

Cops and pot, now neighbors in Seaside

New shop may be safest in Oregon

By R.J. Marx
Seaside Signal

Marijuana dispensaries in Oregon may not be located in residential neighborhoods or within 1,000 feet of schools or other dispensaries.

But nothing in state code prohibits their location next to a police station.

Seaside Police Department offices with a southern exposure look directly onto the site of the city's newest pot shop, Oasis Cannabis at 1111 S. Holladay Drive.

"We wanted to buy a building in town, and we saw this available," Oasis Cannabis Manager Stephanie Schlip said. "When we saw this place, we thought it's next to a police station, it's secure. That's the big thing in the cannabis industry: security, and making sure all our public and employees are safe. And what better place could it be than a police station?"



Kyle and Stephanie Schlip are managers of Oasis Cannabis in Seaside.

Schlip and her husband, Kyle, manage the store, backed by investors Sherry Bateman and Dennis Sivvers, who helped purchase the building.

Sivvers, president and CEO of a Portland real estate and investment firm, has been coming to a family home in Arch Cape for 50 years.

He sees Seaside as "the heart of the north Oregon Coast."

"It seemed a place that made sense," Sivvers said.

The store's mission is "to present the recreational in an



Oasis Cannabis is to the right of the Seaside Police Department.

informed way to get away from the stereotypes of recreational use," Sivvers said. "We want people to be aware of all the chemicals involved in the strain of cannabis and its potential effects."

Stephanie Schlip, a Manzanita native, worked in a medical dispensary in Portland before the couple returned to the coast.

"I had no idea what the cannabis industry was like until I got into it," she said. "I realized how it really helped people. Cannabis has

so many healing qualities that help people."

Oasis Cannabis is Seaside's fourth dispensary, joining Highway 420 and Cannabis Nation in town and the Sip Stop in Elsie.

"I want us all to be friends and be teams," Schlip said. "If I don't have something I want to be able to send them down the road and vice versa."

"People will find the three places have different approaches and find the one that suits them best," Sivvers said.

Two dead in fatal Highway 101 crash

CANNON BEACH — Oregon State Police troopers and emergency personnel responded to the report of a two vehicle head-on crash on Highway 101 near milepost 28 just north of Cannon Beach Saturday.

According to state police, a 2011 Hyundai sport utility was traveling southbound on Highway 101 when it crossed over the centerline and struck a northbound 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe head-on. After the impact both vehicles came to rest on the highway.



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Police responded to this fatal crash on U.S. Highway 101.

The driver of the Hyundai, Gregory W Heron, and his passenger, Martha H Heron, both 64 and from Manzanita, were pronounced dead on scene.

Police reported the driver of the Chevrolet, Diana R. Feke, 57, and Jethro J. Feke, 59 both of West Linn received non-life threatening injuries.

Both were taken to an area hospital for treatment.

Highway 101 was closed for about three and a half hours while the investigation was conducted. State police were assisted by the Clatsop County Medical Examiner, Cannon Beach Fire Department, Cannon Beach Police Department, and the Oregon Department of Transportation.

The cause of the crash is still under investigation. The highway was reopened at 7:20 p.m.

Nominations wanted for Seaside High Hall of Fame

The Seaside High School Hall of Fame was launched in 2001 by a group of teachers and coaches from Seaside High School.

"We wanted to make this Hall of Fame special so we decided to induct people across the board not just athletes," Seaside's Wally Hamer of the Hall of Fame Committee said. "Our sole purpose was to bring honor to the high school by recognizing people who have done great things while they were at Seaside High School and beyond."

Hamer said the purpose of the Hall of Fame was for students to see they could accomplish their goals by staying on course and by giving of themselves to their community and to the world around them.

The Hall of Fame has inducted authors, astronauts, military leaders, coaches, community supporters, athletes, teachers, a Rhodes scholar, and businesses in the community who have supported Seaside High School activities, totaling 125 individuals, 27 teams and more than a dozen businesses.

An induction ceremony takes place every other year, at which time, with the help of the administration at Seaside High School, past in-

ductees come and speak to the students.

Those speakers "tell the kids everything," Hamer said. "The goods and the bads about their lives. The hard times, and the times that they were successful. In other words, be honest with the students."

Their message, he said, is just because a person isn't successful in high school they can still go on and do great things.

