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The Union City Messenger & The Weakley County Press' First Valentine's Contest



CONTEST WINNER — Donna Gibson of the Union City Messenger, on the left, and Lynette Wagster of The Weakley County Press, on the right, present the winners of this year's Valentine contest, Beth and Russ Edwards with a gift basket filled with a variety of goodies from area businesses.

A Love So Real

It all started back a few years ago, when I asked my wife what she wanted for Christmas. She said she wanted a surprise and for it to be something that she had never received before. To her surprise, on Christmas, she opened her present. Inside was a rubber chicken. I asked her if she was surprised; she said yes. I asked if she had ever received one before; she said no, this was her first rubber chicken. Seeing that she might have been a little disappointed, I decided to write my wife a song. I wrote one verse at a time and only wrote on Valentine's Day. After a few years, I realized it seemed more like a poem than a song. Once the poem was completed, I mentioned to my wife that I had a surprise for her for Valentine's Day, something that she had never received before. She responded with, "Not another rubber chicken!" I told her that this was something that I made and it took me several years to complete since I only worked on it on Valentine's Day. She opened her present very carefully and found the framed poem that I had written for her. The look on her face was priceless. She couldn't believe that I had written a poem about her. Especially when I told her I wrote one verse a year and only on Valentine's Day. I never saw her so happy and proud of something in my life. She said that she always wants to keep it in the most popular room of the house so she can see it every day. She never said that about the rubber chicken. A special thanks to Hannah Dobson for writing the poem in calligraphy.

Russ Edwards

She'll thank ya later!

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