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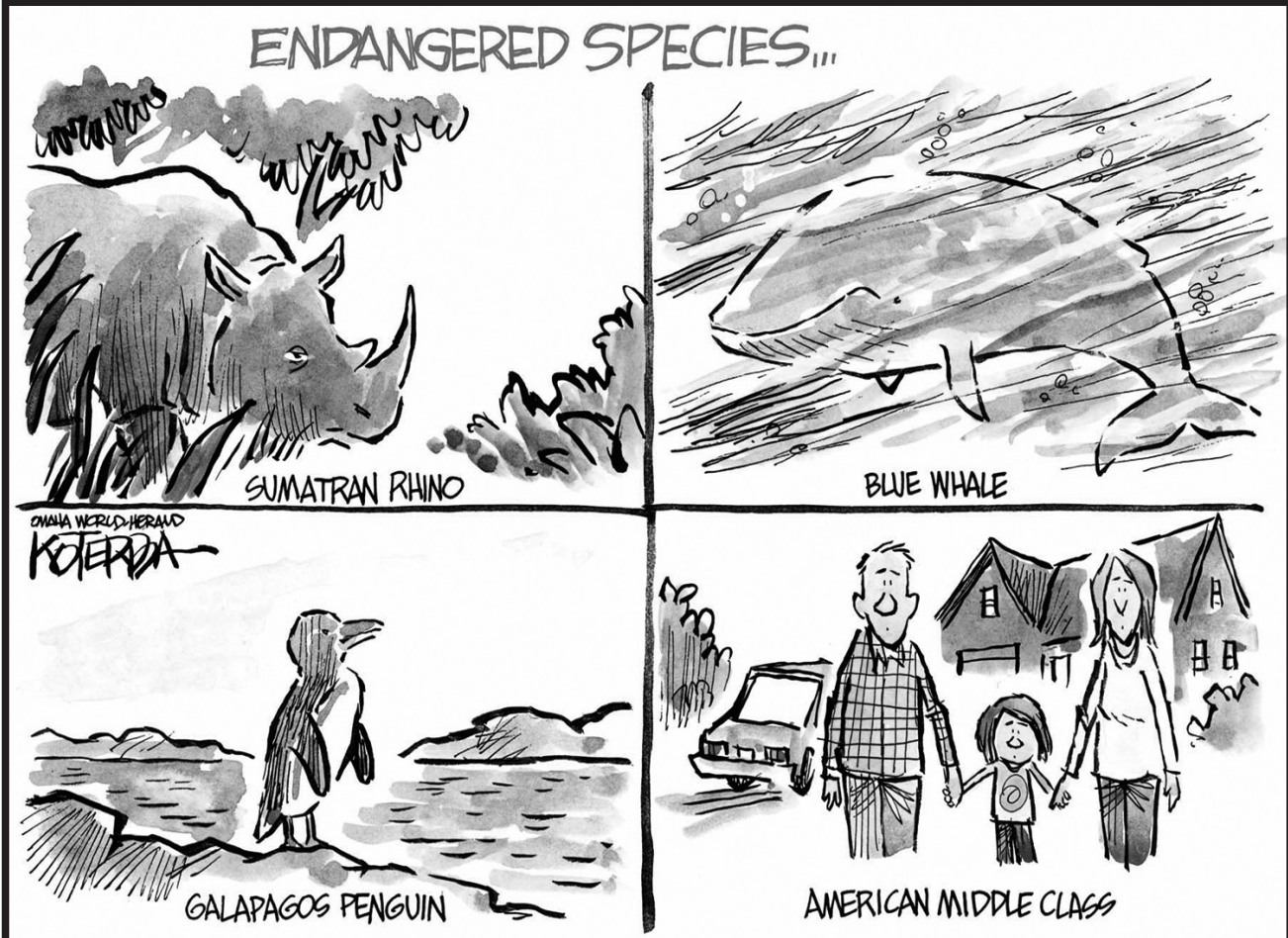
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Maudie's Naughties



Wrong Answer

A husband and wife are getting ready for bed. The wife is standing in front of a full-length mirror taking a hard look at herself. "You know, dear," she says, "I look in the mirror, and I see an old woman. My face is all wrinkled, my butt is hanging out a mile, I've got fat legs, and my arms are all flabby."

She turns to her husband and says, "Tell me something positive to make me feel better about myself."

