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Maudie's Naughties



Anniversary

A young man is speeding home after being delayed at the office when he suddenly sees flashing lights in his rearview mirror. After the officer pulls him over, the young man is hoping for some leniency and explains to the officer that he was rushing home to be with his wife because it is their first anniversary.

Rather than letting the man off with a warning, the officer continues writing, tears off the ticket and hands it to the man and says, "Congratulations, the first anniversary is paper, isn't it?"

Affairs

An artist, a lawyer, and a computer scientist are discussing the merits of a mistress. The artist tells of the passion, the thrill which comes with the risk of being discovered.

The lawyer warns of the difficulties. It can lead to guilt, divorce, bankruptcy. Not worth it. Too many problems.

The computer scientist says "It's the best thing that's ever happened to me. My wife thinks I'm with my mistress. My mistress thinks I'm home with my wife, and I can spend all night on the computer!"

New Teacher

A teacher injures his back and has to wear a plaster cast around the upper part of his body. It fits under his shirt and is not noticeable at all. On the first day of the term, still with the cast under his shirt, he finds himself assigned to the toughest students in school.

Walking confidently into the rowdy classroom, he opens the window as wide as possible and then gets busy with desk work. The classroom becomes a bit unruly and he admonishes them. This happens several times.

While working at his desk, the strong breeze from the window makes his tie flap annoyingly. He keeps rearranging and rearranging the tie as the class raises its level of unruliness.

Finally, becoming disgusted with the wayward tie, he stands up and takes a big stapler off his desk and staples the tie to his chest in several places.

Discipline is not a problem from that day forth.

Cold Cure

A man goes to see his doctor because he is suffering from a miserable cold. His doctor prescribes some pills, but they don't help.

On his next visit the doctor gives him a shot, but that doesn't do any good either.

On his third visit the doctor tells the man, "Go home and take a hot bath. As soon as you finish bathing throw open all the windows and stand in the draft."

"But doc," protests the patient, "If I do that, I'll get pneumonia."

"I know," says the doctor, "I can cure pneumonia."

Correct Diagnosis

An archaeologist is digging in the Negev Desert in Israel and comes upon a casket containing a mummy. After examining it, he calls the curator of a prestigious natural-history museum. "I've just discovered a 3,000 year-old mummy of a man who died of heart failure!" the excited scientist exclaims.

To which the curator replies, "Bring him in. We'll check it out." A week later, the amazed curator calls the archaeologist. "You were right about the mummy's age and cause of death. How in the world did you know?"

"Easy. There was a piece of paper in his hand that said, '10,000 Shekels on Goliath!'"

More Marital Predictions

"Pa," says Little Julie. "Did you know what your marriage would be like before you married Ma?"

"Well," answers Pa. "I knew before the ceremony was over with."

"How's that," asks Julie?

"Well," says Pa. "The minister asks Ma, 'Do you take this man to be your husband?' . . . and Ma replies, 'I do!'"

"Then he turns to me and says, 'Do you take this woman to be your wife?' . . . and Ma leans over and says, 'He does!'"

Marital Predictions

"Pa," says Little Julie. "How come Uncle Bill never got married? Was it because of his crooked nose?"

"Oh, he almost did get married," replies Pa. "You know that woman named Bernadette that lives at the head of the hollow, Bill was all set to marry her. The wedding was all planned and Bernadette was waiting at the altar with Reverend Rick from the Methodist Church. Bill came strolling up the aisle pushing a new set of golf clubs that he had bought himself for Christmas. Bernadette looks straight at him and says, 'What did you bring those for?' Bill looks back at her right straight in the eye and says, 'Well, this ain't going to take all day, is it?' I believe it was the 8-iron that broke his nose."

Life Saver

A wealthy businessman chokes on a fish bone at a restaurant. He is fortunate that a doctor is seated at a nearby table.

Springing up, the doctor skillfully removes the bone and saves the man's life.

As soon as the fellow has calmed himself and can talk again, he thanks the surgeon enthusiastically and offers to pay him for his services.

"Just name the fee," he croaks gratefully.

"Okay," replies the doctor. "How about half of what you'd have offered when the bone was still stuck in your throat?"

