

NEW BUSINESS NEWS

New marijuana dispensary opens

BY JON STINNETT
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With the recent opening of the Holistic Co-op at 11th and Main Streets, Cottage Grove's tally of medical marijuana dispensaries now numbers three.

Owners Riley and Melissa Llamas say they've been in town for a year but have spent the last nine months revamping their new building to conform to city building code standards, which included access for those with disabilities and additional parking. Riley Llamas, who has been in the medical marijuana business for 30 years in California, including 13 years as a dispensary operator, said he moved his family here to escape a troubling Los Angeles scene.

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The Llamas family — clockwise from left, Melissa, Riley, Riley and Khai, is happy to be in Cottage Grove.

Medical equipment available at new CG store

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Just before the ribbon fell to officially open Grove Medical Equipment and Supply's new store in the Bi-Mart shopping center, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Travis Palmer told the gathered crowd about an accident he endured last year and the need it brought forth.

"I don't think age has anything to do with what someone may need at times like those," Palmer said, calling the opening of the medical supply business a "great benefit to this community."

Owner Michele Savage, her husband, Greg, and daughter Christina Brack opened the shop next to Papa Murphy's Pizza about three months ago, and the Chamber of Commerce Greeters were part of a sizable group on hand to officially welcome them to Cot-

tage Grove on Thursday. The store sells basic home medical equipment, and it's been a dream-come-true for Savage, who opened stores for other companies for over 20 years before starting her own.

Savage said having a hospital and a sizable retirement community nearby should aid her long-term prospects for success.

"If you have a hospital close by, you can get referrals for equipment," she said, adding that she is able to accept and bill insurance payments. Savage is also excited that individuals who require equipment home oxygen therapy, sleep therapy, wheelchairs, walkers, nebulizers, walk aides and bathroom equipment can access that equipment here instead of driving to Eugene for a specialty item.

Grove Medical Equipment is located at 148 Gateway Blvd. and is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The store



photo by Jon Stinnett
Mayor Tom Munroe and the Chamber Greeters helped Michele Savage of Grove Medical Equipment officially open her business Thursday. can be accessed by phone at 541-225-5443 or email at Grovemedical@outlook.com.

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Schweitzer's employee Betty McGuire cleans up the remnants of a broken window at the store.



Denied free jeans, man breaks window

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Personnel at Schweitzer's western wear on Main Street in Cottage Grove said an

unfulfilled demand for a free pair of blue jeans led to a scary situation Friday morning.

Owner Al Schweitzer and longtime employee Betty McGuire said a man they recognized from previous store visits entered the store at about 10:30 a.m. Friday indicating that he "came for my free pants." They say the man was yelling demands and already carried a rock in his hand, and when Schweitzer reportedly told the man he couldn't accommodate his request, the man exited the store and threw a rock through its front window. The damage was estimated at \$500.

Schweitzer and McGuire say they knew who the suspect was, though his identity could not be confirmed with the Cottage Grove Police Department by press time Monday. The suspect is described in the department's police blotter as tall with short, curly hair, glasses and a long-sleeved striped shirt.

Concert, market season approaches

Events will now take place on separate days

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Cottage Grove's popular Concerts in the Park series and Growers Markets are true harbingers of the warm summer months, though this year the two events find themselves on different days and in different locations.

Late last week, the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce released the lineup for the concert series, which begins its second summer under the new amphitheater stage cover at Bohemia Park on Wednesday, June 17 with the classic covers of Brad Shepherd's "Perfect Flavor." Concerts take place from 6:30-8 p.m. each Wednesday evening until the Umpqua Valley Bluegrass Band closes out the series on Sept. 9.

Meanwhile, the Growers Market will attempt a revival of sorts on a new day of the week, with the first market set to take place Saturday, May 23 from 4-7 p.m. both indoors and out at the Coast Fork Farm Stand, located across from Bohemia Park at 10th and Washington Streets. Farm Stand manager Scott Burgwin said the market will also include offerings from the nearby Cottage Grove Public Market.

In recent years, the concerts and growers markets had flour-

ished and expanded on Wednesday evenings at Coiner Park, but Burgwin said the relocation of the Farm Stand to its current location coupled with the move of the concerts to the Bohemia Park amphitheater did not bode well for the Growers Market in 2014.

"After last year, we're trying to rebuild in a different location on a different day," he said. "It was the moves that killed it — our move and the concerts. It just didn't work for the few farmers we had attending. Even if we had it here in conjunction with the concerts, it doesn't really work. You can see the concert from here, but it's like it's miles away."

Burgwin said the Growers Market will include the produce of High Wire and Branch Road Farms and, with luck, a few others, though it's uncertain how competition with Eugene's Saturday Market will affect the event. Chamber of Commerce Director Travis Palmer said the Chamber will still have vendors offering their wares during the concerts, though details have yet to be determined.

The Concerts in the Park series enjoyed larger crowds than ever upon moving to Bohemia Park, and its lineup this year features old favorites and new offerings:

Concerts in the Park series 2015 lineup

June 17	Aug. 5
Bradley Shepherd's Perfect Flavor - Eclectic Covers and More	Blue Skies Big Band - Classic Swing Jazz
June 24	Aug. 12
The Larsen Group - Jazz Fusion	Celtic Tradition - Celtic Festival Music
July 1	Aug. 19
The Men From S.U.R.F. - Surf Rock	CASCADA - Latin Guitar World Music
July 8	Aug. 26
Gumbo Groove - Folk-fueled "Fungrass"	Coupe de Ville - Rock from the 50s to the 80s
July 15	Sept. 2
Fret Boys - Classic Rock	Left of Yellow - Pop/Rock Covers
July 22	Sept. 9
Ian McFerron - Bob Dylan type "Folky Pop"	Umpqua Valley Bluegrass Band - Traditional Mountain-style Bluegrass
July 29	
Flies with Honey - Rock	



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