He thinks about it for a bit and then says in a soft, thoughtful voice, "Well, there's nothing wrong with your eyesight."

Services will be held for him Saturday in Richmond.

Brave at the Dentist's Office

The Smiths are shown into the dentist's office, where Mr. Smith makes it clear he is in a big hurry.

"No fancy stuff, Doctor," he orders. "No gas or needles or any of that stuff. Just pull the tooth and get it over with."

"I wish more of my patients were as brave as you," says the dentist admiringly. "Now, which tooth is it?"

Mr. Smith turns to his wife. "Show him your tooth, Honey."

Coming Out of Surgery

Irving is just coming out of anesthesia after a series of tests in the hospital... and his wife, Sarah, is sitting at his bedside. His eyes flutter open, and he murmurs, "You're beautiful."

Flattered, Sarah continues her vigil while he drifts back to sleep. Later he wakes up and says, "You're cute."

What happened to "beautiful"?" Sarah asks.

"The drugs are wearing off," he replies.

Just Rewards

A woman is arrested for shoplifting. When she goes before the judge he asks her, "What did you steal?"

She replies, "A bracelet."

The judge asks her why she had stolen it, and she replies that she thought it was pretty.

The judge then asks her how many stones were in the bracelet. She replies, "6."

The judge says, "Then I'll give you 6 months in jail."

Suddenly her husband stands up in the courtroom and says, "She stole a 27-stone necklace, too!"

Pay Lake

A man from the city who is fishing at the pay lake, sits down to fish beside Pa. The man notices after awhile that Pa has caught a basket full of fish when he hasn't even gotten a bite. "How can you catch so many fish?" the man asks.

"Because I've gotten smarter from eating fish heads," replies Pa.

The man decides to try that; so, Pa cuts the heads of the fish he has caught and sells them to the man for \$8 apiece.

The next week the man shows up again at the pay lake and says, "Hey, I don't think eating those fish heads made me any smarter, and I just found out I could have bought the whole fish for \$4 each."

"See," says Pa. "You're smarter already!"

Nobel Prize

Ma and Pa are driving home from church when they see Junior standing out in the middle of their pasture. Pa pulls over to the side of the road, calls Junior over and asks, "What are you doing, son?"

"I'm trying to win a Nobel Prize," replies Junior.

"How's that?" asks Pa. "All I can see you're doing is you're going to get whacked by a bull."

"Well," says Junior. "I just found out they give the Nobel Prize each year to someone who is outstanding in their field."

Chickens

Pa sends Junior to a neighbor's farm down the road to buy some chickens, but Junior drops the crate on the way home and the chickens go scurrying off in every direction. He finally makes it back home just before dark and Pa meets him at the gate.

"What took you so long, boy?" says Pa. "I had to milk all the cows by myself."

"I dropped the crate," admits Junior. "But I ran all over the neighborhood and managed to find all twelve of them."

"That's pretty good," says Pa. "Considering you left the neighbors' with only seven."

Close Shave

A cowboy walks into a barber shop, sits down on the barber's chair and says, "I'll have a shave and a shoe shine."

The barber begins to lather the cowboy's face while a beautiful and most desirable woman kneels down and begins to shine his shoes.

"Young lady," says the cowboy. "You and I should go and spend some time in a motel room."

She replies, "I'm married and my husband wouldn't like that."

The cowboy says, "Just tell him you're working overtime, and I'll pay the difference."

"You tell him," she says. "He's the one shaving you."

Public Participation in Open Board Meetings

During the December 17th, 2015 regular called board meeting, members of the Estill County Board unanimously agreed to have a time for public comment at every regular called board meeting starting at the January 2016 meeting. This step is a continuing effort by the superintendent and the board to develop a more open and

transparent relationship between the school system and the community as a whole.

The current policy will be updated and there will be a final reading of the policy at the January regular called meeting. The following paragraphs outline our revised policy.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE



Times Remembered
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Wildlife

This has been an exciting week at our place.....we have seen wildlife galore.

For the past month or so when Bob went out to smoke he has been hearing a scream that sounds like a woman screaming. There is a rocky overhang to the right of our house that looks somewhat like a den; which is perfect for a fox or coyote den. Bob thinks it's a mountain lion? There isn't supposed to be mountain lions in this part of the country, but I've heard stories of sightings in this county.

