

Poet's Corner

Dear Teenager

By William Jerry Ayers
You say you are going to move out of your parents home today.
And in search of a job and more fun you are going to move away.
But remember if times should get rough and you feel blue,
Think of your loving family who's worrying too.
Things don't always go according to one's plan.
Now if they did wouldn't life really be grand.
So if in your new life your troubles are many,
Don't think the rest of us haven't any. Life is made up of many smiles, but also tears.

Joys and sorrows, all mixed with fears.
To you at times it may think it is all one-sided,
Although today trouble is pretty well divided.
If you could just look into every heart,
You would find that each one has it's part.

Dear teenager,
Those who sometimes think they travel fortunes road,
Sometimes find they carry the biggest load.
Remember, it's true there's more to life than money.
It's love, music, faith and jokes that are funny.
And as you now move along life's highway,
Don't forget to take time to stop and pray.

No matter what in life you now become or do,
Please keep in mind these things I've just told you.
No matter how busy you where ever you may roam,
And always bring you safely back home.

Contributing Poet wins Poets Society Award

Contributing Writer and Poet William Jerry Ayers, has just been presented with the "Famous Poet for 1999 Award" for outstanding achievement in poetry Along with the Award of Recognition was a letter which read:

"It is extraordinary what you have done in the field of poetry, contributing as you have in the past year to the poetic beauty of our world, and we want to thank you for it."
The executive committee of our distinguished Board of Directors is very proud of you and your achievements.

In honor of your work as a poet, we have dedicated you as a "Famous Poet for 1999."

Mr. Ayers will also receive a 1999 Poet for the Year medallion and a Diamond Homer Trophy from Famous Poets Society of California.

You can always find the William Jerry Ayers, poems, jokes and stories right here in our newspaper.

Mighty Merry Motorist

By William Jerry Ayers
My neighbor has a friend that drives like lightning, always striking things.
Taking naps can kill you, that is if you are driving a car at the time.
Safety Belt...That's the one YOU

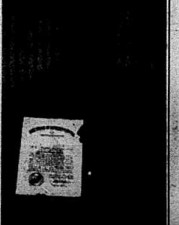
March Clean-Up Month Proclamation

Now that spring has arrived, it is time for all of us to clean-up our property. We must all do our part to keep Mt. Vernon one of the cleanest and most attractive towns in the state.

In as much as the All American Club has been instrumental in keeping our community clean;

In as much as the City of Mt. Vernon acknowledges the efforts of the All American Club;

The Mayor and the City of Mt. Vernon wish to express their appreciation to the All American Club for their efforts and do hereby proclaim the month of March to be Clean-up Month in the City of Mt. Vernon.



Above, Wayne Bullock with his certificate from the Commonwealth of Kentucky for fifteen years of service as president of the All American Club.

don't drink before you drive.
Drive around all day with a big smile on your face and make people wonder what you are up too.
Restroom...An unloading zone. Bumper Sticker...This car self-destructs upon completion of 36th payment.
She told her loving husband she wanted to see the world, so he gave her a nice MAP.
Remember Drivers, There is little congestion on the straight and narrow road.

Itemized Statement For Heaven

By William Jerry Ayers
An Artist who was employed to renovate and re-touch some great oil paintings in a very old church, rendered his bill of \$77.30 for his services. The church deacons however said they had to have an itemized statement bill for the church records.
The artist left the church and returned the next day with this statement.

For correcting the Ten Commandments, \$5.12.
For renewing heaven and adjusting the stars, \$7.14.
For teaching up purgatory and restoring lost souls, \$8.06.
For brightening up hell and putting a new nail on the devil, \$7.17.
For putting a new stone in David's sling enlarging Goliath's head, \$6.13.

For mending the shirt of the prodigal son and cleaning his car, \$3.39.
For putting new ribbon on Pontius Pilate's bonnet, \$3.02.
For putting a new comb on St. Peter's rooster, \$2.20.

For replumbing and re-gliding left wing of the Guardian Angel, \$5.18.
For washing servant of the high priest and putting color to his cheeks, \$5.02.
For taking spots off the sun of Tobias, \$10.30.

For putting new earrings in Sarah's ears, \$5.26.
For decorating Noah's Ark, \$4.31.
For darkening Samson's hair, \$4.00.

Total: \$77.30
This is a true story one that happened to an artist at a church in Tulsa, Oklahoma that I knew.

And friends it has a happy ending, after presenting his itemized statement in this manner, the artist got all the money that was coming to him.
Believe it or not.

So You Want Another Day Off

By William Jerry Ayers

A day off. Lets take a close look at what YOU are asking for.
There are 365 days per year available for work.
There are 52 weeks per year in which you already have two days off per week.
Leaving 261 days available for work.

Since you spend 16 hours each day away from work, you have used up 170 days, leaving only 91 days available.

You spend 30 minutes each day on a lunch break that accounts for 23 days each year, leaving only 68 days available.

With another one hour coffee break

each day, you have used up another 48 days, leaving only 22 days available for work.

You normally spend two days per year on sick leave. This leaves you only 20 days available for work.
We offer 5 holidays per year, so your available working time is down to 15 days.

We generously give you 14 days vacation per year which leaves you only one day available for work and NO, NO, a thousand times NO YOU can not take that day off.

fooling Around On April Fools Day

By William Jerry Ayers

Walk around all day with a smile on your face, make people wonder just what you are up too.

