

FROM MY BACKYARD



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You may have noticed on the front page of The Mascot we've announced the fact the paper will be published one day later each week, starting with the June 2 edition.

We will be printing The Mascot on Wednesday morning instead of Tuesday morning as we've been doing.

That means you will receive it "one day later" you currently get the Mascot.

It will be on the newsstands sometime after noon on Wednesday, instead of Tuesday. And it will be in the mail at the same time — just ONE DAY LATER!

We're hoping this won't inconvenience any of our customers.

However, it is being done for some very good reasons.

First, we need more time to write and create the news for you. Currently we rush right back from Sunday to put it out and have it ready for Tuesday morning. This will give us more time and hopefully will give us a chance to improve The Mascot.

Second, our deadline for news is very tight. Currently when news comes in on Monday we already have most of the newspaper finished and it's difficult to do a good job on news that comes in Monday morning.

Finally, we hope our efforts will give us a chance to print news from Tuesday and Tuesday night. Much happens on those days and this new deadline will give us an opportunity to give our readers much more timely news.

We know it will take a little while for some readers to get used to the idea.

For those of you who plan your Tuesday around reading The Masot — well, hopefully you can do that on Wednesday.

If you read The Mascot and pass it along to someone else, why not subscribe for them so you'll both get timely news.

If you have any questions, let me know. But the easiest things to remember is, The Mascot will

be delivered one day later.
Thanks for understanding!

LAUGH A LITTLE: "From A Mother With Love"

Dear Child,

I'm writing this slow because I know that you can't read fast.

We don't live where we did when you left home. Your dad read in the paper that most accidents happen within 20 miles from your home so we moved.

I won't be able to send you the address, as the last family that lived here took the house numbers when they left so that they wouldn't have to change their address.

This place is real nice. It even has a washing machine. I'm not sure if it works too well though.

Last week I put a load in, pulled the chain, and haven't seen them since.

The weather isn't too bad here, it only rained twice last week. The first time it rained for three days and the second time for four days.

The coat you wanted me to send you, your Uncle Steve said it would be a little too heavy to send in the mail with the buttons on, so we cut them off and put them in the pockets.

Your father locked the keys in the car yesterday. We were worried because it took him two hours to get me and Shelby out.

Your sister had a baby this morning but I haven't found out what it is yet, so I don't know if you're an aunt or an uncle. If the baby is a girl, your sister is going to name it after me, she's going to call it Mom.

Three of your friends went off a bridge in a pick-up truck. Ralph was driving. He rolled down the window and swam to safety. Your two friends were in the back. They drowned because they couldn't get the tailgate down.

PS: I was going to send you some money but the envelope was already sealed.

—From the "Cool Funny Jokes," website.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: As my "Ole Pappy" used to say, "Give a man hope. If you can't give him hope, give him something to do."

Ole Pappy practiced what he preached. He believed in passing along "hope" whenever possible. But he was always passing on to me, "something to do."