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## Maudie's Naughties



### How Old is it?

A tourist is traveling with a guide through one of the thickest jungles in South America, when he comes across an ancient Mayan temple. The tourist is entranced by the temple, and asks the guide for details. To this, the guide states that archaeologists are carrying out excavations, and still finding great treasures. The tourist then queries how old the temple is.

"This temple is 1503 years old," replies the guide.

Impressed at this accurate dating, he inquires as to how he gave this precise figure.

"Easy," replies the guide, "the archaeologists said the temple was 1500 years old, and that was three years ago."

### Dressed for the Occasion

A Spanish captain is walking on his ship when a soldier rushes to him and exclaims, "An enemy ship is approaching us!"

The captain replies calmly, "Go get my red shirt." The soldier gets the shirt for the captain. The enemy ship comes in and heavy rounds of fire are exchanged. Finally, the Spaniards win.

The soldier asks, "Congrats sir, but why the red shirt?"

The captain replies, "If I got injured, my blood shouldn't be seen, as I didn't want my men to lose hope."

Just then, another soldier runs up and says, "Sir, we just spotted another twenty enemy ships!" The captain calmly replies, "Go bring my yellow pants."

### Jealous Wife

There was once a wife so jealous that when her husband came home one night and she couldn't find hairs on his jackets she yelled at him, "Great, so now you're cheating on me with a bald woman!"

The next night, when she didn't smell any perfume, she yelled again by saying, "She's not only bald, but she's too cheap to buy any perfume!"

### New Year's Depression

Two psychiatrists are walking down a hall. One turns to the other and says, "Hello."

The other one thinks, "What did he mean by that?"

### The Old Boyfriend

A man and his wife were sitting at a table at her high school reunion, and she kept staring at a drunken man swigging his drink as he sat alone at a nearby table.

He asked her, "Do you know him?"

"Yes", she sighed, "He's my old boyfriend. I understand he took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear he hasn't been sober since."

"My goodness!" I said, "Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?"

### Please Stand Up!

One day a college professor of Psychology was greeting his new college class. He stood up in front of the class and said, "Would everyone who thinks he or she is stupid please stand up?"

After a minute or so of silence, a young man stood up.

"Well, good morning. So, you actually think you're a moron?" the professor asked.

The kid replied, "No sir, I just didn't want to see you standing there all by yourself."

### Brave Firefighters

A fire started on some grasslands near a farm. The county fire department was called to put out the fire. The fire was more than the county fire department could handle. Someone suggested that a nearby volunteer bunch be called. Despite some doubt that the volunteer outfit would be of any assistance, the call was made.

The volunteers arrived in a dilapidated old fire truck. They rumbled straight towards the fire, drove right into the middle of the flames and stopped! The firemen jumped off the truck and frantically started spraying water in all directions. Soon they had snuffed out the center of the fire, breaking the blaze into two easily-controlled parts.

Watching all this, the farmer was so impressed with the volunteer fire department's work and was so grateful that his farm had been spared, that right there on the spot he presented the volunteers with a check for \$1,000. A local news reporter asked the volunteer fire captain what the department planned to do with the funds.

"That ought to be obvious," he responded, wiping ashes off his coat. "The first thing we're gonna do is get the brakes fixed on our fire truck!"

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## This Week at the State Capitol

Lawmakers returned to the State Capitol this week to kick off a General Assembly session that's sure to tackle a wide range of issues. But Capitol observers say there are two issues this year that will likely dominate many discussions: public pension reform and the state budget.

Issues concerning the unfunded liabilities associated with the state's pension systems for public employees received growing attention last year with much speculation on whether lawmakers would be called into a special legislative session to deal with the matter. Those challenges are still in focus as lawmakers move into the early stages of the current session while working to ensure that a consensus is reached on the issue.

While pension reform would most directly impact current and future public retirees, it's fair to say this issue touches all state citizens. As pension costs grow and liabilities increase, it becomes harder to fund Kentuckians' other priorities, like education, public protection, and workforce development.

Such consequences are why any action lawmakers take on pension reform is certain to have a big impact on the other top issue of the legislative session, the state budget.

From Estill Supt. Jeff Saylor

## Estill County Schools to Honor Leaders during School Board Recognition Month

Kentucky will again observe January as School Board Recognition Month and the Estill County Schools is joining in the celebration. The Estill County Board of Education is composed of Chair-Rhonda Hardy, Vice Chair-Donna Isfort, L W Beckley, Jon Bicknell and Jenny Jo Niece.

"The voters of our community have created a special group of education leaders in this board," said Superintendent Jeff Saylor. "They are true partners in the work to ensure every child in every classroom can experience high quality teaching and learning."

"When you consider how state and federal funding is shrinking, our school board has faced tremendous challenges, and members haven't flinched from their responsibilities," he said. "Our community can be very proud of this team of board members, and I'm proud to be their partner working for education excellence for our children."

Across the Commonwealth, Kentucky's 173 public school systems will use January to recognize the work of the state's 867 local school board members.

"School board members across Kentucky have faced numerous and growing challenges the past few years, and this year has been a particularly challenging one," said KSBA President David Webster, chairman of the Simpson County Board of Education. "As I traveled the state last fall, I saw the dedication in every local school board member to make Kentucky's schools among the tops in the nation to ensure our children can be competitive wherever they may go. I am very proud to be a local school board member in Kentucky."

Members of the Estill County Board of Education will be recognized at the regular scheduled board meeting on January 18th, 2018 at 6pm. Everyone is invited to attend or watch us live on YouTube.

Every two years lawmakers create a biennial state budget, so now's the time to craft the plan that will guide state spending for the next two fiscal years that begin on July 1.

The budget process will take a big step forward on Jan. 16 when Gov. Matt Bevin presents his proposed spending plan in a speech to lawmakers that will be broadcast to a statewide audience on Kentucky Educational Television. Soon after, lawmakers on budget subcommittees will begin digging into the plan and considering the changes they want to make to ensure that the final spending plan reflects their priorities for the state.

While pensions and the budget will receive much attention in the days ahead, there's a growing list of bills on other matters that lawmakers will study in-depth. More than 100 bills have already been introduced this year on matters including child protection, tax reform, drones, and drug treatment.

That makes this an important time for citizens to stay in touch with lawmakers and share views on the issues that will be voting on during the remainder of the session. There are several easy ways citizens can stay in touch with the General Assembly.

The Kentucky Legislature Home Page, [www.lrc.ky.gov](http://www.lrc.ky.gov), provides information on each of the Commonwealth's senators and representatives, including phone numbers, addresses, and committee assignments. The site also provides bill texts, a bill-tracking service, and committee meeting schedules.

To leave a message for any legislator, call the General Assembly's Message Line at 800-372-7181. People with hearing difficulties may leave messages for lawmakers by calling the TTY Message Line at 800-896-0305.

You may also write any legislator by sending a letter with the lawmaker's name to: Capitol Annex, 702 Capitol Avenue, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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