Redmond resident celebrates a century

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Redmond resident Joanna Painter celebrated her 100th birthday on Aug. 4, to the tune of jazz music, a sparkly pink hat and a sheet cake.

Painter — known to fellow Juniper Springs Senior Living residents as Jo is a U.S. veteran, former nurse and current Scrabble star.

"She's very inspirational," said Juniper Springs recreation director Willow Durant. "Because all of us look at her, and she's 100 years old super healthy, still going strong."

Besides her status as an "incredibly good Scrabble player" — per Durant — Painter enjoys beanbag baseball, cornhole and participating in Juniper Springs' morning exercise sessions.

Originally from Wisconsin, Painter and her late husband retired to Central Oregon when he left the military. She served as a nurse in both the U.S. Army and Air Force, but left the service when she got married in 1950.

Painter was one of 10 children and has three kids of her own, along with three grandchildren.

And although her centennial birthday marks a milestone for family and friends alike, Painter said she felt "just a day older."

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Juniper Springs recreation director Willow Durant lights the candles on Jo Painter's 100th birthday cake.

TRUCK OF THE WEEK



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Tite Knot Craft Coffee

Location: 706 SW 10th St., Redmond

Hours: 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Saturday; 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday Owner: Lauri Dahl

Opened: January 2021

Type of food: Coffee and baked goods

About the cart: Tite Knot operates out of a former Portland Public Schools maintenance truck that Dahl found on Craigslist. The property includes homey indoor seating and outdoor seating, with tables spread across the back lawn. The cart is also renovating its bakery, which will allow Dahl and her employees to make baked goods on site. Dahl estimated that the bakery will open in about a month.

Your first order should be: Dahl recommended the shaken vanilla espresso for summer — a mix of espresso, vanilla and heavy whipping cream — and a homemade scone for earlier risers who makes it to the cart before they're sold

Fun fact: Before opening Tite Knot, Dahl ran Gimme! Coffee in Ithaca, New York. She wanted to start a coffee shop in Portland when she moved back to the west coast in 2008, but the recession stopped her. "But then when the pandemic hit, it was like, 'I gotta do it now or never," she said.

Fire & Rescue shows off inspection software

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Under an excessive heat wave crashing down on residents, in addition to drought conditions and increased risk of fires, Redmond Fire & Rescue tested their new fire and light inspection system on businesses on Monday, July 25.

Developed by ESO, a technology company focused on software for emergency services such as EMS, fire and hospitals, the new system will reduce the amount of time it takes for local Fire & Rescue to complete on-site inspec-

In the past, inspectors would complete a paper form at the site, return to the office to print it and return to the site to provide the business with the report — a costly and time-consuming process that relied on old databases and hard copy materials.

With Redmond Fire & Rescue covering many rural areas and businesses, it could take hours out of an inspector's day just to complete a couple of reports and transport back-and-forth to a site.

The new software, however, will let inspectors complete the entire inspection on a tablet and send it to the owner's email immediately

"It's an inconvenience," said Tom Mooney, fire marshal for Redmond Fire & Rescue. "We don't want (inspections) to be a negative for people."

According to Mooney, the new process will save about two hours per inspection.

On July 25, Mooney and Deputy Fire Marshal Wade Gibson were able to complete about four inspections in an hour at businesses off of SW Veteran's Way in

With the new software, crews "don't have to interrupt your business day," said Mooney.



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