

Small Business Spotlight

| The Plant Station

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The Plant Station in Fredonia, KS, is much more than a small town florist. The business, started in 1999 by owner Sandy Smith, serves the Wilson county area with fresh cut flowers, plants, balloon bouquets, gift items such as Willow Tree figurines, kitchen enamelware and much, much more.

Smith said one of their specialty products is a candy bouquet that can be sent to someone of any age, for any occasion.

“We use full size candy bars as the box and then use the smaller size candy bars to make an arrangement,” she said. “We try to always have some made up and ready to go but also do special orders.”

Smith shared that what she enjoys most about her job is meeting new people and also being there for those in her community.

“As a florist, I often visit with families in some of their most difficult times when they’ve lost a loved one,” she said. “It is truly an honor for me to provide this service as one final gesture.”

COVID-19 caused a six-week closure, however Smith made sure the flowers in the cooler did not go to waste.

“I knew I wouldn’t be able to open or sell that stock, so I donated them to our local health care facilities for the patients and residents to enjoy,” she said.

Sandy does hire seasonal help, but said the business has succeeded for over twenty years due to a lot of hard work and understanding from her husband Randy, who helps as often as needed in the shop.

The Smiths are proud to be a Wilson County 4-H Legacy Family, a program created several years ago to honor families that have been instrumental in the 4-H program through several generations. To be nominated for the award, the family must have a child currently enrolled in 4-H and at least one parent serving as a member or leader as well as a grandparent serving as a leader or member. Wildcat District

“I’m always happy to help our local 4-H program and I try to provide what I can at no cost for banquets, fair and the style revue,” she said.

The products are not the only unique feature of the business, which is located in a former Missouri Pacific Railroad depot. Prior to The Plant Station, the building housed an antique store, a sub sandwich shop, a western wear store, a bridal shop and an appliance store.

Located at 415 N 3rd St in Fredonia, The Plant Station is open Monday thru Friday 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.