

The Prentice Family Mailer

Monthly Feature:

“Happy Easter”

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April Dates to Remember

4/01 Jack & Maureen Rosquist Ann. (Also known as April Fools Day)

4/02 Daylight savings time Spring Ahead



Don't forget to set your clock ahead one hour...April 2nd.

Have you ever been one hour early for work because of the time change?

4/04 Peggy and Jerry Gavin anniversary

4/07 Tyanne Wallin (29? Oh! Ha!)

4/11 Andy and Veronica's anniversary

4/15 Esther Prentice (Not EASTER PRENTICE)

(also your taxes are due on her birthday, send her your check)



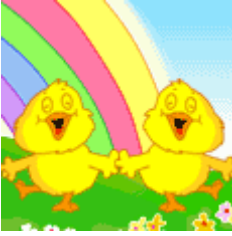
4/16 Easter

4/16 Mike & Linda Prentice Ann. (The judge gave me 40 years to life sentence)

4/30 Patty Schmidt (did she just have one last year?)

4/30 George & Esther Prentice anniversary

(Have you noticed all of the April anniversaries?)



What did the Easter Bunny tell his kids?
“Don’t put all of your eggs in one basket”
And that’s no “yoke”

*****IMPORTANT NOTICE*****

Due to the climate of political correctness now pervading America, Kentuckians, Tennesseans, North Carolinians, Virginians and West Virginians will no longer be referred to as "HILLBILLIES."

You must now refer to us as APPALACHIAN-AMERICANS.

Thank you!

Now if you'll excuse me, I got possums to fry...





Clarkesville, Tennessee

In a press release, Wal-Mart has announced its plans to have a gala celebration and parade for the one-millionth person caught shoplifting, which should be any day now.

Said spokesman Dan Junior, "We're going to roll out the red carpet on this one, no stops! Free hot dogs and popcorn, free sodas, even free porta-potties for the crowd. This is going to be a great day for everyone, and Wal-Mart wants the world to know how much we appreciate everyone's visit to Wal-Mart, even if it was only to shoplift."

When asked what Wal-Mart plans to do with the shoplifter after his or her arrest and the celebration, he continued, "Well, of course, we are going to prosecute to the fullest extent of the law, but we are having special padded handcuffs made, and instead of a police cruiser, the perpetrator will go to jail in a stretch limo. No expense will be spared. We are even considering posting his or her bail, but we haven't made our decision on that one, yet." The whole thing turned out to be a April Fools Joke.

The Left-Handed Whopper

In 1998 Burger King published a full page advertisement in *USA Today* announcing the introduction of a new item to their menu: a "Left-Handed Whopper" specially designed for the 32 million left-handed Americans. According to the advertisement, the new whopper included the same ingredients as the original Whopper (lettuce, tomato, hamburger patty, etc.), but all the condiments were rotated 180 degrees for the benefit of their left-handed customers. The following day Burger King issued a follow-up release revealing that although the Left-Handed Whopper was a April Fools hoax, thousands of customers had gone into restaurants to request the new sandwich. Simultaneously, according to the press release, "many others requested their own 'right handed' version."

See some April Fools are funny,,,,,,,,,,,,,
By Mike (I'm sorry) Prentice

Tougher than I remember it.

Actual 8th Grade Final Exam Salina, KS, 1895 (There was an old tin type photo here which I couldn't duplicate, but the rest of the message is quite interesting and hallenging.)

What it took to get an 8th grade education in 1895

Remember when grandparents and great-grandparents stated that they only had an 8th grade education?

Well, check this out. Could any of us have passed the 8th grade in 1895?

This is the eighth-grade final exam from 1895 in Salina, Kansas.

It was taken from the original document on file at the Smokey Valley

Genealogical Society and Library in Salina, KS, and reprinted by the Salina Journal.

8th Grade Final Exam: Salina, KS -1895

Grammar (Time, one hour)

1. Give nine rules for the use of capital letters.
2. Name the parts of speech and define those that have no modifications.
3. Define verse, stanza and paragraph
4. What are the principal parts of a verb? Give principal parts of "lie"," play," and "run."
5. Define case; Illustrate each case.
- 6 What is punctuation? Give rules for principal marks of punctuation.
- 7 - 10. Write a composition of about 150 words and show therein that you understand the practical use of the rules of grammar.

