

BITS AND PIECES

BY MEGAN MYER

Kids Say The Darndest Things

Kids say very interesting things sometimes. Mine definitely do! Just this weekend, I listened to them as I worked in my classroom.

I almost choked on laughter more than once.

I was decorating my classroom door for Halloween when Vin, my 8-year-old son, saw an image of the Headless Horseman. One of my favorite fall stories is The Legend of Sleepy Hollow, so we started discussing the legend of the Headless Horseman.

Vin, however, got himself wrapped around the axle on details that really were not pertinent to the story to begin with.

That is one of his superpowers.

Once I finished the story of the Headless Horseman, Vin looked at me with all the seriousness an 8-year-old boy can muster.

“Mom? How does he live without a head? And how does he poop?”

I sat there and looked at him.

I thought the concept of spiritual beings—ghosts, really, since it was a ghost story I was telling—was apparent to him. But, again, Vin is drawn to the “realistic” under the supernatural, and it is hard to separate those two sometimes.

“Well, honey, that’s kind of the point. He was a soldier who lost his head during a war. So, as a ghost, he wandered around trying to find another head to replace his own. He doesn’t really need to ‘live,’ nor does he, come to think of it, need to poop. That’s all...” I waved my hands around my head kind of spastically, not quite sure how to finish that conversation.

But that was fine, because Vin, in all his innocence, ended it for me.

“Yeah, I get it. But hey, Mom... I bet he poops out pumpkins.”

His two sisters proceeded to lose their minds at the idea of a headless man pooping out pumpkins, and his confidence in his evaluation was evident.

Then, on our way home, we stopped at Casey’s and bought supper. Bert, my youngest, adores hamburgers. However, I did not know how deeply her love for beef ran.

From the back seat, and with total confidence, I heard a little voice say, “If I ever die, I’ll have a hamburger in my hand.”

Not for the first time that day, my eyes got huge, and my mind spun at the emotionally confident way in which one of my children had said something absolutely outlandish.

I immediately messaged my husband, and his response was very much like my own:

“Seems about right.”

My children had plenty of things to say this weekend. They made hilarious remarks, confused me, entertained me, and made me question their mental well-being at some points.

But I have noticed that when I am quiet and just being around them, I hear some pretty hilarious things. And, somehow, those moments warm my heart and remind me what innocence looks, and sounds, like.

They keep me young.

And with them around, I will always have something to laugh about, something to smile about, and—apparently—some sort of philosophical, scientific, discussion about the digestive systems of supernatural beings.

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- “Duty is something everybody else ought to do.”
 - Myrtle: “Well, I guess I’ll never marry now.”
- Merton: “Didn’t you send your photograph to the Lonely-Hearts Club? Myrtle: “Yes, but they wrote on it, “We’re not that lonely,” and sent it back.

- Liquid sunshine on the California beaches is so thick that nobody needs a bathing suit. At one drive-in there, a customer complained that his coffee was weak. “Weak!” the proprietor replied; “Why I haven’t put any coffee in yet. You’ve been drinking fog!”

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My Favorite Older Person

BY HADDIE HANSON



Grandpa Kenny

Who loves golf a lot and can make a hole in one? My grandpa Kenny! He has white hair and blue eyes. Before he retired, he was the best mailman in all of Salina, in my opinion. He liked doing it downtown so he could talk to the shop owners and people downtown.

There are a few qualities my grandpa has. Here are a few of them. He is kind, friendly, and funny. He is really kind. He is a good role model. He leads by examples. He always helps me when I fall. My grandpa is really friendly. He always helps people even when they don’t ask. My grandpa is so funny, he tells the funniest jokes and I laugh until my stomach hurts! These are just a few of the great things my grandpa possesses.

I like to do a lot of things with my grandpa. Here are just a few. We like to build towers, take golf cart rides, and play games. We like to build block towers. One time we built a tower as tall as grandpa! We really like to play games. He always has a great strategy for every game. We like going on golf cart rides together. He goes so fast, it is really fun. We love doing a lot of activities together, these are just a few.

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November 3, 2026

Cloud County, Kansas

Pursuant to the provisions of law found at K.S.A. 25-105, I, Shella Thoman, County Clerk of Cloud County, Kansas, hereby give notice that a General Election will be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026, at which candidates from the following list may be elected for the various offices. Having received from the Secretary of State a certified list of candidates nominated by each of the political parties of the state, I hereby publish so much thereof as is applicable to this county, and I have added thereto the names and addresses of the candidates nominated by the several political parties as the same appear on file in my office.

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

The hours of voting in all precincts of the county will be held from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Witness my hand and seal this 25th day of September, 2026.

/s/

Shella Thoman
County Clerk