

Poet's Corner

Some Inexpensive Gifts You Can Give On Valentine's Day
By William Jerry Ayers

The gift of love.
The gift of friendship.
The gift of understanding.
The gift of laughter.
The gift of forgiveness.
The gift of helpfulness.
The gift of oneself.

John Wayne's Last Ride
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I remember how sad the news was that day.
We heard that John Wayne had passed away.
Tears were shed through this and every land.
For this actor, hero, legend and great American.
On the silver screen many great actors stood tall.
But none were loved like the Duke.
A cowboy was the kind of role fans loved to see him play.
When they went to the movies each and every Saturday.
For John Wayne, was always at his very best.
When he up held the code of the West.
He always fought on the side that was

"Roads"

(Cont. from front)

people, requesting that the county provide relief regarding the problem of oversized vehicles, particularly tractor-trailers that damage their roadway.

Bussell told the court that everyone, especially the fiscal court was giving them the run around and if the court wanted to do something about the problem they could. "You guys control everything," Bussell said.

Bussell also asked the court to widen the road, but Judge Carlottis told him the county did not have the funds right now to widen the road.

He also said that since the road was in a subdivision, the subdivision itself had restrictions and any changes to the road would have to be ordered by the Circuit Court.

Carlottis also said that if large trucks were to be heavy for the roadway and were doing damage, the residents should contact officers with the Department of Transportation.

After a lengthy discussion, in which Bussell became very agitated, the court took no action on the request.

right.
Rode off into the sunset after he won the fight.
Off the screen he would defend this country against any man.
For America was truly big John Wayne's land.
In his life he fought many battles and always won.
That is all but this, his very last one.
As he went up against the villain cancer with his famous grin.
But this was the one fight that even he could not win.
Still he is always with us in movies, books, poems and song.
So when he rides off into the sunset this time we can't go along.
But he won't ride the trail to heaven alone. God will be at his side.
As the Duke, our favorite cowboy takes this his last ride.

"Ordinance"

(Cont. from front)

If the council passes the final reading on February 21, the new tax is expected to generate about \$600,000 annually.

The council will also submit names on February 21, for a replacement for Daryl Smith, who resigned from the council last month.

The second and possible final reading was rescheduled for February 21, after the ordinance was amended during a meeting Monday night.

City Attorney John Clontz told the council and Mayor Karen King they would have to have a first reading of the ordinance again, because of the amendment.

The amendment to the ordinance was requested by council member Clarke Kirby, who also presented six other amendments that did not pass.

The one amendment that did pass calls for no tax to be assessed on the wages of any employee in the city that is 65 or older. All council members voted in favor of the amendment, but that wasn't the case on the other six suggestions.

First Mrs. Kirby asked the council to put the money from the tax in a separate fund and not the general fund and earmark the money for specific purposes outlined by the council. She also asked that none of the money be spent unless it was first approved by the council.

At first Mrs. Kirby Jackie Renner, Wayne Bullock and Lou Vanhoose

voted yes, but later comments from councilman Clark Mullins, who voted no, Mrs. Vanhoose and Bullock changed their votes to no.

Mrs. Kirby questioned the way the vote was taken since Councilman Mullins talked councilwoman Lou Vanhoose into changing her vote to no to a no vote and councilman Wayne Bullock change his vote to no. Mullins was the last to cast a vote.

Then Mrs. Kirby asked the council to allow businesses in the city, which pay a net profits tax, to be exempt from paying their privilege license fee.

Clontz told the council they would have to amend the privilege license ordinance if they wanted to pass such a measure, because the occupational and net profits tax did not have anything to do with privilege licenses.

"Smith"

(Cont. from front)

and unemployment benefits.

The Judge said the county also pays for all training of deputies, for the postage on the tax bills, which was \$6,500 last year and all of the Sheriff's office supplies.

The Judge also said the county's insurance carrier had paid over \$42,000 in legal expenses for the Sheriff's office, after they were sued by the family of the late Gary Shepherd, who was shot and killed by state police several years ago.

Carlottis agreed that Smith's deputies are paid too little and said the county would like to help, but that money was simply not available.

"Nascar"

(Cont. from A10)

members resigned to work for Ricky Rudd in his new ride for Robert Yates.

What all this means can't be interpreted yet. Gordon is one of the best drivers of the '90's. He's young, clean and determined. He still has an awful lot of fire in his belly. He wants that fourth championship, in a bad way. Money is no problem for Rick Hendrick Motorsports. The team will have the best equipment, and one of the best drivers. Whether Gordon wins his fourth will depend on the performance of Loomis and the new team.

While we have singled out these three drivers, there are at least four others who are capable of winning their first championship. Mark Martin and Jeff Burton are terrific drivers. So are Bobby Labonte, who finished second to Jarrett and his running mate, Tony Stewart. And

Jarrett's steam mate, Ricky Rudd could very well become a contender. Jarrett, Earnhardt and Gordon will be the favorites to win another championship based on their organizations, and having the best and most qualified personnel, both on and off the track.

Racing Trivia Question: In what year did the Teamsters Union attempt to unionize NASCAR?

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On December 11th, six students from Eric Bullock's Shao-Lin Do Karate Club tested in Lexington in front of Grandmaster Sin. Each student's newly acquired rank is listed. Front row from left: Jamie Sutton, double tested, yellow belt to blue belt to green belt; John Enzbremer, third degree brown belt to second brown; Ryan Parsons, green belt to third degree brown. Back row from left: Tammy Peyton, green belt to third degree brown; Club Sin set Eric Bullock, 6th degree, third degree brown belt to second brown; Chris Coffey, third degree brown belt to second brown. Each student performed very well.

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