Arithmetic (Time, 1.25 hours)

1. Name and define the Fundamental Rules of Arithmetic.
2. A wagon box is 2 ft. deep, 10 feet long, and 3 ft. wide. How many bushels of wheat will it hold?
3. If a load of wheat weighs 3942 lbs., what is it worth at 50cts/bushel, deducting 1050 lbs. for tare?
4. District No 33 has a valuation of \$35,000. What is the necessary levy to carry on a school seven months at \$50 per month, and have \$104 for incidentals?
5. Find the cost of 6720 lbs. coal at \$6.00 per ton.
6. Find the interest of \$512.60 for 8 months and 18 days at 7 percent.
7. What is the cost of 40 boards 12 inches wide and 16 ft. long at \$20per metre?
8. Find bank discount on \$300 for 90 days (no grace) at 10 percent.
9. What is the cost of a square farm at \$15 per acre, the distance of which is 640 rods?
10. Write a Bank Check, a Promissory Note, and a Receipt

U.S. History (Time, 45 minutes)

1. Give the epochs into which U.S. History is divided
2. Give an account of the discovery of America by Columbus.
3. Relate the causes and results of the Revolutionary War.
4. Show the territorial growth of the United States.
5. Tell what you can of the history of Kansas.
6. Describe three of the most prominent battles of the Rebellion.

7. Who were the following: Morse, Whitney, Fulton, Bell, Lincoln, Penn, and Howe?
8. Name events connected with the following dates: 1607, 1620, 1800, 1849, 1865.

Orthography (Time, one hour)

1. What is meant by the following: Alphabet, phonetic, orthography, etymology, syllabication
2. What are elementary sounds? How classified?
3. What are the following, and give examples of each: Trigraph, subvocals, diphthong, cognate letters, linguals
4. Give four substitutes for caret 'u.'
5. Give two rules for spelling words with final 'e.' Name two exceptions under each rule.
6. Give two uses of silent letters in spelling. Illustrate each.
7. Define the following prefixes and use in connection with a word: bi, dis, mis, pre, semi, post, non, inter, mono, sup.
8. Mark diacritically and divide into syllables the following, and name the sign that indicates the sound: card, ball, mercy, sir, odd, cell, rise, blood, fare, last.
9. Use the following correctly in sentences: cite, site, sight, fane, fain, feign, vane, vain, vein, raze, raise, rays.
10. Write 10 words frequently mispronounced and indicate pronunciation by use of diacritical marks and by syllabication.

Geography (Time, one hour)

1. What is climate? Upon what does climate depend?
2. How do you account for the extremes of climate in Kansas?
3. Of what use are rivers? Of what use is the ocean?
4. Describe the mountains of North America
5. Name and describe the following: Monrovia, Odessa, Denver, Manitoba, Hecla, Yukon, St. Helena, Juan Fernandez, Aspinwall and Orinoco.
6. Name and locate the principal trade centers of the U.S.
7. Name all the republics of Europe and give the capital of each.
8. Why is the Atlantic Coast colder than the Pacific in the same latitude?
9. Describe the process by which the water of the ocean returns to the sources of rivers.
10. Describe the movements of the earth. Give the inclination of the earth.

Notice that the exam took FIVE HOURS to complete.

Gives the saying "He only had an 8th grade education" a whole new meaning, doesn't it?

Also shows you how poor our education system has become...



Modern Version of the Birds & Bees

A little boy goes to his father and asks "Daddy, how was I born?"

The father answers: "Well son, I guess one day you will need to find out anyway!"

Your Mom and I first got together in a chat room on Yahoo. Then I set up a date via e-mail with your Mom and we met at a cyber-cafe. We sneaked into a secluded room, where your mother agreed to a download from my hard drive.

