



Mayberry Gazette

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Unusual Mayberry Visitor—Moose on the Loose!

The small town of Mayberry is still wondering how something like this could happen. On Sunday night residents were stunned when they looked out of their windows and saw a giant moose running throughout the town. The police station was flooded with calls and Sheriff Andy Taylor was dispatched. After looking for the moose with his spotlight, Sheriff Taylor finally spotted the animal hiding from authorities behind the local bank. The Sheriff called for backup, and then realized he was the only officer on duty that night. After rounding up a few residents to help him out,



the team attempted to capture the beast. This was not easy, but finally they were able to coax the moose into resident Billy Bob Smith's shed. At the time of press, the moose was still locked in the shed, as there were no other good idea's at

the time. The animal control officer, who is also the town electrical inspector and mayor, could not be reached for comment. Officer Sheriff will be awarded the "Act of Bravery" award at a ceremony tomorrow night.

Missing Bread Mystery Solved



The mystery of the missing bread was solved today when Deputy Barney Fife collared the "ring" of bread thieves. The

mysterious weekly disappearance of a loaf of bread had been an ongoing stickler for the Mayberry Sheriffs' Department. It seems that every Monday evening Aunt Bessie bakes five loaves of homemade bread for the local café. She sets the fresh loaves

in her window sill to cool, but every Tuesday morning when she rises at five there has been one loaf missing.

Acting on a tip from one Billy-Joe, *The Mayberry Gazette* early morning delivery person,

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Many Winners at Little League

The little league game in Mayberry had an exciting moment last night - and it wasn't just a home run. A streaker ran through the diamond at dusk. It appeared to be an attractive woman in her thirties. The Mayberry team was losing 12-3 at the bottom of the 4th inning and the team was getting discouraged. They had never had trouble beating Smithville before, but their new pitcher was making this a

difficult game. The streaker appeared from behind the snack shack and there were a few gasps from the audience, although it appeared that not everyone was initially aware of just what was happening. The streaker ran across the middle of the field as the third batter was approaching the plate. Several cheers arose from the stands as she twirled around the pitcher and disappeared into the row of trees next

to the parking lot. It was a turning point in the game and Mayberry won 13-12. There is much speculation about who this could have been - perhaps a school teacher that has close connections with local law enforcement?



Mayberry's Howard Jones slides into home for the winning run.

Pepe Le-Peu Makes His Debut at the Valentines Dance



Last Friday night, Mayberry's First Congregational Church held their annual Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance. This event had been sold out for weeks and as such, the parking lot was full. Unfortunately, the spring skunk problem is also underway.

As attendees were arriving, an eyewitness saw a skunk stroll into the parking lot towards the trash barrels looking for something to eat. Not

thinking anything about it, the witness went into the party.

Minutes later a hungry skunk pushed its way through the swinging doubles doors. When guests looked down to see what was pushing their legs they saw the black and white creature making it's way through the crowd.

People started screaming and running for the doors. A witness said the skunk seemed to get very upset and lifted his tail. But as he lifted his tail, he scurried across the dance floor and sprayed everyone. The guests ran out the door holding their noses.

Deputy Barney Fife has instructed all Mayberry residents to air

out their houses and themselves. Residents are not allowed in any stores or the town meeting hall for at least a day or so until the awful odor goes away.

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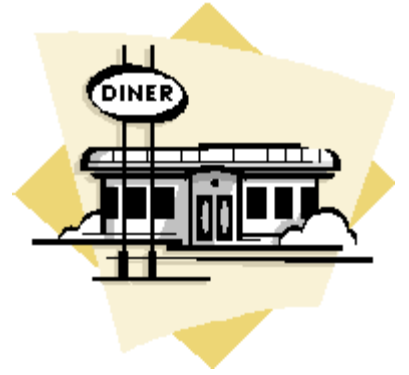


New Diner Has Unusual Offerings

Recently discharged Marine corporal Gomer Pyle and Mayberry resident Aunt Bee Taylor opened their new diner in style last night. **You Kill ‘Em, We grill ‘Em** has been a labor of love for the pair of unlikely entrepreneurs. They set out to provide a new twist on some old back woods favorites. “We wanted to really insert some class into Mayberry and that shows in our menu”, stated Bee. Head chef

Otis worked on the menu for months before the opening, making sure to take full advantage of his culinary skills. Some of the signature dishes at the upscale diner include: Possum in a brandy sauce, Honey Bourbon Squirrel, and Grilled Rutabaga with Whiskey Crawdads, for the light eater. Pyle hopes to see the menu expanded to include such favorites as SOS and MRE’s but admits that it

may take several months a deal can be worked with the armed services to provide the necessary ingredients. **You Kill ‘Em, We Grill ‘Em** is quickly becoming a local favorite among hunters and gatherers alike. Dead or alive, you bring it in and Gomer, Aunt Bee and Otis will be sure to cook up a unique flavor based on traditional North Carolina fair.



Local Engagement Announced



They are engaged! After years of waiting, our very own Sheriff Andy Taylor popped the question to our own little school-teacher, Helen Crump. The engagement was recounted to me this morning over coffee at the barbershop. “It was the most beautiful thing”, remembered Floyd. “Andy came in here yesterday, all cheery and such. Asked me for the best haircut he ever had.

