

Pub elusive, not exclusive

Public house strives for atmosphere

If a person wants to pay the ultimate compliment to Steve Dirks, he should say the Elusive Trout Pub has "atmosphere."

Dirks, an artist who once imagined himself teaching on a college campus, said interesting art work, good music and a comfortable environment are important components of the "public house," or pub.

A celebration marking the first anniversary of "The Trout" will be Saturday, March 14. A pig will be roasted, and there will be entertainment throughout the day.

Dirks' partner in the business is Mike King, who memorizes customers' orders. Eileen Bailey, who worked at Meats and Treats in the same location beginning in 1981, is also a familiar face.

Dirks and King attended Wilson High School in Portland together, and were employed at the Hillsdale Pub — now the Hillsdale Brewery and Public House — when the opportunity to open the restaurant arose. Dirks was pheasant hunting with Don Peterson, owner of Meats and Treats, when the idea of owning the restaurant at 39333 Proctor Blvd. began to take shape.

Since that time, the trout have become elusive due to the demands of running a business, leaving no time to fish.

It is a place where a fisherman would feel comfortable, however. An oversized, papier-mache rainbow trout wearing horn-rimmed glasses greets customers, and there is an unfinished canoe hanging from the ceiling in another part of the restaurant.

Live plants, books, metal sculptures, a dart board, a flamingo, paintings and marimbas fill the corners and open spaces.



Eileen Bailey, left, and Steve Dirks stand inside the Elusive Trout Pub.

Photo by Scott Newton

"It's our living room," Dirks said. "We want people to feel comfortable here."

The restaurant specializes in gourmet hamburgers and a large selection of Northwest beers. It also offers a full selection of Wasson Brothers wines.

Dirks said what they are trying to accomplish with both the sandwich menu and the selection of beer is freshness. The hamburger is purchased locally, he said. Blue cheese dressing is made daily. Often the beer arrives "just kegged" from the brewery.

Asked about the selection of Northwest-brewed beers, Dirks said, "You know what made us decide to do it? It's really good

beer."

The micro-breweries, to be classified as micro-breweries, can produce only a certain number of kegs. Therefore, in Dirks' opinion, more care is being taken to produce a quality product.

"It's fresh, and it's made by local people. You're not paying some guy from Boston or Wisconsin (to brew it)."

On Wednesday and Saturday nights there is entertainment, ranging from storytellers to musicians. Don't look for Top 40 music, however. In fact, the music defies definition. Dirks tried "folksy," "Irish," "country," and "space rock," but without settling on any of them. When the music isn't live,

the selection of tapes again offers variety.

The music, the art work and the food are only a part of what brings people in, Dirks said. "The interaction between customers and the people who work here is very important to me."

Just as Dirks does not know the right word for describing the music, he also doesn't know the right word for describing the atmosphere. He knows what it is not, however. "It is not exclusive," he said.

The Elusive Trout Pub is open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and from noon till 10 p.m. on Sunday.

Local voters face many election issues

Voters will have a number of choices to make in school, fire and water district elections. Elections will be by mail-in ballots that should arrive in homes this week. The choices include:

• Boring School District, position 3: Donald Morrison, Dave Rodman and Steven Sobella.

The district will also have a two-year, \$97,200 per year serial levy on the ballot.

• Bull Run School District, position 4: David Kurowski and Carolyn Romey.

• Cottrell School District, position 3: Joanne Betschard and David Fleming.

• Sandy Elementary School District, position 1: Art Lowery is running unopposed. Position 2: Sharon Clark and William Lenon; Position 4: Sharron Cox is running unopposed.

• Sandy Union High School, position 4: Roland Cartisser of Boring, Jeanne Doty of Sandy, John McMahan of Brightwood and Larry

Topliff of Sandy.

• Welches School District, position 4: Mary Ann Burke of Welches and Jeri McMahan of Brightwood.

• Boring Fire District, position 1: Elana Toyooka is running unopposed. Position 2: David Timm is running unopposed. Position 3: Zeldon Gernhard and Jim Rounsefell.

• Hoodland Fire District, position 1: Shirley Dueber is running unopposed. Position 2: John McArdle of Welches and Don Quint of Government Camp. Position 3: Duane Brown is running unopposed. Position 4: John Bushman is running unopposed.

• Sandy Fire District, position 1: LeRoy Anderson is running unopposed. Position 2: Jim Duff is running unopposed.

• Aldercreek-Barlow Water District, position 1: Margo Dempster is running unopposed. Position 4: Patrick McKee is running unopposed.

• Boring Water District, position 1:

Barbara Sherwood is running unopposed. Position 2: Gerald Fehring is running unopposed. Position 4: Charles Christopher is running unopposed.

• Country Club Water District, position 3: Beverly Stonebrook is running unopposed. Position 5: John Kreher is running unopposed.

• Riverside Water District, position 4: Robert Benson is running unopposed. Position 5: Nan Slenning is running unopposed.

• Sleepy Hollow Water District, position 1: Pamela Swann is running unopposed. Position 2: Dottie Shoup is running unopposed. Position 4: Charles Wilson is running unopposed.

• Wildwood Annex Water District, position 1: No filing. Position 2: No filing.

• Government Camp Sanitary District: Charlie Sperr is running unopposed.

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Man charged with burglary following break-in at home

Bryan Scott Prosser, 21, has been charged with burglary in the first degree, forgery in the first degree and unlawful possession of a firearm following a burglary in Sandy, according to a Sandy Police Department report.

Prosser, whose address is listed as the Clackamas County Work Release Center in Milwaukie, is charged in connection with a break-in at a Sandy home. Stolen were a checkbook, \$160 in coins and two handguns.

Prosser was arrested by Portland

police on March 2.

On March 6, Betty Marie Cunningham, 47, of Sandy, was charged with theft II-shoplifting. The charge is in connection with the theft of items valued at \$9.07 at Bowman's Sandy Thriftway.

On March 9, Timothy David Hart, 20, of Sandy, was charged with tampering with a witness.

On March 7, Terry Lee Smith, 31, of Sandy, was charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants.

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