As soon as I was ready to upload, we discovered that neither one of us had used a firewall, and since it was too late to hit the delete button, nine months later a little Pop-Up appeared that said: You got male!

"Isn't it sad how some people can't be funny, so they have to settle for being obnoxious?" – Benjamin Prentice



Sunday School Class

I was testing the children in my Sunday school class to see if they understood the concept of getting to heaven.

I asked them, "If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale and gave all my money to the church, would that get me into Heaven?"

"NO!" the children answered.

"If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would that get me into Heaven?"

Again, the answer was, "NO!"

By now I was starting to smile. Hey, this was fun!

"Well, then, if I was kind to animals and gave candy to all the children, and loved my husband, would that get me into Heaven?" I asked them again.

Again, they all answered, "NO!"

I was just bursting with pride for them.

Well, I continued, "then how can I get into Heaven?"

A five-year-old boy shouted out,

"YOU GOTTA BE DEAD."

"Humor is always based on a modicum of truth. Have you ever heard a joke about a father-in-law." – by: Ickabod Prentice

A little family news

I'm going to sneak a little family news in here, seeing as you guys don't send me anything to put in the mailer. How about things like "so an so just got her first tooth" or "so an so bought his new teeth."

Peggy (George's other sister) and Jerry (some know him the Doc.Gavin), spent some time with Linda and myself, last month as they were passing through town on their way to a seven-day cruise of the Caribbean. It was great having them here for the short time that they were here. We took them out on our boat and I think they like ours better the 15 story 500 ton ship they were on. It was to late to get tickets for the Red Sox spring training games, but they got to read about it in the local papers and I drove them by the Ball Park.

One of the best parts of the visit was Jerry told me "That he has been around so long, that he built the house he was born in" (Mark try to explain it to Dixie)

NOSTALGIC MEMORIES

Before the Internet or the MAC

Before semi automatics and crack

Before SEGA or Super Nintendo...

Way back...

a.. I'm talkin' bout hide and go seek at dusk

b.. Red light, Green light

c.. Playing kickball & dodgeball until your porch light came on

d.. Mother May I?

e.. Red Rover Red Rover

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f.. Hula Hoops

g.. Running through the sprinkler

h.. Spin the bottle

Wait there is more..

a.. Watchin' Saturday Morning cartoons

b.. Fat Albert, Road Runner, Smurfs, Picture Pages, G-Force & He-Man
Woman & Super Man, Underoos

c.. Playing Dukes of Hazard

d.. Catchin' lightning bugs in a jar

e.. Christmas morning

f.. Your first day of school

g.. Bedtime Prayers and Goodnight Kisses

h.. Climbing trees

i.. Getting an Ice Cream off the Ice Cream Truck

j.. A million mosquito bites and sticky fingers

k.. Jumpin' down the steps

l.. Jumpin' on the bed

m.. Pillow fights

n.. Runnin' till you were out of breath

o.. Laughing so hard that your stomach hurt

p.. Being tired from playing

q.. Your first crush

r.. Rainy days at school meant playing "Heads up 7UP" in the classroom

Remember that?

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I'm not finished yet..

- a.. Kool-Aid was the drink of the summer
- b.. Giving your friends a ride on your handlebars
- c.. Wearing your new shoes on the first day of school
- d.. Class Field Trips
- e.. When nearly everyone's mom was at home when the kids got there.
- f.. When a quarter seemed like a fair allowance, and another quarter was a Miracle.
- g.. When any parents could discipline any kid, or feed him or use him to carry Groceries, and nobody, not even the kid, thought a thing of it.
- h.. When your parents took you to McDonalds and you were so cool.

If you can remember most or all of these, then you have LIVED!!!

I DOUBLE DOG DARE YA!!!!!!

“I know you are but what am I?”

"A day without laughter is a day wasted!"

~ Charlie Chapin Prentice ~

A SWEET STORY ABOUT ITALIAN COOKIES...

This is for all the Italians out there, and those who are lucky enough to be married to an Italian, and even to all the friends of Italians.