Guidelines for honorees include:

- Individuals who are alumni of Seaside High School and who have been out of school for at least five years and have demonstrated exemplary performance in one of the following areas warranting their consideration of nominations as a member of the Hall of Fame.
- Student athlete;
- Career accomplishments, meritorious service;
- Supporters/sponsors/coaches and other individuals or educators in the Seaside community who have over a period of time, supported, encouraged, and advanced the above members of Seaside High School;
- Teams or individuals who have earned state championships or state recognition.

The nominations for athletes will come from all the sports offered at Seaside High School.

Nominations for activities come from academia, the arts, choir, band, debate, science, government or public service, military commendations, noted authors and business executives.

Hamer said the committee makes every effort to bring balance to nominations, encompassing men and women, athletes, fans, supporters, businesses, authors and others. "It's a challenge to try and motivate students and bring out the best in all of them, but we are trying," Hamer said. "Thanks to all of the people who have supported the Hall of Fame financially. We are a nonprofit organization who counts on others to help put on the awards ceremony. The Hall of Fame also give two \$500 scholarships in the name of Bob Mork, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2001 for his tremendous community and school service and support."



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A plaque for each team or individual included in Seaside High School's Hall of Fame decorates the wall near the gymnasium at the school.

"We want to encourage anyone in our community to nominate people who have accomplished a lot," Hamer said. "We have a lengthy list that we look at every year. But we want more, so please let us know your nomination."

Send nominations to Seaside Hall of Fame, PO Box 2101, Gearhart, 97138.

Grant will help create school-based dental programs

Low-income children, in particular, lack care

By Edward Stratton
EO Media Group

The Providence Seaside Hospital Foundation was one of 14 organizations statewide recently chosen by a cadre of philanthropic groups to receive a multi-year grant to create school-based dental programs.

Alana Kujala, manager of community partnerships and volunteer services for Providence Seaside, said the grant will fund a full-time oral health program coordinator based at the hospital and visiting school districts across Clatsop County.

"A lot of what this person will do is what school nurses may not have the time to do," Kujala said.

The coordinator will help with outreach, educational materials, take-home supplies and referrals to health care providers.

The grant lasts four years, starting with \$70,000 to hire the coordinator by April, while also helping pay for supplies to perform basic dental services, screenings and access to treatment when needed. According to the hospital's application, there are only two dentists in the county serving low-income children on the Oregon Health Plan.

The hospital's program will phase in more services and grades over time, and Kujala said the hospital has committed to keep the program going beyond the grant cycle.

While the hospital doesn't provide dental services, she said, "If we can target oral health care for these kids at a young age, it will help their overall health" as they grow older.

Kujala said the hospital prepared the grant in concert with local schools, health care providers and the Columbia Pacific Coordinated Care Organization, which serves families on the Oregon Health Plan.

Better teeth

The Strategic Plan for Oral Health in Oregon, covering 2014 to 2020, found that only 24 percent of children ages 1 to 3 had visited a dentist. More than half of third-graders had experienced dental decay, increasing to nearly three-quarters of high school juniors. Dental problems worsen for children from low-income and rural families and racial minorities.

The plan recommended the state hire a dental director, promote preventative services and education serving children, address shortages in oral health providers and both culturally and linguistically diversify the state's dental workforce.

The Oregon Community Foundation recently teamed with The Collins Foundation, the Ford Family Foundation, Kaiser Permanente, Meyer Memorial Trust, Northwest Health Foundation, Providence Health & Services and Oregon-based medical equipment supplier A-dec to create the Oral Health Funders Collaborative. The group provides grants for planning and implementing school-based dental programs.

Joan Vallejo, a spokeswoman for the Oregon Community Foundation, said a first round of grants helped plan the school-based programs. The recipients from the second round of implementation funding were part of the existing dental initiatives program, with priority given to high-poverty areas.

Dental van clinic coming to Seaside

Providence Seaside Hospital partners with Medical Teams International to host a dental van clinic at the hospital four times a year.

Providence is currently registering patients for the next clinic scheduled for the week of May 2-6. The dental clinic serves patients with emergency dental care.

To receive dental care, patients cannot have private insurance and must fall within the federal poverty guidelines.

During the first clinic of the year held in March, 52 patients were treated by a dental technician and/or dentist. According to MTI, the total value of free dental health services provided to the patients, who have no dental insurance or are underinsured, equals \$28,600.

To schedule an appointment or to volunteer during patient check-in, please call the dental van coordinator, Raven Brown, at 503-717-7174 or email raven.brown@providence.org.

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