

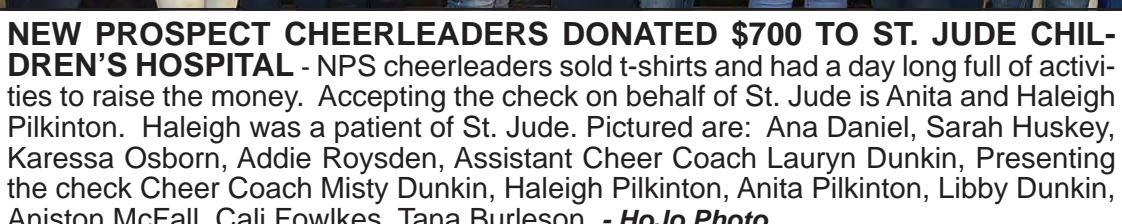
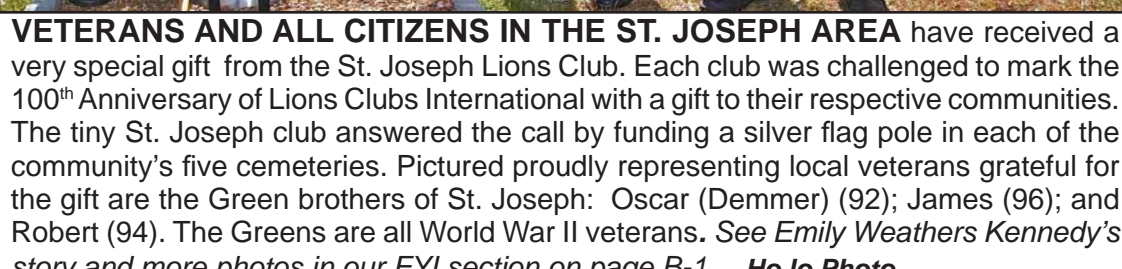
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This year's Grand Marshall for the Veterans Day Parade is Ottis L. Fleming. He was born in Loretto in 1928 and joined the Navy February 1946. He served in WWII as Seamen First Class and was stationed in Norfolk VA and Shanghai during his service. One of Ottis duties were to transport prisoners from Shanghai, China to Japan by ship. He stated that was the best part of War for him. He served 1 year 10 months and 8 days. He received an Honorable discharge from the Navy in San Francisco on December 12, 1947 receiving a WWII Victory Medal. He is proud of his service and is a loyal member of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter # 20

Team R2S will be hosting a Veterans Day 5K Run/Walk benefitting our local National Guard Unit and families. “We are very excited to have our community doing something we already love, running!”

Something new: Look to page A-5 (editorial page 2) for notice of government meetings.

"We are very excited to be organizing and hosting this event for such a worthy cause," says Amy Dollar of Team R2S. "There's nothing we enjoy more than helping

those in our community by doing something we already love, running!"

Team R2S began as a small group of ladies in the community who loved the challenge and camaraderie

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By LaShawn Baxter

A group of about 25 citizens gathered at Brace Community Church Sunday to discuss crop spraying and the affects some believe it may have had on their health and the health of their pets.

Rocky Stone, with Citizens for Clean Air, Water and Food, presided over the meeting. Stone alleges that thirteen people and five animals have been affected by the spraying of “chemical poisons” on area crops and that thirteen animals have died. He provided over twenty signed Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA) Pesticide Investigation Request Forms from individuals who say they or their pets became sick following sprayings.

John Rose, a third generation farmer with Rose Farms, who was present for the meeting, said that on one of the dates in question, the plane was spraying cover crop seeds, not poisons or chemicals. Stone responded that the seeds are impregnated with poisons. Rose stated that it was a non-GMO seed that was being sprayed, adding “There is no rye GMO.”

Rose also stated that while he was not the owner of the plane, he knew it had never been used to spray dicamba, a broad-spectrum herbicide. Two of those submitting request forms to the EPA cited dicamba as the possible herbicide being sprayed

The TDA issued new measures this past July to mitigate risk of drift of herbicides containing dicamba in response to primarily farmer to farmer complaints currently under investigation by the TDA of suspected dicamba related damage on cropland. The rules were affecting through October 1st,

Area residents have reported symptoms including headaches, nausea and vomiting, difficulty breathing, coughing, sneezing,

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A Kid's Place Child Advocacy Center will hold its Annual Soup or Stew Thursday, November 9th from 11 until 2 at Coleman Memorial United Methodist Church. Soup, drink, and dessert meal is just \$7 with carryout available. All proceeds go to serve abused children.

Hundreds of Lawrence County residents are on a mission to make a lasting impact on children in need. They are looking beyond their own wish lists and packing shoeboxes for boys and girls around the world—for many of the children, it will be the first gift they have ever received.

November 13 – 20, Lawrence County residents will transform empty shoeboxes into gifts of hope filled with school supplies, hygiene items, notes of encouragement and fun toys, such as a doll or soccer ball. Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, will deliver these shoebox gifts to children

David Crockett Elementary School invites all parents, veterans and currently active military to its Veterans Day Program Thursday, November 9th at 1:30 p.m. All visitors must sign in through the office.

The offices of Lawrence County government will be closed Friday, November 10 in observance of Veterans Day. The County Solid Waste facility will be closed Friday and Saturday, the 10th and 11th.



