

Local woman grows, distributes flowers



Haley Winters harvests the blooms in her garden in Lexington.

As the first frost of the season approaches, which is typically in early October in Morrow County, so does the anniversary of the idea that started Seed and Trowel Flowers. Haley Winters, Lexington, has always had a garden at her home, but for the 2020 growing season she decided to plant flowers only. "Growing flowers and being able to share the beauty of God's creation led to joy for both me and the recipients of my

flowers," Winters told the Gazette.

In October 2020 she opened her garden up to the community to "get the flowers before the frost." That initial event inspired Haley to launch a new local business, Seed and Trowel Flowers. The idea was born as 2020s flowers faded, but work planning the 2021 garden was beginning.

Haley was very intentional about what varieties of flowers to grow in her



Seed and Trowel sells DIY bouquets at Willow Creek Market

relatively small farming space. Starting seeds indoors began in January 2021, and as the weather warmed, different varieties were planted outside. Now that the heat of summer has passed, flowers like cosmos, zinnias, and dahlias are in full bloom.

Seed and Trowel Flowers offered summer bouquet subscriptions for the first time this year. Subscribers signed up to have flower bouquets delivered to them weekly, every other week or monthly throughout the summer. Bouquets were all crafted from flowers grown by Winters right in Lexington. She is currently planning the details for a

spring bouquet subscription for spring 2022.

Along with bouquet subscriptions, Seed and Trowel also participated in this year's Willow Creek Farmer's Market where customers could select their own blooms for a DIY bouquet. With the market coming to a close for the year, bouquets from Seed and Trowel can still be found at Flood Town Books on Main Street in Heppner.

Seed and Trowel Flowers plans to be at Echo's Market on September 4, September 18 and October 2 from 4-7 p.m. For more information and updates, follow Seed & Trowel on Instagram and Facebook.

A View from the Hill

By Doris Brosnan

Most residents at Willow Creek Terrace view the fall season with pleasure, so the mild, sunny days that have jumped the gun on the calendar's supposed first day of fall have been welcomed. The alfresco of "Eat Outside Day" yesterday could only be successful in such weather.

This Saturday, Bonnie Gates will be celebrating her 101st birthday with neighbors and family. Will Bonnie get a second piece of birthday cake that day, since it is also "Eat an Extra Dessert Day"? On the 9th, Rita Bowman will be celebrating her birthday, too. Will she choose hotdogs for her birthday lunch? Just a question because that is the day for celebrating the 1884 introduction of the American hotdog.

Foods in the highlight on a few September days include Cheese Pizza on the 5th, Bananas and Chocolate Milk Shakes on the 12th, and Cheeseburgers on the 18th. The end of summer will be celebrated a couple of days early, on the 17th, with a luau party.

On the day after September 12 Grandparents Day, the grandparents at the Terrace will have photo

opportunities, and on the 24th, everyone will be encouraged to join the craft party devoted to making Halloween decorations for their apartment doors.

Last month, on the 25th, six residents joined the gathering for the Wizard of Oz showing on its 82nd anniversary. And during the days of Terrace Olympics, August 11-13, four residents earned medals: Ginger O'Brien won one gold, three silvers and one bronze; Dorothy Green won one gold, one silver and two bronze; Rita Bowman won two gold and two bronze; and Ray Harper won one gold and one silver. Congrats, Olympians.

Assisting residents as needed and sharing these entertaining events can be fulfilling and enjoyable, so individuals who want to know more about the job opportunities at the Terrace are encouraged to look online and/or call 541-676-0004 for information. This is also true for individuals who want to know more about the two available apartments. Residents who view Willow Creek Terrace as a secure, helpful place to live, are always happy to welcome new assistants and neighbors.

Local fire departments remember 9/11

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the attack on the World Trade Center. A committee representing the Heppner, Lexington and Ione Volunteer Fire Departments is coming together to put on an event to remember the 343 firefighters who lost their lives that day.

There will be a silent parade through Heppner, opening ceremonies with

the raising of our flag and patriotic songs, and the most important activity, the stair climb. Teams of firefighters from each of the three communities will climb 110 flights of stairs to remember the 110 flights of stairs in the World Trade Center. People of the community can also participate by walking the equivalent steps. Other activities of

the day will be firefighter themed activities for people of all ages, a pancake breakfast and barbecue lunch.

The purpose of this event is to honor the heroes that sacrificed on 9/11 and the local heroes.

Those who wish to participate may volunteer on Saturday, September 11 for setup, registration, children's activities and break-

fast. Monetary donations are being accepted, with donations going toward funding the memorial stair climb and future benefits for first responders in the local area. A raffle will be held during the luncheon, with proceeds going toward the cost of training and equipment for the three departments. Donations of raffle items are being accepted as well.

For additional information or to make a donation, please contact Josie Miles or Darcie Chick 541-945-9495.

Pennie Miller honored for service



Rusty Estes (right) presented Pennie Miller with a plaque from South Morrow County.

Pennie Miller was presented with a plaque from South Morrow County EMT Association for her service with the Morrow County Health District Heppner ambulance as an EMT for 42 years.

According to a source, she took calls for two weeks each month and helped save many lives in Morrow County. "It has been an honor for all of us to have worked with her," Rusty Estes told the Gazette.

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