

Old flags receive proper respect

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Even a worn American flag needs to be treated with dignity, reverence, pride and patriotism.

“This is the proper way to retire a flag,” said McMinnville Evening Exchange Club president Neva England. “It needs to be treated with respect and retired properly. Collecting them from the public for proper disposal has been an ongoing program for us.”

Exchange Club members place them into the flag depository at Warren County Administrative Offices on Locust Street. The receptacle was placed by Boy Scout Troop 631, and members collect them and hold a Flag Retirement Ceremony for proper disposal.

Exchange Club member Pat Basham says one flag came from her neighbor-



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Old Glory is on its way to a proper retirement after being placed in a retired flag depository. Making the donation are McMinnville Evening Exchange president Neva England, left, and member Pat Basham.

hood.

“It was at the intersection after you enter Hickory Court,” said Basham. “It was looking bad. We decided it was time to replace it. I guess I

look at it more than anyone else because I live right there.”

Evening Exchange has been offering a Parade of Flags during Child Abuse Prevention Month in

April on The Lot downtown for years. The group also places flags along Chancery Street during holidays such as Veterans Day and Fourth of July.



This year’s theme for the Warren County 5K for Autism is “Toy Story.” Pictured is the design which will be on T-shirts.

Walk for a cause April 21

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The Queens for a Cause Autism Awareness Team is reaching “to infinity and beyond” to raise awareness for autism.

The seventh annual Warren County 5K for Autism will be held Saturday, April 21 beginning at 8 a.m. The sponsorship registration deadline is this Monday, March 5, while participants have until the morning of the event to register. Early registration deadline is April 7.

Local businesses and individuals are encouraged to donate to the cause through the organization’s sponsorship program. For \$125, sponsors will receive their name printed on the back of the 5K’s T-shirts along with two entry fees and T-shirts. Sponsors which donate \$200 will have their logo printed on the back of the 5K T-shirts as well as two entry fees and T-shirts.

Early registration for participants is available through April 7 at a discounted rate of \$25 per person. Teams of 10 or more pay a reduced cost of \$20 per person. Registration from April 7-20 will be \$30 and registration the day of the event is \$35.

The walk/ run will begin at 8 a.m. in downtown McMinnville with

the route encompassing the downtown district and Westwood. This year’s theme is “Toy Story” and organizers are hoping to spread awareness for autism “to infinity and beyond” through their efforts.

Registration forms are available at USA Gym, McMinnville Civic Center, Warren County Chamber of Commerce and the Warren County Trustee’s office. You can also register online at www.signup.com/124073.

All those who register for the 5K as a competitive participant will receive a bib tag and will be timed by a chip timing system.

Individuals T-shirts will also be available for \$15 each.

Plaques will be awarded to the team with the most members, the team that has the best chip time and to the team that shows the best spirit, which will be judged at the event.

Medals will be awarded to best overall male, best overall female, and top male and female in 13 age categories.

If you would like more information about the 5K or sponsorships, contact Darlene Bryant at 808-0621, Kristy Cook at 273-1441, Holly Hillis at 808-4759 or Tanarra Grissom at 273-3932 or visit [queensforacause](https://www.facebook.com/queensforacause) on Facebook.



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