“A SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS,” a free musical event by local students, presented by the Lawrenceburg Community Theater, is this weekend at the Crockett Theater. Performances are Friday and Saturday, November 10th and 11th at 7 p.m. and Sunday, November 12 at 2 p.m. Although the show is free, any donations will be given to the Lawrence County Disabled Veterans. The show, sponsored by Shell Quik Marts, is about an hour. — *HoJo Photo*

Small but mighty St. Joseph Lions Club gives back to the community

By Emily Weathers Kennedy

There are four and soon-to-be five silver flagpoles that rise upwards, piercing the sky in Lawrence County's southernmost town on Highway 43. As I drive through St. Joseph on an unseasonably warm October afternoon, I spy the first at Odem Chapel Cemetery with our country's red, white, and blue colors displayed against a dazzling blue sky. The calm and crystal clear day doesn't offer even a puff of air to stir the American flag, but I can imagine a March day with gusts of wind and flapping furls as I turn off the highway and drive through town to reach the next flagpole at Mt. Nebo Cemetery.

With the browned, neatly combined bean fields stretching in every direction, I see yet another flagpole rising proudly amid the granite tombstones and

Church to talk about this project they hold so dear. As sunlight slants in through the stained-glass windows of the old church, each member speaks with joy about their group, their pride evident.

Weeks ago, Terry Don Roberson of St. Joseph visited me and told me about a project by the St. Joseph Lions Club to install a flag-



LARRY BERRY, the St. Joseph Lions Club's current president, is a 22 year member

their "territories." Knowing that each club stays within its own area to raise money makes funds raised by tiny St. Joseph even more impressive. Over their 46 years of existence as a club, their membership rolls have varied from a high of 36 members to today's nine-member low.

The flagpole initiative at the St. Joseph cemeteries was the brainchild of Terry Don and was enthusiastically embraced by the entire club. Terry Don says that he could think of nothing better than to bring American patriotism to the town's cemeteries, adding that a special plaque honoring veterans with those who have died would be installed with each flagpole. He recalls, "I said if we are going to do this, we will do it right." So he scoured the Southeast to study flagpoles. He chuckles, "I thought you just dug a hole and buried it in the ground, but oh no. I just hope this catches on in



CHARLES JOINER is a 34-year member. He is a veteran of the US Army and was stationed in Germany during the Korean War.

graves decorated with colorful silk flowers. Nearby is a group of people gathering between the church and cemetery. They greet me with outstretched hands and open arms. The St. Joseph Lions Club, with nine members total, have six present. Rounding out the group are members of the Mt. Nebo

pole at every cemetery in town. This effort was in response to a request by Lions Clubs International to mark their 100-year centennial. Called the Lions Centennial Project, clubs were asked to do something different as a service project.

For the St. Joseph Lions Club, chartered in 1971, coming up with a new service project required creativity. Members recalled that in the past they had already shored up the bank building downtown (called the 1910 Bank Project); installed tennis and basketball courts and a walking trail in the St. Joseph City Park; placed benches and tables around the horse ring; helped the fire department; and assisted the Loretto, Iron City, and Lawrenceburg Lions Clubs with various fundraisers like the Loretto Tractor Pull and projects including the former Lions Nursing Home. In addition, as other Lions Clubs across the country, the St. Joseph group participates in eye care assistance, honors eyeglasses requests, collects used eyeglasses, and assists with Vanderbilt Children's Sight Center and Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Member Mary Gabel reminds me that fundraising is an ongoing effort of the Lions Club, and this year the St. Joseph group is selling shelled pecans. Terry Don explains that there is no general rule about which clubs sell what, but there is a mutual respect between members of different clubs and



MARY GABEL, a 12-year member, promotes the Lions' current shelled pecans fundraising sales effort.

the county."

The members talk of their strong feelings about civic duty and lament the dwindling numbers of people in service organizations like the Lions Club. They acknowledge the faster pace of life now with two career families but long for a return to an emphasis on civic responsibility with younger generations. They hope that their flagpole initiative will be recognized as their way of showing pride in giving back to the community as they honor veterans and other loved ones who have died. I believe it surely will.



BARBARA GREEN and her husband, Terry Don (pictured beside Barbara at the pole in the larger photo) are celebrating ten years in the St. Joseph Lions Club. They said they were asked by their in-laws to join and have enjoyed helping people in the community.

Cemetery Board and three honored members of the St. Joseph community—James, Robert, and Oscar (Demmer) Green, brothers and veterans of World War II.

After photographs, members of the Lions Club meet with me inside the Mt. Nebo Cumberland Presbyterian



THE LIONS' GIFT TO ST. JOSEPH – Members of the St. Joseph Lions Club proudly stand beside their Centennial Project at Mt. Nebo Cemetery. From left: Charles Joiner, Terry Don Green, Barbara Green, Merry Gabel, Larry Berry, & Terry Don Roberson. Absent are Nell Adams, Raymond Chandler, & Margaret Joiner. - *HoJo photo*



SOLAR POWERED-PLAQUES (like the one at bottom left) were placed by the Lions at each of the St. Joseph's 5 cemeteries (signs from each pictured) along with the donated flag poles. The Mt Nebo Cemetery veterans from as far back as the Civil War.

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