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Officials praise Cindy Forsythe for her 25 years of dedication to court

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Local officials spoke Wednesday afternoon at a retirement party for Cindy Cable, now Cindy Forsythe, who retired as Lane County Justice of the Peace after nearly 25 years. "What I didn't say in my speech was that, with my retirement, I am retiring my name 'Cable' and I'll be 'Forsythe' from now on," Forsythe said. In her term of service in the Lane County Justice Court, she counts more

than 600 small claims, 1,200 weddings, 6,000 civil cases and 86,000 criminal and traffic cases. "And I have a million memories," Forsythe said. A member of her staff said, "We're going to miss Cindy greatly." Lane County Commissioner Jay Bozievich said, "Thank you for your service to Lane County. You're going to be missed." He said that Forsythe was instrumental in keeping a justice court in Lane County. "We made sure, because of her advoca-

cy, that this was the only Justice Court to remain open," Bozievich said. He then gave her a crystal covered bridge, a traditional gift for Lane County officials. Next, Oregon Justice of the Peace Association President Stephen Miller, of the Reedsport Justice Center, spoke. "I've come to thank Cindy for all her services for us," Miller said. He presented her with "The Bench of Honor," a framed certificate offering respect and gratitude.

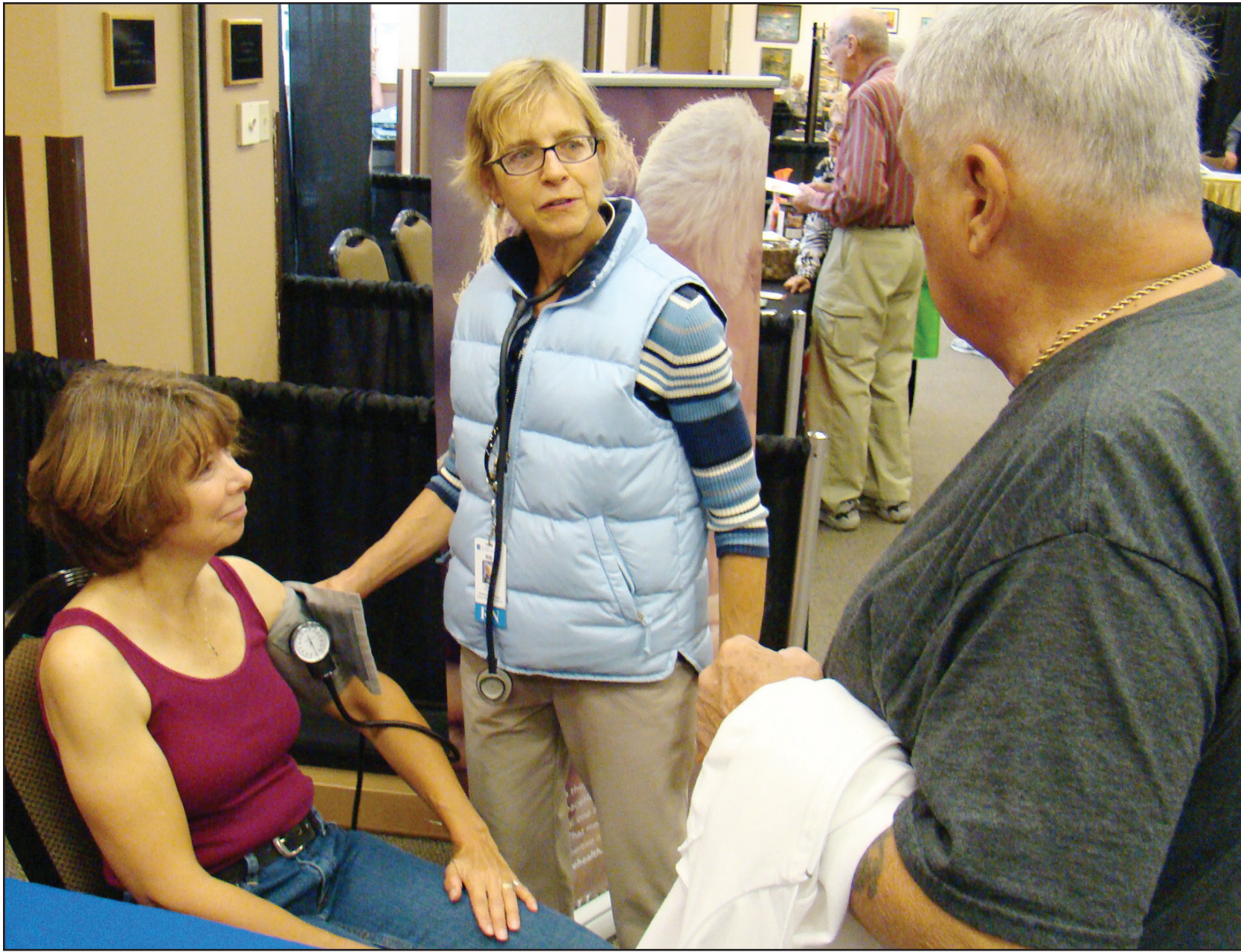
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Bob and Cindy Forsythe stand in front of the flowers he bought for her retirement. Cindy has served Lane County for more than 24 years.

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SENIOR EXPO



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LIVING THE GOOD LIFE

An estimated 300 people attended the third annual Good Life Boomer and Senior Expo held Thursday at the Florence Events Center (FEC).

More than 30 exhibitors offered information on such topics as retirement communities, financial services and health, including flu shots. The expo, presented by the Siuslaw News and the FEC, was sponsored by Jack Frost Financial and Hillside Retirement Community.



Recreational marijuana sales begin in Oregon

Buds4U of Florence rakes in sales following Thursday's legalization

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Oregon medical marijuana dispensaries, including Buds4U in Florence and Mapleton, began the legal sale of recreational marijuana to adults, 21 and over, on Thursday, Oct. 1.

Oregon Senate Bill 460 authorized early sales of recreational marijuana by medical marijuana dispensaries.

Florence City Manager Erin Reynolds said, "At our work session on Sept. 9, the city council did not take action to opt out of the 'early sales.' Therefore, the medical marijuana shop will be able to proceed to sell some recreational products as the law allows."

"Sales are going fantastic," said Dustin Foskett of Buds4U after the first day of early sales. "As a business in both locations, we made \$9,800 in sales."

The Florence location generated \$7,000. "We were prepared for this. We've been getting ready all year," Foskett said.

Buds4U complied with city and state requirements to expand from its Mapleton location to Florence. It worked with both the Florence City Council and Florence Planning Commission.

It also doubled the number of employees and put systems in place to handle the separate sales of medical and recreational marijuana.

One of the reasons the council did not vote against early sales is that the Florence area, and Lane County, passed Measure 91 with a majority.

"There is still a lot to work through for city-specific rules for land use and business licensing of recreational marijuana retail, growth and distributors," Reynolds said.

According to the League of Oregon Cities, medical marijuana dispensaries will be able to sell the following to a person who is 21 or older and presents proof of age: one quarter of one ounce of dried marijuana leaves and flowers per person per day; four marijuana plants that are not flowering; and marijuana seeds.

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