We are accustomed to the sounds of coyotes in the lower river bottom; but the strangest thing happened Friday night.....three or four coyotes came to our back deck.

We were in the sunroom watching TV when we heard these awful yipping, growling, fighting sounds.....I just knew they were after our cat, "Si." In an instant Bob had the shotgun and began shooting toward them; they took off over the hill into the woods. Then we couldn't find "Si" he was nowhere to be found. Finally, in about five minutes he came out from under the deck lattice. I guess he barely escaped; from now he's going to his room in the barn at night.

Coyote behavior can be a difficult thing to learn about because the animals are so elusive. They are nocturnal, which means they only come out to hunt and thrive during the evening hours. Coyotes are normally afraid of humans; but they are becoming less afraid of people and coming closer to our houses and barns.

Coyote behavior is different during the mating season which begins in January through April. During this time, it isn't unusual for someone to see a male coy-

ote in the middle of a field or at the edge of the forest. When coyotes find a mate they live together for years to come and 2 months after the female conceives, she gives birth to about 6 pups.

A coyote uses sounds and signals to communicate with other members of the pack. They howl, yip and whine and this can be for a number of reasons. It could be a warning to other members of danger, or to woo a female. I think that's what they doing the other night and lost track of their destination.

The coyote is carnivorous which means that his diet is made of mammals. But occasionally, they will eat certain birds and snakes. Coyotes prefer to eat an animal right after it is killed but it is part of coyote behavior to eat dead animals. During the winter month when food is scarce, they may live on berries, nuts and vegetables.

Coyotes can be found in most of the United States, Canada and Central America. They are a bit smaller than a medium sized dog and have characteristics that set them apart from wolves and dogs. Their fur is gray to tan color and they have bushy tails. They have triangle shaped ears and a narrow, longer nose. A coyote has yellow eyes and a black nose that you can tell them apart from wolves or dogs. When a coyote runs, it runs with the tail in downward position. A wolf for example runs with the tail straight out a dog runs with the tail held high.

Whatever their reason I don't want them near me or my home; you never know when they might be rabid or turn on you.

Then on Saturday morning we were heading out to Colton's ballgame and we opened the front door and six deer, four does and an eight point buck were walking across the front yard nibbling at the perennials. They didn't mind us; we just live here; they own the yard.

Since we have lived here we've had sightings and encounters of a bobcat, a family of raccoons in a hollow tree outside the deck, a three-legged opossum, coyotes, deer, grouse, turkey and some quail. Could there be a mountain lion too?

Maybe when a fresh snow falls, Bob and I will go tracking down near the rocky cliff to see what we can find. Who knows what else is out there. Maybe Big Foot!!!

The public and the news media are permitted to attend all open meetings of the Board. No person may be required to identify himself in order to attend any such meeting.

EXCEPTION

The chairman may impose conditions upon attendance at a given meeting only if such conditions are required for the maintenance of order.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The agenda for open meetings may include an opportunity for the public to address the Board.

Persons wishing to address the Board must register with the Board secretary prior to the meeting. At the time of registration, the subject of the presentation shall be stated. All groups shall have a designated spokesperson. Anyone addressing the Board must first be recognized by the Chairman.

Presentations shall be limited to five (5) minutes, but may be extended by the Superintendent when preparing the agenda or by the Board as it hears the individual presentation.

Issues presented should pertain to Board business. Individuals with complaints or issues concerning a local school should exhaust all measures at the school level with the school principal and/or SBDM Council before addressing the Board. The Board's main purpose

is to establish policy for the entire District—not to settle disputes that could be resolved through other channels.

The Board shall not hear complaints about school personnel or other persons during a public session because the Board is not involved in the hiring, firing, or disciplining of District personnel.

SPEAKERS

The chairman may require the name and address of the speaker. The chairman may rule on the relevance of the topic to the Board's agenda. The chairperson shall have the authority to terminate the remarks of any individual who does not adhere to the guidelines set forth in policy.

FINAL ACTION

Except in the case of emergency, no final action will be taken on any petition or request submitted by an individual or delegation until a subsequent meeting and/or after due deliberation and study.

As part of our commitment to continuous improvement, we will always be looking for ways to strengthen our relationship with the community. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with questions at either jeff.saylor@estill.kyschools.us or (606) 723-2181.

Sincerely, Jeff Saylor
Superintendent,
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