

Kiwanis Club accepting sponsorships for 'Walk of Honor'

Patriotic display rings Daviess County Courthouse lawn with American flags

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MESSENGER-INQUIRER

For the 12th year, the Kiwanis Club of Owensboro will ring the Daviess County Courthouse lawn with American flags beginning shortly before Memorial Day week-

end through July 4. The "Walk of Honor" is a patriotic display in which the public is invited to sponsor a flag in honor or memory of someone who has made a meaningful impact in their lives.

"It has become a community event, even though it's a nonevent," said Sue Napper, Kiwanis member. "But so many people in the community look forward to seeing that display of flags around the courthouse.



Sue Napper

"It also provides an opportunity for individuals to honor someone, whether that person is past or present, but someone who has had an impact in their own lives."

While veterans are often among those recognized through flag sponsorships, Napper said sponsorships are made for numerous reasons.

"We do recognize a lot of veterans, but there's a lot of people that recognize friends, family members,"

she said. "We have companies that sponsor a flag in honor of their employees. It could be anyone."

Flag sponsorships rates are:

- \$40 for one flag
- \$70 for two flags
- \$90 for three flags

Each sponsored flag will feature a tag bearing the name of the honoree and the individual(s) honoring them. A personalized certificate is also available upon request.

"Sometimes people don't want the certificate, but what I found is a lot of people will do this, especially if

seems like for military people, around Father's Day," Napper said. "It's a certificate noting that a flag was flown in their honor during this time period, so that's often gifted to the person being honored. We can send to the person who is sponsoring the flag or we'll send directly to the individual being honored. It's their preference."

All proceeds from the flag sponsorships go toward Kiwanis Club com-

munity service projects, as well as its outreach work with Wendell Foster, Girls Inc. and Junior Achievement, among others.

"When you look at the Kiwanis Club, we've been here for decades, and we've done a lot of projects within the community, primarily that support children," Napper said. "Musical Park at the (Daviess County Public Library) was one of our latest big projects.

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and talked, I would calmly say, "Auntie, did you hear what Mr. Smith down the road did the other night?"

That kind of question always gets her undivided attention. She is nervous that somebody will know something about someone she doesn't know. That's not the way she plays her harp.

Looking at me seriously, she would lean toward me and whisper, "No, what did Mr. Smith do the other night? I haven't heard anything."

I didn't live in the town, but about 100 miles away. There's just no way I would know anything about anybody Auntie didn't know. She couldn't take a chance that I knew something she didn't.

Sitting there, I told a

story about Mr. Smith, which I had made up. The more I talked about Mr. Smith, the more Auntie's eyes widened. She had a hard time dealing with me knowing something about someone she didn't.

I would say, "Auntie, what I'm about to tell you please do not let anybody else know."

That was the clue I needed to stir her up and spread this gossip for weeks.

Looking back on some of the pranks I pulled on her, I am a little regretful. She was an easy target, and I played her more than I should have.

The problem was that nobody believed what my dear old Auntie said. The only one who really believed her was her sister, my grandmother.

After she passed away, the town gossip quieted as never before. People couldn't get the daily

gossip they once did and didn't realize how much they depended upon Auntie's gossip.

Sitting in the mall thinking about Ms. Gossips-A-Lot, I was reminded of what Solomon said in Proverbs 20:19. "He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets: therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips."

I did not know my great-aunt very well. I only saw her occasionally. I did know some of the people around her, and they did not have anything too good to say about her. If my great-aunt had known what the people thought about her, she might have toned down her gossiping a little.

It is so easy to gossip. However, gossip only causes harm and is never good when considering the subject. I want to build people up, not tear

them down.

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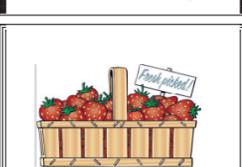
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