through the years. In the early years, the club championed and fought for the issuance of county roads. Those bonds were sorely needed in order to help get farmers out of the mud, ...and into cities where they could market their produce. The club also sponsored corn shows and it spearheaded the movement to bring the first county agent to the county in 1924. The club also helped and became the primary factor in introducing the first pure-bred bull into the Estill County stock line. It helped establish a local dairy in order to market the milk that local farmers produced. The club still sponsors a farm-city banquet to honor our farmers and agriculture related businesses and their contribution to the economy of our county." In his book, A History of the Achievements of the Irvine-Ravenna KIWANIS Club, Robert Barker states: "On Monday

evening, February 7, 1949, the club endorsed the horse show project and held the first horse show Thursday, June 9, 1949, on the grounds of the Irvine school plat near Estill Springs. The shows were continued through 1954, and then dropped for fear of financial losses in case of rain or other difficulties in management. Later, the horse shows were taken up by the Estill County Fair Board." Mr. Barker also recounts how the idea for the Estill County (Marcum-Wallace Memorial) Hospital, "originated in the Irvine-Ravenna KIWANIS Club and was sponsored and carried to completion by this club."

The primary focus of the local KIWANIS Club since 1958 has been the summer baseball and softball program. Untold funds have been raised through the support of the citizens of Estill County. Those funds have been used build and maintain ball fields, purchase equipment, pay personnel to operate the summer program and any other needs that would provide summer activities for children and young people.

Other projects that the KIWANIS Club of Irvine-Ravenna have and in most instances are still sponsoring include: the sponsorship of Boy Scout Troop 144; eyeglasses for needy school children; the KIWANIS Christmas Parade; Christmas baskets of food, clothing, and toys to needy families; support of the Ministerial SHARE program; reading to preschool children in our elementary schools; Adopt a Highway program; maintenance of the historical Irvine Cemetery; sponsorship of the Estill County High School KEY CLUB which is a KIWANIS family sponsored program; the Estill County Public Library summer reading program; Mrs. Witt's Christmas party; Salvation Army bell ringing; Relay for Life; and other projects too numerous to count.

Until 1985, KIWANIS International was a men only organization. However, at the International convention in Houston, Texas, women were approved for membership and KIWANIS has been an even stronger organization ever since. The KIWANIS Club of Irvine-Ravenna has had nine Lieutenant Governors for the Kentucky-Tennessee District of Kiwanis International. They include: A. W. Benning, R. Fred Flege, Robert Barker, Shelby Burnett, Tom Bonny, Jr., Danny Long, Rebecca Werner, Myra Finney, and Vicky Adams.

The local club currently meets at 5:30 p.m. on each Thursday evening at Michael's Restaurant on U.S. 52 in Ravenna. Membership in the club is open to all citizens who would like to dedicate their lives to changing the world, one child and one community (Estill County) at a time.

Letter to the Editor

Education Changes Coming

To the Editor:

Changes are coming in K-12 education at the national level with passage of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act, with the potential for more change at the state level at a time when the Commonwealth's new budget will be squeezed.

When changes from both directions filter down to the local level, they land squarely on local school boards, including our own Estill County Board of Education. These school board members must carry out those changes through policy and budgeting, perhaps with a dose of innovation. They also must be prepared to communicate those changes in the check-out line at the local supermarket, at a PTA meeting or in the parking lot after church.

School Board Recognition Month in January is a good time to recognize that the job of Estill county school board members LW Beckley, Jon Bicknell, Patty Hood, Robbie Starling and Amy Thomas is far from static. Their

work is buffeted by change at all levels that must be balanced against their No. 1 priority: improving the academic achievement and the opportunities for the students of their district, while also helping meet the needs of children with barriers to that improvement.

To keep up with this ever-changing K-12 education climate, these school board members must spend hours in professional development and preparation of all kinds, from formal training to earn state-required credit hours to reviewing documents and reports prior to a school board meeting to studying education trends through news media reports.

Please take the opportunity this month to join me in thanking the school board members of Estill County and let them know that while events around them change, you appreciate their unwavering stand for the children of this community.

Sincerely,
Jeff Saylor, Superintendent,
Estill County Schools

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