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# Maudie's Naughties



## Hunting Trip

Bubba takes Junior and Howard down to Caney Branch to do some rabbit hunting. They stop at the farm of a man Bubba knows and he gets out to ask permission to hunt. "That will be fine," says the farmer, "But, I need you to do something for me. My old mule standing down at the barn is 20 years old and sick with cancer, but I don't have the heart to kill her."

Bubba replies, "Sure," and heads back to the truck. While walking back, however, he decides to pull a trick on the boys. He drives down next to the barn, gets out and tells the boys, "That old cuss told me we couldn't hunt, so I'm going to teach him a lesson." Bubba cuts loose with his shotgun on the old mule. But more shots start ringing out in all directions. "I got the cow!" says Junior.

"And I got all of his chickens," adds Howard.

## Inheritance

Ma and Pa decide they're getting on in the years so they call Junior and Bubba in to talk about their will. "We've decided to leave the entire farm to Bubba," they tell them.

"See there," says Bubba, turning to Junior. "I told you that you were their favorite."

## Stranded In The Snow

A man from the city gets stranded up Needmore after the big snowfall and goes to Pa's house to ask for a place to spend the night.

"That's fine," says Pa. But I ain't got no daughter for you to sleep with like you always hear in them jokes."

"Oh!" says the city guy after thinking it over, "Just how far is it to the next house?"

## "I Cannot Tell A Lie"

Howard Green and Junior are pranking around and push over the old outhouse behind the barn. They take off running to the woods and after hanging around a couple of hours come back to the house where they are met by Pa. "Did you boys push over the old outhouse," asks Pa.

"Yes, we did," replies Junior. "George Washington chopped down the cherry tree and his dad forgave him because he told the truth."

"That's true," says Pa. "But George's dad wasn't in the cherry tree when he chopped it down."

## Proper Training

Farmer Green is down at the arena for a tractor show and uses the bathroom alongside two other men. One man finishes and washes his hands clear up to his elbows and uses about 20 paper towels to dry. "I'm from the East," he says, "They taught us how to be sanitary!"

The second man quickly wets the tips of his fingers, grabs a single paper towel and says, "I'm from the West, they taught us how to be environmentally conscious."

Green finishes his business and as he walks straight out the door, he says, "I'm from Needmore. They taught us how not to pee on our hands."

## Hitchhiker Cow

Pa is driving his old pickup up Needmore when he sees a hitchhiker with a cow. Pa stops and the hitchhiker says, "Will you give me a ride up the holler?"

"Sure," replies Pa. "But, you'll have to leave the cow here!" "No, sir," the hitchhiker replies. "I'll just show her to the back bumper. I promise she will not slow you down."

Up the holler they go with the old cow just behind. She seems to be doing very well, so Pa kicks in the old pickup. The cow stays right with him, so Pa kicks in the old pickup again and again. Finally, Pa decides the cow is a little winded, so he tells the hitchhiker, "Maybe we'd better slow down, she's got her tongue hanging out!"

The hitchhiker asks, "Is her tongue hanging out to the right or to the left?"

"To the left," Pa replies.

"Well, you'd better pull over, she's trying to pass you."



## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE from Representative Bill Wesley

# Legislature convenes 2023 Regular Session

"I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and be faithful and true to the Commonwealth of Kentucky."

All one hundred members of the Kentucky House took this oath as we officially convened the 2023 Regular Session on January 3. The oath itself is just 30 words, but they mean so much as lawmakers from across the state gather to consider both the opportunities and challenges facing our Commonwealth. The legislature has spent the last six months preparing for the session and we are excited to get to work on your behalf.

Because this is an odd-year, this is a short session and it is divided into two parts. With the first week behind us, we adjourned on Friday until we reconvene in early February for the remaining 26 legislative days. I am happy to report that we hit the ground running during our first week and I am proud to report on the work we have already accomplished.