Kentucky Afield Outdoors

Spring turkey season among highest on record

Turkey hunters in Kentucky encountered wind, rain and wild temperature swings this past spring season but did not let factors out of their control keep them from posting impressive results.

The 2017 youth-only and general seasons produced a total harvest of 33,061 turkeys – a 6.5 percent increase over 2016 and the third highest on record for the state.

"We were expecting a pretty good harvest this spring because we had decent hatches in 2014 and in 2015," said Zak Danks, wild turkey program coordinator with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "We knew this would provide a bunch of 2- to 3-year-old gobblers for hunters to pursue. But seeing this spring's big harvest was welcome news, and it's a testament to the skill and passion of Kentucky hunters."

Wild turkeys are found across the state thanks to an extensive restoration effort conducted from 1978-1997, and the spring turkey harvest has ballooned since hunters took 13,505 birds in the first modern day, statewide season in 1996.

The spring harvest has held steady since hunters bagged a record 36,097 birds in 2010 with an average of 31,814 birds taken in the seven seasons since 2010. By comparison, the average spring harvest in the seven seasons before 2010 was 26,982.

"Judging by our recent spring harvest totals, turkey populations are strong across

the state," Danks said. "I attribute this to our sound season timing and bag limit."

Most counties show stable to increasing harvest totals while some have declined over the past five years. Danks believes any declines are due in part to a natural correction after high population years fueled by excellent poult production.

Brood production has leveled off over the past decade, which Danks interprets as a sign the population is stabilizing with the habitat's carrying capacity. Carrying capacity is the number of animals the habitat can support and it can vary from year to year based on a variety of factors.

"Some states have seen population and harvest declines, so we want to be cautious and not put extra pressure on the population right now," Danks said. "We are seeing pockets of counties with declining harvest, and several factors are probably impacting populations. Foremost is brood production and recruitment of young birds into the population during summer and fall."

"Weather and predators impact the hatch from year to year, but having enough nesting and brood-rearing habitat provides a strong buffer. We have biologists across the state who can help private landowners improve turkey habitat at the local level, so contact them for options. But, again, our turkey population appears in good shape and we want to keep it that way."

The top five counties by

total spring harvest in 2017 were Muhlenberg (682), Logan (663), Pulaski (610), Hart (606) and Ohio (556). When comparing the number of turkeys harvested per square mile in a county, Pendleton County was first in the state (1.76) followed by Campbell (1.56) and Bracken (1.53).

Kentucky ranks among the top among surrounding states in birds taken per square mile.

The final tally for the 2017 spring season was impressive considering the uneven weather encountered by hunters.

Average temperatures in April across Kentucky were among the warmest on record while most of the state was wetter than average.

The two-day youth season opened to below-normal temperatures and ended buffeted by wind. While the youth season harvest finished down 9 percent, it remains within 2 percent of the five-year average of 1,728 turkeys.

The 23-day general season opened on Easter weekend in April and closed May 7. Opening day weather was close to ideal but rain affected parts of the state that Sunday. Nevertheless, hunters posted the third highest opening weekend harvest behind 2010 and 2012. The 20,975 turkeys taken over the season's final 21 days were a 4.9 percent increase over the previous year.

"This spring was just fantastic," Danks said. "Now let's cross our fingers for good weather over the next few weeks to help those broods survive and thrive. Let's work to provide good habitat, too. Then let's chase them again come fall."

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Fridays, 4-7 p.m. at the fairgrounds

Estill County Farmers' Market

The Estill County Farmers' Market will be opening this coming Friday, June 2, 2017. Hours are from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Estill County Fairgrounds pavilion.

Have extra produce? New vendors are always welcome.

Call market coordinator Hannah Eaton at 726-0673 with any questions.

Attention Veterans

The Veterans Benefits Field Representative will be at the Estill County Public Library, 246 Main Street in Irvine, on Thursday, June 1st and normally the first Thursday of each month. The hours are 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Veterans and their dependants will receive assistance filing for Federal and State veterans benefits. This service is provided free of charge by the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs. To apply, veterans need to furnish copies of pertinent documentation to verify eligibility. For further information, please call toll free within Kentucky, 1-866-376-0308, to speak with a Veterans Benefits Field Representative.