

VETS GROUP FILLS MAIN STREET PLANTERS

On Saturday, May 2, ladies of the local chapter of the Women Marines Association planted flowers, herbs and tomatoes in 10 planters along Main Street. The Women Marines Association (WMA) is the only veterans association for and about women Marines. The Loyal Escorts are the auxiliary of the WMA.

Pictured from left to right are: Jeanette Borge (member of WMA OR-3), Yvonne Galbreath (guest), Gwen Best (member of WMA OR-3), Tracey Pickering (Loyal Escort), Sandra Morris (member of WMA OR-3) and Aubrey Wilcox (Loyal Escort).



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GOATS

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Fornoff said there have been goats at the quarry for over 20 years, and she has fond recollections of the "original Billy" who spent a decade atop the hill before passing away of old age. The first "Billy" showed up on his own, Fornoff said, and he became "partners in crime" with the next goat, named "Betty," that showed up there.

"They would take lunches out of people's boxes," Fornoff said. "They stole wrenches, grease guns and whatever else — we really miss those two."

Billy passed on in 2007, and two goats were brought to the quarry to keep Betty company. In 2013 it was reported that two more goats had perished, though two more were brought in soon after. Fornoff said the black male and female who now call the quarry home welcomed two kids into the fold just before Christmas of 2014. The white nanny goat

gave birth that same week, she said, but those kids didn't survive.

Quarry workers have named the black female goat "One-Horn" and her kids "Three-quarter" and "Dozer."

"We were trying to be more original," she said. "Everybody was just naming them 'Billy' or 'Nanny.'"

Fornoff said the goats come and go as they please, often coming down toward Sears Road to graze or accepting handouts (they apparently love apples).

"They live really well," she said. "You can tell they're not missing any meals."

Fornoff added that signs placed near the road to warn of the goats' presence have disappeared.

"People do 70 miles per hour on that road, and it's scary," she said. "But we can't put up fences to keep the goats in because they technically don't belong to anybody."

CO-OP

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"I got shot there," Llamos said. "We wanted a better life for our family, and this is just great. It's a lot less gangster."

With competition already established in Cottage Grove, Llamos said he's relying on his years of expertise and what he believes is a superior product to stand out among the crowd.

"This is the kind of stuff that Oregon hasn't seen yet," he said. "California is 13 years ahead of you, so we've had a head start."

Llamos adds that the co-op will take a loss if it means getting medicine to someone that needs it.

"We're the cheapest in town by far," he said. "We will give it away if people really need it. We're not making a big profit. People here are really sick. In California, it seemed like only about 25 percent of patients were really sick, but here it seems closer to 95 percent."

The products Llamos references includes marijuana flowers, plant starts, edibles and

drinks, and he says that about 100 patients have already visited his store in the past two weeks.

"People are really happy with what we have," he said. In the future, Llamos said his dispensary will devote space to recreational marijuana if state laws allow. In the meantime, the Holistic Co-op is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4:20 p.m. Sunday. The store can be reached by phone at 541-946-3337.

JOYCE

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The devil hates anyone who is trying to do any good in the world, and his influence can be seen in the evil things people do. We live in a war zone: there are wars in the Earth and we also encounter spiritual warfare in our mind and emotions. For example, when I'm tempted to be selfish and complain, it's not God working in my life. James 1:13, 17 says, "...God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights..." (NKJV).

We need to learn how to be proactive and resist the devil immediately. First Peter 5:9 says to "withstand him; be firm in faith [against his onset—rooted, established, strong, immovable, and determined], knowing that the same (identical) sufferings are appointed to your brotherhood (the whole body of Christians) throughout the world" (AMP). Notice this verse says to resist him at his onset.

Don't wait to see how bad things will get or how much you can get away with before you get in trouble. Be firm in your

faith at all times, and resist the enemy immediately when he comes against you. God has a plan for your life, and walking in the authority you have in Christ is an important part of experiencing His will for you.

The greatest weapon you have

The Word of God is an offensive weapon in our warfare against the enemy. It contains life and has the power to renew our mind, heal our brokenness and change our lives! The Word contains God's wisdom and the direction we need for every problem we face. Everything we need is found in the Word; it's God's love letter to us, our instruction book for life and reveals all of God's promises to us as His children.

The power and authority in God's Word equips you to go after the devil—he hates the Word and must bow down to it. But we must approach the Word with the attitude, "With God's help, I'm going to do what it says." That's the key to operating in the authority we have in Christ.

I want to encourage you to make it a priority to spend time with God and study the Word.

Go for quality, not quantity; meditate on Scripture so you really get it deep down in your heart. Make a predetermined decision to apply what you learn to your life. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help you, and He will show you how to obey the Word in your daily life.

Remember that in Christ, you have everything you need to enjoy your life and have the abundant life He died for you to have. God has equipped you to stand up to whatever comes against you. Through the power and authority you have in Christ, you can remain stable, full of peace and joy, and advance God's kingdom in the Earth at all times. That's God's plan for you!

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