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We also made contact with the local Lane Community College campus."

South Lane Superintendent Krista Parent said she fielded numerous comments from parents and others who appreciated the police presence at local schools Thursday and Friday.

"People were understandably nervous, and some parents came and picked up their kids, which is fine to do," Parent said. "We

were in constant communication with Chief Shepherd and got updates every 10 minutes. He kept assuring us that we were not in any danger, and folks said they really appreciated that."

South Lane also sent two of its counselors, Tom Partridge and Connie Wonham of Lincoln Middle School, to assist with counseling those affected by the tragedy.

"Unfortunately, we have to have that kind of system in

place, and there's a team in Lane County that responds to these types of incidents," Parent said. "It was a tense situation. You think it's never going to happen to you, and all you can really do is hope for the best."

The Sentinel has learned of at least two events planned to benefit the victims of the UCC shooting to be held in Cottage Grove. The Axe & Fiddle Pub will host an open microphone benefit this Sunday, Oct. 11 be-

ginning at about 4 p.m. and running until about 9 p.m.

The Cottage Grove Brewers Guild also announced via Facebook that it will host a Pints for UCC benefit at Hard Knocks Brewing on Saturday, Oct. 17 from 8-12 p.m. The Sentinel would appreciate the chance to print news of other benefit efforts, which may be sent to cgnews@cgsentinel.com or by phone at 541-942-3325.

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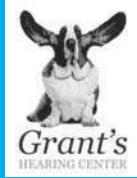
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to open last year, to open early, according to owner Colleen Valley, who said that the dispensary experienced only brief lapses in an otherwise steady stream of customers. Manager Jake Boone could be seen handing out numbers for those waiting in line in the dispensary lobby, where Boone also checked identification to verify that customers were at least 21 years of age.

"Everybody is in a great mood, and they're super patient with us," Valley said. "People have been pretty cautious, too

— I heard one person ask, 'can I say the word 'bong'? And I said 'Yes, say it as loud as you can!'"

Valley said Apothecaria has been urging its medical marijuana cardholders to stock up on the drug in advance of the Oct. 1 start of the sale of recreational marijuana at dispensaries, which the Oregon legislature approved as a means of providing a supply of recreational weed at the start of recreational sales. The approval of Measure 91 provided for the legalization of marijuana for recreational purchases last year, though the establishment of regulations regarding its im-

plementation is ongoing.

The transition from "outlaw" status for recreational users has been a rapid one; House Bill 3160 provided for the establishment of medical marijuana dispensaries in August of 2013; Cottage Grove had its first dispensary, Mandy's, in March of 2014. Its most recent facility opened this summer, and judging by the volume of business in just the first few hours of recreational sales, it's clear that there is a large base of customers seeking to purchase the drug.

Local dispensaries stated their intention to also cater to recreational customers prior to Oct. 1, and Apothecaria chose to raise its prices for recreational buyers in advance of the Jan. 1, 2016 onset of a tax on recreational purchases, a move that the other three dispensaries in Cottage Grove have as yet chosen not to make.

Medication Station Manager Sharon Cohen said that business was steady all day Thursday, with most of the customer base composed of seniors. Cohen said a deadline of Nov. 1 would have been more beneficial for

the start of recreational sales, as it would have allowed this year's harvest to help meet the new demand.

"There may be a small shortage, but it should only be for a matter of days," she said.

Riley Llamas of the Holistic Co-op on Main Street said he opened his dispensary in Cottage Grove in anticipation of the ability to also cater to recreational customers. A long line of customers outside the Co-op greeted Llamas upon his arrival Thursday morning.

At Mandy's, the first dispensary to open in Cottage Grove, Manager Gordon Peppers said 15 customers had been served by 10:30 a.m.

"We figured it would be busy, but we didn't know it would be like this," he said. "I'm glad everyone gets to enjoy it."

Peppers said that recreational customers now have plenty of choices among local dispensaries, adding that an abundance of facilities may not be sustainable in the long term.

"Having four in a town of 10,000 people is crazy, right?" he said.

CLARIFICATION:

An article in the Sept. 30 Cottage Grove Sentinel asserted that "popes have been writing about Catholicism since the 1900s." In fact, the article should have read "popes have been writing about capitalism since the 19th Century." The Sentinel apologizes for the error and any resulting confusion.

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