Craig says he knows a Texan who's so rich he has an unlimited phone company.

Businesses that want to conserve energy, should fire computers and hire people.
In the olden days women used to drench their husband's socks, nowadays they sock their darn husbands.

Safety Belt...That's the one YOU don't drink before YOU drive.

In pioneer days a naughty child was straightened out by being bent over.

Remember Sportsmen, YOU are always on the winning team when YOU are on the side of GOD.

Joke Writers Prayer.

Give me a sense of humor Lord, the will to see a joke.

Then to pass it on the other folk.

When you meet someone in April without a smile then give them yours.

My Children

When the sun comes up in the morning,

It reminds me of the opening of your eyes.

When the sun warms the air It reminds me of the love you send to my heart.

When the sun strengthens with beams of light

It reminds me of the brightness you brought with you when you came into this world.

With love, your mom,

To: Joey, Trina and Jori Chasteen

The Day I Met You

By Angie Chasteen

I saw you for the first time standing on the porch.

I could hear the sound of wind chimes, And my heart was lit like a torch.

The more I talk to you, The better it seemed to be.

That everything I said to you, You seemed more interested in me.

I like the way you listened, To what I had to say.

I bet you saw how my eyes glistened, When I would look your way.

You seemed to be filled with joy and laughter,

That your willing to share.

Today, tomorrow and there after, Any day couldn't compare.

We had a great time together, In everything we had done.

Walking, and shopping and eating, And my heart I believe you have won.

You have a smile that is as bright as could be,

How about sharing one of those kisses with me?

Mistakes

By Angie Chasteen

Some things you do or have done are not right,

But they have tried to warn you, Sometimes they say one thing, and do another.

But they have tried to warn you, You pick a group you really enjoy, But they turn out to be using you.

But they have tried to warn you, You are told not to do this for a special reason,

You did it anyway and ended up in trouble.

But they have tried to warn you, Your life ends up a total mess for doing those wrong things,

But they have tried to warn you, Who are they? Parents, and they say now.

We will help you out, but have you learned from your own mistakes?

To My Wife, Angie

By Your Husband, Carl

You say you love me and ask why? I see the tears as you begin to cry.

I say I am sorry as I try to apologize, Then I see all you do is try.

To make this man try to understand, You have your own way of building a dam.

Over troubled waters like a ship being tossed,

I'll always be there, let me be your rock.

The First Time

By Angie Chasteen

The first time I laid eyes on you,

My heart throbbed with your every move.

Feelings like this only come true, When a persons heart feels the way mine feels for you.

You seem to be caring, loving, understanding and more,

I wish this feeling I have would knock on your door.

Sometimes it's hard to express feelings like this,

But this is one opportunity that I just can't miss.

I really believe if you give this a chance,

A beautiful relationship could soon be enhanced.

You have a face that glows in the sun, I'd like to meet with you one on one.

His Name Is Kevin

By Angie Chasteen

I have a nephew, his name is Kevin,

Someday I'll see him up in Heaven.

His spirit is with me every where, And I know God will give him life and love.

I wish he could be with us here on earth,

I truly do as much as life's worth.

He was a baby that was wanted, wished for, prayed for and more.

And now his mother and father's hearts sore.

When Kevin was born our lives were touched,

Instantly he was loved very much.

He was diagnosed with Zalewagger disease.

And his life would not have had the touch of ease.

That little Kevin, even though he's not here,

When I visit him at the cemetery even though he's in the ground,

I still have talks about how the world's going around.

With this poem I just want to say, Kevin, I think of you every day.

Learning From Your Own Mistakes

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Kay Fielder, RN - Director Home Health Rockcastle Hospital

Rockcastle Hospital hires new Home Health Director

A 20-year home health care veteran has taken the helm of the new home health program at Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center, Inc. (RHRCC).

Kay Fielder, RN, joined RHRCC January 3, as the hospital's new home health director. She comes to Mt. Vernon from Lexington, where she served as home health director for Saint Joseph Hospital.

As director, Fielder will oversee RHRCC's care of home health patients and coordinate care between the hospital and home health. She also will ensure that the program complies with regulations, follows appropriate medical practice and maintains a well-trained staff.

"I knew I would be a nurse from

the time I was six-years-old," Fielder said. She received her nursing degree from King's Daughters Medical Center in her hometown of Ashland.

Fielder "bucked into home health care" in 1974 when her supervisor asked her to help create one of Kentucky's first home health programs.

Fielder and her husband moved to Mt. Vernon, where they operate a record and gift store that specializes in old-time country music.

"We love it here," Fielder said.

"It's so different from the city," RHRCC is known nationally for its respiratory care program and treats patients from all across Kentucky and parts of Tennessee. The hospital was established in 1956.

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Let's look at the parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:30-35, and notice the three rules or philosophies of life.

In verse 30 we read, "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead." The thieves here live by the Iron Rule: Do unto others before they do it unto you; might makes right, survival of the fittest. What yours is mine, and I going to take it.

In verses 31-32 "And by chance there came down a certain priest that way; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side." The priest and the Levite lived by the Silver Rule of Life: Do unto others what you would not have them to you. What's mine is mine and I'll keep it.

In verses 33-34 we read, "But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion on him. And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him." This Samaritan lived by the Golden Rule of Life: Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." It's the mind set, what's mine is yours, and I'll share it. This rule includes the negative side that I will not hurt you, but also the positive side of what we ought to do to help in times of need. Which rule of life do you live by?

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