

OPINION

My Two Cents

Absence Makes the Heart Grow Fonder

The first weekend in December, Cindy's sisters gather in Iowa to celebrate her mother's birthday. Because my military and moving, this is the first weekend Cindy has been able to join them. Here it is, the first time Cindy ventures away from home like this, and wouldn't you guess, something goes wrong with the house. I'm so sick at heart, I mean, we haven't been in the house for an entire year - and the first time she goes away and leaves me in charge of things, something breaks. She loves this house so much, I don't know how I'm ever going



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to tell her. Cindy flew out early Thursday morning. I needed to be at work, so my oldest son and I went to the airport. I pretty much followed the same routine - get up, shower, dress, eat breakfast, rinse my dishes and set them on the counter, brush my teeth, and head off to work. When I got home that afternoon and walked in the door, everything seemed fine. The house was still warm, the lights still worked, the television came on at the same time. I was in the house for an entire year - and the first time she goes away and leaves me in charge of things, something breaks. She loves this house so much, I don't know how I'm ever going

right place. I walked into the kitchen to beat up some dinner and that's when I noticed something had gone wrong: my breakfast dishes were still sitting on the counter. I assumed the dishwasher had quit working. That discovery made me feel a little uneasy. I started walking around the house, checking things out a little more carefully. Just as I feared, the more I checked, the more I began noticing little strange things. I went into my bedroom and saw that there were still dirty clothes piled in the laundry basket instead of being clean and neatly folded, ready to get put away in drawers.

"Oh, no!" I thought with a sinking feeling. "Cindy's beautiful washer and dryer must not be working either." I'm a bit of a fix-it man, so I scurried off to the laundry room to investigate. I never even got as far as checking out the washer and dryer because as soon as I opened the door, I discovered a whole new problem: there were wrinkled shirts lying across the dryer instead of being neatly pressed and hanging in the closet. "That's just great!" I muttered. "The iron's busted, too!" I couldn't figure it out. Cindy had barely been gone 12 hours, and something had gone wrong with almost all the major appliances, all at the same time. I was at the odds of that happening? Not now, though. There's a good, wheeled dog stool and some power tools over at my work.

or tools over at Lowe's that I've had my eye on. I was thinking about getting them for myself, but now that I know Cindy is so handy, and with Christmas coming, and all figures I'll just put a ribbon on them and give them to her, instead. Don't you think that would be the perfect present to show her how much I respect her and appreciate all the things she does? I'll let shouldn't be so surprised, she won't be tears of joy, isn't that right? Cindy will probably be so touched with all that respect and appreciation that I got for her on this one trip that she'll probably take one look at the toolbox and power tools and say, "I can't wait to go on another trip!"

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The Crazy Horse Lady

Hello Again! I hope you all were able to attend the many parades that were being held this past weekend. For the ones that saddled up, dressed up and rode in the parade!

I ride in the Cynthiana parade with several of my friends along with some other riders that showed up. I guarantee that there were probably 25 or so of us total.

It was great! Snow in the morning for the Christmas appeal! The weather was actually perfect, a little chilly but no wind, so who could I deal with that? We spent a few hours watching our horses ride by one you know that when they know they will be leaving the barn yard, they end up looking like big ragamuffins. There was not a spot where I did not get muddy or dirty. Oh well, that is one of the joys of horse ownership!

really enjoyed our horses and their festive get-ups. They especially enjoyed and commended on our horses' boots! Go figure!

After the parade, we rewarded our horses with the treat bags that I had made up for them earlier. I filled Christmas treat bags that you find at WalMart (or any other store) with carrots and treat them with ribbons! Hey - You have to reward them and what a way to let them know you truly appreciate the time you spend with them!

Of course we had a couple of riders that come just to go fast on their horses through the streets. (I guess there wasn't a rodeo in town.) Don't you know they can do anything, their horses have shoes on See CRAZY Page 5

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The Elliptic Home-makers met at the beautifully decorated home of Phyllis Brady on Thursday for their Dec. Christmas meeting. There were 15 members present, one of them being a new member, Mary Jo McCord. Phyllis Brady gave the Christmas program with scripture and readings.

Mrs. Fred Whitton enjoyed the singing. A good crowd attended. Many people enjoyed Christmas parades Saturday and Sunday nights. Cynthia, Paris, and Carlisle. Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Doyle, Doris Doyle, Margie Fryman and Mrs. Charles Doyle attended the Woodmen of the World Christmas dinner at a Lexington Lodge, but was almost in Nicholasville on Saturday. They returned to Cynthiana Battle Grove Cemetery for a Service and the Lighting of the Christmas Tree that was put there just a few years ago and a light each night also shines on the 3 flags that Woodmen help put there.

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