



Nikia Fry founded Wildroots & Blooms in 2021 after several years of working in the floral industry. (Photo courtesy of Nikia Fry)

Floral

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they're looking for in the wedding party such as the bridal bouquet, bridesmaid's bouquet, boutonnieres and corsages," Fry said. "We also do centerpieces for reception tables, or arches for the ceremony."

Fry estimated that she does about 10-15 weddings per year. She said she looks forward to growing her business once her kids are in school.

"I do funeral work, and I'd like to do more holidays and maybe everyday deliveries," she said. "I like being by myself, but I do plan to grow."



An example of one of Nikia Fry's floral arrangements that she makes for Wildroots & Blooms. (Photo courtesy of Nikia Fry)

Those interested in learning more can check out Fry's Facebook page under "Wildroots & Blooms," find her on Instagram, and contact her

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AMISH COOK

Organizing is among Gloria's favorite hobbies

By Gloria Yoder, the Amish Cook

Last week's chat with you all got me on a roll with this whole organizing thing.

January was the month I had set aside to go through anything and everything in the house or garage that needed organization or sorting. The words of my elementary school teacher rang in my ears, "A place for everything, and everything in its place."

I never was one who lived up to that statement, but as time went on I saw that it really was the only way to flow as a family with six little ones.

Organizing ranks among the top of my hobbies, but you may not guess it when you walk into my house. You see, this is where we live, it's not a show piece or a model, it's the place the children and I call home. The best of memories and the hardest of times have been spent inside these four walls.

Some time ago when I decided it's the time to downsize on the quantity of items that are stacked and stored in our house, I found myself growing weary of constantly making decisions. "Should this vase be taken to a thrift shop or should it be given away with a bouquet, and if I do keep it for that perfect moment, will I reach the goal before the next time I clean out? Is this sweater Hosanna outgrew ready for the trash or would someone still get good use out of it? Will the boys mind if I trash the tractor with a missing wheel, or will they be heart broken?"

Many times when I was organizing there were little hands, helping me go through my already sorted items. It was time for something new. Anything that I did not actually need or really want in my house was to go into a tote, and when it was full, it would go to the garage.

The next tote stood in line, they

were filled and placed out of sight, and to the best of my efforts, out of mind. In the meanwhile the children were told that these totes are going to the garage and we will decide later what we'll do with everything. I knew that one day the time would come where every item in every tote would be sorted and placed in its assigned spot. Funny how much I tend to dread a duty as such, and when the time is right, I end up enjoying it.

Well, guess what, January first came with all its ambitions of making a wide sweep work on some major organization, and with it came the flu bug, soaking up all my time for over a week. "Must be God has something else in mind," I told myself.

When the moment finally came to start on cleaning out corners, I was elated. I tackled hard-to-get corners that have been neglected ever since Daniel had passed. The ones that bugged me the most also brought the most satisfaction. Well, guess what? It's mid-February and it's still not complete, but we'll make the best of it and keep on till we've reached our goal.

I had hoped to set the month of February aside to get in touch with column readers and do some sewing for my growing children. We'll see how it goes, seemingly the most important part is to learn to go with the flow even when things don't turn out the way I had planned. I keep learning that joy is not based on my circumstance, but on our Savior and my willingness to let go of what I had wanted right now.

So back to the project at hand. I now have 20 totes and several barrels lined up in the garage, all sorted. Hosanna's favorite is of course the one marked "Dolls" which contain extra dolls and doll toys that have been cluttering up her closet

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JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PROCEEDINGS

February 24, 2025

At 8:29 A.M., Chair Dimmitt called the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order. Board members present were: Lee Dimmitt, Chairman; Susie Drish, Vice-Chairman; Joe Ledger, Supervisor. It was moved by Ledger, seconded by Drish that the minutes for the February 18th, 2025 meeting be approved. All "Ayes". Motion carried.

Public comments: Connie Boyer discussed the in-kind agreement with the FACC board and the county for mowing the civic center.

Supervisors discussed and considered renewing the current HR contract.

It was moved by Drish, seconded by Ledger to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

Be it Resolved, by the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors that the following wage rate and classification for Secondary Road Department full time employee shown below be effective March 1, 2025.

Employee Current Title Pay Step Base Certs Levty Total Rate Range Range Wage

Dylan Coffman \$29.62 EO 12 F \$30.37 0.25 0.00 \$30.62

Passing this 24th day of February, 2025.

Ayes: Nayes: None

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