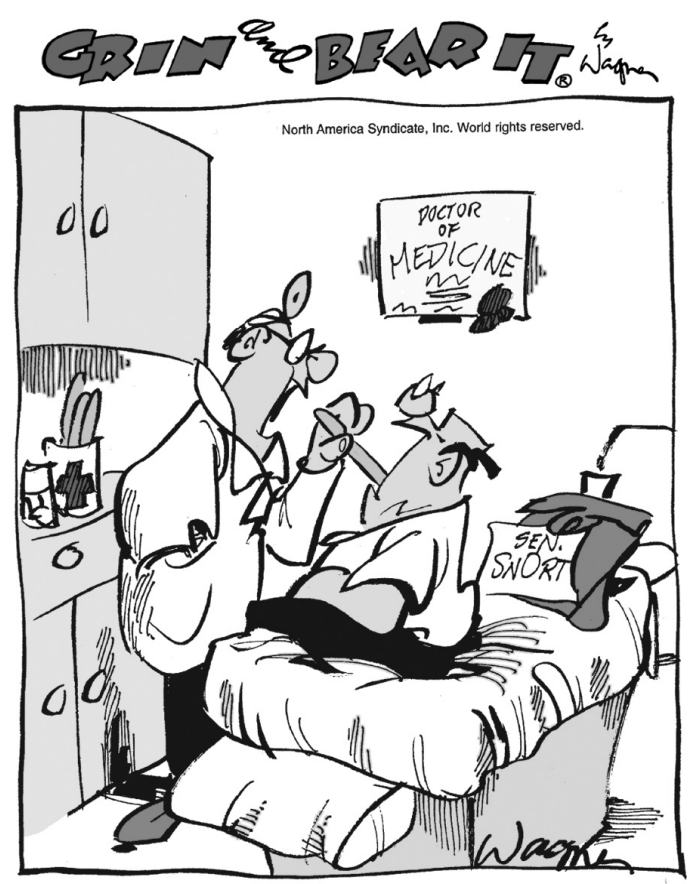
On Thursday, members of the House voted overwhelmingly to pass HB 1, legislation that would lower the state's individual income tax another half a percentage point to 4% in 2024. This measure, HB 1, comes just days after the income tax was lowered to 4.5% on January 1 of this year. While the work to make Kentucky's tax code more competitive began more than six years ago, this latest step was put into motion with the passage of HB 8 last session. That bill lays the groundwork to eliminate the individual income tax entirely, but includes preset triggers that must be met before the legislature can move to decrease the tax in half a percentage point increments. These triggers ensure that the tax cuts do not endanger funding for state programs and agencies. HB 1 now heads to the Senate, where it is expected to pass when we return in February.

We also acted on legislation (HB 2 and HB 11) that provides additional funding for the Kentucky veterans nursing home in Bowling Green. Like so many things in our daily lives, inflation and shortages have

increased the construction cost, requiring an additional \$16.6 million to ensure the project continues. This facility will be the state's sixth veterans nursing home and provide quality skilled nursing care to those who have sacrificed so much in our name. Clearly I am proud of our dedication to taking care of our state's veterans, but I am also pleased to see that this home will create 120 good paying jobs. These two bills will be taken up by the Senate during the second part of the session.

I am eager to continue working for the people of our district and make Kentucky a state where people wish to live, grow businesses, and raise families. In addition to filing and passing legislation, legislative committees also began meeting. I am pleased to share that I will be Vice Chair of the Natural Resources and Energy Committee and also serving on the Tourism and Outdoor Recreation, Transportation, and Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public Protection committees. As a Marine Corps veterans who now serves on the Veterans Committee, I will be there for veterans throughout the Commonwealth.

As always, our district will not be neglected. I can be reached here at home anytime, or through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. Feel free to contact me via email at [Bill.Wesley@LRC.KY.GOV](mailto:Bill.Wesley@LRC.KY.GOV). If you would like more information, please visit the LRC website [www.legislature.ky.gov](http://www.legislature.ky.gov).



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