

Summer Reading wraps with magic

The Cottage Grove Library wrapped up its Summer Reading Program with a visit by Jay the Magician, shown here presenting Tristan Mathews his wand on the occasion of Mathews' seventh birthday. Organizers say the reading program had a successful summer. They say 325 children signed up for the program, themed, "Every Hero Has a Story" and they read over 2500 hours in 10 weeks. In that time, the library had 51 programs that over 1400 people attended.



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SALES

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last May after operating dispensaries in Los Angeles, and he said he's definitely excited for the opportunity to sell to recreational customers in Cottage Grove.

"It's a no-brainer," Llamas said. "That's why I moved up here; I was hoping that this would happen. I think it's going to be good for everybody."

Jake Boone, manager of Apothecaria, said he expects the dispensary "probably will" sell to recreational customers.

"Right now, dispensaries would be the only place to purchase recreational marijuana legally," Boone said. He said that

he expects prices of the drug to increase in the short term due to a high initial demand but added that many hope the annual harvest of marijuana this fall will produce a glut of weed that can supply the new recreational market.

"Some people are anticipating a shortage and growing more already than they normally would," he said, adding that he's been encouraging medical marijuana users to stock up in advance of the Oct. 1 start of recreational sales. Boone said he's already fielded questions from "tourists" from other states hoping to purchase legal marijuana here.

"We've had to disappoint people from Indiana and other states because we couldn't sell to them yet, so I'm sure we will be getting some more tourism from this," he said.

All in all, Boone said recreational sales should be great for business.

"We're widening our customer base to include everyone over the age of 21," he said. "It's hard to figure a way that that could hurt."

Boone said he suspects that four dispensaries may be more than the local market can bear, but the "only way to figure that out will be time." He added that a ban on recreational sales re-

cently put in place in Creswell can only help the Cottage Grove market.

Under the draft rules, dispensaries hoping to sell recreational marijuana must notify the Oregon Health Authority. Other rules for dispensaries hoping to market to recreational customers include:

Dispensaries must post a sign notifying customers that they cater to both recreational and medical customers;

They must distribute a state-issued information card about marijuana;

Dispensaries must track the age of recreational purchasers but not their names.

OFFBEAT

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ing sand. Rechristened the Sea Waif, the little brig went on to serve in the West Coast lumber fleet for decades.

The Professor and the Potalloch

The massive British barque Potalloch was part of the British grain fleet and a regular visitor to the ports of Oregon and Washington. One foggy November day in 1900, she was

making her way toward Puget Sound past the mouth of the Columbia when she wandered off course. The good news was that she missed Peacock Spit; the bad news was that she went hard aground, at high tide, just north of the Columbia by the entrance to Shoalwater Bay.

The receding tide left the Potalloch towering high out of the surf. As with the Sidi, the crew was able to pitch a Jacob's Ladder over the side and walk ashore. And as with the Sidi, salvage operators got busy right away trying to figure out how to

get the ship off the beach and back into service.

They eventually were successful in this. But during the month or two during which the Potalloch was stuck there, she nearly lured at least one other ship onto the reef beside her, like a decoy duck.

It happened the following February, when a German bark, the Professor Koch, was making her way toward the bar for a crossing. The ship, as the story goes, was making for the bar when the skipper spotted a square-rigger ahead, far inland, looking

as if her helmsman knew where he was going. They must be crossing the bar, the helmsman thought. So he steered straight in after her.

Luckily, the steamer Fulton was on hand, and got to the German vessel in time to warn her skipper that he was following a stranded ship and headed straight for the beach. The Professor Koch turned and sailed back southward, her skipper no doubt a little redder of face than before.

STATION

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renovation. "We're interested in the overall health of the individual," Cohen said. "We offer access to information in our lobby for non OMMP cardholders, and it's a great time to chat before sales of recreational marijuana start. We want to be a kind of resource center for both patients and non-patients."

She said that many people are interested in knowing more about marijuana but feel intimidated by dispensaries.

"We're here to educate and inform," she said.

BOND

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some time, and in early May of this year, an advisory committee recommended the pursuit of a 25-year, \$29.8 million bond to replace Harrison and potentially address other needs that included deferred maintenance, safety and security upgrades, the renovation of the Warren H. Daugherty Aquatic Center and finishing of athletic fields.

Bridgens said that proposals for designs for a potential new Harrison building have been received from six of the seven architect firms the District sought plans from. A committee is currently being organized to discuss the campaign to get the bond approved, Bridgens said.

Last week, Cottage Grove City Manager Richard Meyers noted that, despite needs the City has in regard to its aging

With three other dispensaries already operating in town, Cohen said she's still not worried about the Medication Station distinguishing itself.

"Each (dispensary) is an individual," she said. "We're different than Apothecaria and Mandy's; each has its own niche, and ours is holistic knowledge and a whole-body experience."

The Medication Station is planning an official grand opening in the near future. Its hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends. It can be reached by phone at 541-946-7294.

infrastructure, the City has not been planning to approach voters to pass a bond.

"The City certainly has things that need funding," Meyers said, "but now that the fire department and the school district are pursuing theirs, we'll probably pursue other methods to fund those needs."

Meyers said examples of those methods could include the establishment of an urban renewal district or a fee on certain transactions within the city to fund items like aging roads and sewer pipes.

"How do you fill the gap?" he said. "There might have to be a new rule with residential streets such as Bryant Avenue where property owners are assessed for a portion of the repairs. There are lots of questions that need answered, and we haven't gotten there yet."

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