

## V-Day at Willamette Lutheran



The Newman family (dad Nick, mother Carla and children Trinity, Destiny and Dylan) of Keizer presented residents of Willamette Lutheran Retirement Community with Valentine's treats on Friday, Feb. 12.

The cards were handmade by the home-schooled children; the cookies were made by their grandmother, Sandy Olson, a former cook and baker at Willamette Lutheran.

Top: Trinity Newman presents cards to Dick and Susanah Dahill.

Right, center: Carla Newman and daughter Destiny with Joanne Weatherford (left) and Pansy Pfau.

Right, bottom: Opal Ellis and Irene Ritchey accept treats from Dylan Newman.



# Yet another update for edible rules in Keizer

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*Of the Keizertimes*

As state regulations about marijuana keep getting updated, Keizer City Councilors are attempting to keep up and follow suit.

Such was the case Tuesday night as councilors unanimously approved an ordinance amending the Keizer medical marijuana facility permit process.

Once again a key part of the topic was marijuana edibles, or medibles. Whereas the discussion lately has been about medibles at recreational marijuana facilities, this time the focus was on medibles at medical marijuana facilities.

City Attorney Shannon Johnson noted councilors addressed medical marijuana facility issues in 2014 and recently directed city staff to amend the medical marijuana facility permit process to allow edibles if the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) looks at regulations regarding packaging and labeling. Since the OHA is adopting regulations regarding edibles, Johnson brought the topic back up before councilors.

"With the edible issue, the rules changed again," Johnson said. "The council approved regulations similar to medical marijuana. We will probably start getting licenses by the end of the year. Council adopted those rules and allowed edibles after some discussion. Current medical marijuana

rules prohibited edibles, but council wanted to revisit the issue at some point. It seemed

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like an appropriate time."

Johnson noted there were also some revisions to the city process due to changes approved during the 2015 state legislative session. Among the changes: the definition of marijuana was changed to match the revised state definition; certain types of marijuana entities that can't be co-located on the same tax lot were added; the definition of school was changed to match the revised state definition and background check requirements for the Keizer recreational marijuana retailer ordinance were updated.

According to Johnson, there would be some remaining differences between recreational and medical marijuana. For example, the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) regulates recreational marijuana

while the OHA regulates medical marijuana. Someone using recreational marijuana has to be 21 years old, while the minimum age for medical marijuana is 18. Handlers of recreational marijuana need to have background checks done, a regulation not used for medical marijuana.

Another key difference: minors are allowed in a medical marijuana facility if they have a patient card, while no minors are allowed in recreational marijuana retailers.

OLCC rules regarding recreational marijuana edibles require packaging to be child-resistant and not attractive to minors.

Councilor Roland Herrera noted the OHA temporary rules about medical marijuana edibles.

"On the labeling, my understanding is medical marijuana rules are temporary to June 28?" Herrera asked.

Johnson confirmed that was the case.

"These temporary rules will likely become permanent," Johnson said.

Johnson said OHA's proposed rules expanding the packaging rules to state a dispensary must comply with OLCC packaging rules are set to take effect on April 1.

"If you're satisfied with that, you can look at the ordinance with the April 1 date but you can change that date if wanted," Johnson said.

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