An elderly Italian man lay dying in his bed. While suffering the agonies of impending death, he suddenly smelled the aroma of his favorite Italian anisette sprinkle cookies wafting up the stairs. Gathering his remaining strength, he lifted himself from the bed. Leaning against the wall, he slowly made his way out of the bedroom, and with even greater effort, gripping the railing with both hands he crawled downstairs. With labored breath, he leaned against the door frame, gazing into the kitchen. Where if not for death's agony, he would have thought himself already in heaven. For there, spread out

upon waxed paper on the kitchen table were literally hundreds of his favorite anisette sprinkled cookies.

Was it heaven? Or was it one final act of heroic love from his devoted Italian wife of sixty years, seeing to it that he left this world a happy man?

Mustering one great final effort, he threw himself towards the table, landing on his knees in a crumpled posture. His parched lips parted, the wondrous taste of the cookie was already in his mouth, seemingly bringing him back to life. The aged and withered hand trembled on its way to a cookie at the edge of the table, when it was suddenly smacked with a spatula by his wife.

"Get outta here! " she shouted ,
"They're for the funeral!"

"You can go anywhere you want if you look serious and carry a clipboard" by Melvin Prentice

PRENTICE FAMILY

I bumped into a stranger as he passed by,

"Oh excuse me please" was my reply.

He said, "Please excuse me too;

I wasn't watching for you."

We were very polite, this stranger and I.

We went on our way and we said goodbye.

But at home a different story is told,

How we treat our loved ones, young and old.

Later that day, cooking the evening meal,

My son stood beside me very still.

When I turned, I nearly knocked him down.

"Move out of the way," I said with a frown.

He walked away, his little heart broken.

I didn't realize how harshly I'd spoken.

While I lay awake in bed,

A still small voice came to me and said,

**"While dealing with a stranger, common courtesy
you use, but the family you love, you seem to abuse.**

Go and look on the kitchen floor,

You'll find some flowers there by the door.

Those are the flowers he brought for you.

He picked them himself: pink, yellow and blue.

He stood very quietly not to spoil the surprise,

you never saw the tears that filled his little eyes."

By this time, I felt very small,

And now my tears began to fall.

I quietly went and knelt by his bed;

"Wake up, little one, wake up," I said.

"Are these the flowers you picked for me?"

He smiled, "I found 'em, out by the tree.

I picked 'em because they're pretty like you.

I knew you'd like 'em, especially the blue."

I said, "Son, I'm very sorry for the way I acted today;

I shouldn't have yelled at you that way."

He said, "Oh, Mom, that's okay.

I love you anyway."

I said, "Son, I love you too,

and I do like the flowers, especially the blue."

PRENTICE FAMILY

Are you aware that if we died tomorrow, the company that we are working for could easily replace us in a matter of days.

But the family we left behind will feel the loss for the rest of their lives.

And come to think of it, we pour ourselves more into work than into our own family, an unwise investment indeed, don't you think?

So what is behind the story?

Do you know what the word FAMILY means?

FAMILY = (F)ATHER (A)ND (M)OTHER (I) (L)OVE (Y)OU

"alcohol never solved any problems..

but then again, neither has milk"

BY: GEORGE WASHINGTON PRENTICE (this is where "By George" came from)

Colonoscopies are no joke!- Physician joke

Colonoscopies are no joke, but these comments during this exam were quite humorous A physician claimed that the following are actual comments made by his patients (predominately male) while he was performing their colonoscopies:

1. "Take it easy, Doc . You're boldly going where no man has gone before!"
2. "Find Amelia Earhart yet?"
3. "Can you hear me NOW?"
4. "Are we there yet? Are we there yet? Are we there yet?"
5. "You know, in Nevada, we're now legally married."
6. "Any sign of the trapped miners, Chief?"
7. "You put your left hand in, you take your left hand out..."
8. "Hey! Now I know how a Muppet feels!"
9. "If your hand doesn't fit, you must quit!"
10. "Hey Doc, let me know if you find my dignity."
11. "You used to be an executive at Enron, didn't you?"
12. "God, Now I know why I am not gay."

And the best one of all...

13. "Could you write a note for my wife saying that my head is not up there?"

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