He was wearing his Sunday best, and it was Friday afternoon. I asked him, ‘Andy, what’s the special occasion?’ Andy was real quiet and asked me if I could keep a secret. I told him yes and he said he was going to ‘pop the question’ tonight”. Floyd recalled the excitement and nervousness in Andy and told me that he gave Andy the best haircut of

the day.

Later that night, on the back porch of Aunt Bee’s house, Andy, down on one knee, asked Helen Crump to marry him. She was so excited, started to cry and said yes to his proposal. The wedding is scheduled for later this summer.

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Ladies Auxiliary Pie Contest Winner



Our own Aunt Bee has done it again! For the third year running Beatrice Bearsley, housekeeper for Andy Taylor has won the annual "Home made Pie Contest" with her delicious **White Chocolate Cheesecake with Red Cherry Topping** (see

recipe below). Aunt Bee narrowly beat Flora Mallerby's **Pecan Apple Pie** to win the blue ribbon. Other top contenders were Millie Foley from Foley's Market with her mouth watering **Nectarine-Raspberry Pie** and the surprise entry from Jerry Miller with his **Jumbleberry Pie** made with the summer berries that grow wild out behind the old Swanson farm.

The contest is run by the Ladies Auxiliary at the church to benefit the library fund, the judges

this year were Helen Crump, Clara Edwards and Sheriff Andy Taylor who was quoted as saying "Eating speaks louder than words", "Don't I get any whipped cream?!" and "I only like two kinds of pie, hot and cold!". The prize awarded for the best pie is a blue ribbon and a plaque in the library basement gathering room with the winners name engraved. Congratulations to all contestants and keep up the pie making!



"I only like two kinds of pie—hot and cold!"



WHITE CHOCOLATE CHEESECAKE WITH CHERRY TOPPING

Crust

3/4 cup hazelnuts (about 3 1/4 ounces)
12 whole graham crackers, broken
1/4 cup sugar
6 tablespoons (3/4 stick) butter, melted

Filling

4 8-ounce packages cream cheese, room temperature
1 1/4 cups sugar
4 eggs
3 ounces imported white chocolate, finely chopped
3 tablespoons hazelnut extract
1 pound fresh cherries

For crust:

Position rack in center of oven and preheat to 325°F. Grease 9-inch-diameter springform pan. Wrap aluminum foil around outside of pan. Place hazelnuts in pie pan and roast until brown, about 15 minutes. Transfer to kitchen towel, cover and let stand 5 minutes. Rub hazelnuts with towel to remove husks. Chop coarsely, then add graham crackers and sugar and press with a fork until fine crumbs form. Add melted butter and crush until crumbs begin to stick together. Press crumbs into bottom and 1 inch up sides of prepared pan. Bake 10 minutes. Cool crust on rack.

For filling:

Using electric mixer, beat cream cheese in large bowl until light and fluffy. Gradually beat in sugar. Add eggs 1 at a time, beating well after each addition. Mix in white chocolate and hazelnut extract. Pour filling into crust, covering completely. Top with fresh cherries, sliced and pitted. Bake cake until edges are set and center moves only slightly when pan is shaken, about 1 hour 20 minutes. Transfer cheesecake to platter. Cut into wedges and serve.

Sheriff Taylor Gets Punk'd

It all started with a question - Could Andy Taylor be convinced to believe that his Aunt Bea committed a crime? Barney Fife thought so and together with Mayor Pike, Aunt Bea, Opie and his friends, they planned a scenario that would get Sheriff Andy Taylor Punk'd. What was Aunt Bea going to steal and under what circumstances would she steal it? The plan was made and the show was on.

Sheriff Taylor received a call from Barney Fife at 2:00 PM on Tuesday afternoon. Barney told Andy that he got a call from a local automobile shop owner who claimed Aunt Bea had stolen a car from the lot. The owner claimed that Aunt Bea asked to test drive the car. When he asked for her license, she grabbed the keys to the '57 Chevy and sped off. As a response to the question of why she stole the car, she replied, "I wanted Opie to have a hoppin' car to drive so that he would be popular with his friends.



Astonished to hear this, Andy asked where Aunt Bea was. Barney took him to the jail where he found Aunt Bea behind bars! Pleading for her release were Opie and his friends. They claimed that they bribed her to do it. Hearing this, Barney told Andy that he should lock up the boys too, for their deviant behavior. Andy was livid. He questioned Aunt Bea's and the boys' motives. He told Barney to release them all, but Barney stood firm saying that if they did this for his family that they would have to do it for everyone else's family in the same situation. Andy argued with Barney saying that he was Sheriff of Mayberry and could do

anything that he wanted. As this was being said, the town mayor came in and asked what was going on. Barney explained the situation and also said that Andy was not going to make any arrests. The mayor became livid and threatened to fire Sheriff Taylor if he didn't adhere to the law. Hearing this statement, Andy reluctantly revoked his decision to let them go. With much angst, he escorted the boys into the cell with Aunt Bea. They went in without a struggle. However, when Andy grabbed the Fonz by the arm to escort him into the cell, Fonzie said, "Heeeeeeeeeey! You've been Punk'd!"



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Deputy Fife apprehended the criminals in Aunt Bessie's backyard. Caught "bread handed," the three raccoons were sitting in Aunt Bessie's oak tree enjoying their breakfast of bread when Deputy Fife arrived. We

are glad to report that the three ring tailed varmints are incarcerated in the Mayberry Zoo awaiting transport to the National Park where they will be relocated.

