

Fresh Foods breaks ground in Tolovana

Family hopes to have market open by June

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CANNON BEACH — With a break in a week of rain, a crowd gathered in Tolovana Wednesday. Workers were already busy at the South Hemlock Street site as Jon Welsh, his brother, Tim, and his father, James, held shiny shovels and local dignitaries were gathered round, including Mayor Sam Steidel, Councilors George Vetter and Mike Benefield, businesspeople and press.

The Welshes were officially launching construction of their new Fresh Foods store, planned to open late this spring.

“We’re pretty excited, we’ve been in Manzanita for almost 20 years now,” James Welsh said. “For the past couple of years we’ve thought, ‘Cannon Beach really needs a store.’ They’ve had stores, but there was a need for more full service, so we started looking for property and that’s a tough one to find in the Cannon Beach area.”

James Welsh said most of the property they considered was on the northern side of Cannon Beach. “We just didn’t see anything that was fitting what we needed to find,” he said. “Suddenly

we had a Realtor who said he had a piece in the south end of town.”

That Realtor was Cole Horsley of Kamali/Sotheby’s Realty (now Cascade/Sotheby’s) in Cannon Beach.

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James Welsh
co-owner, Fresh Foods

“This project came together very rapidly in the scheme of something, from a figment of the imagination to taking a drive one day and talking to Cole on a whim,” Jon Welsh said. “This thing just had a snowball effect. It wasn’t something that we were really endeavoring to do, given we were just getting on our feet in Manzanita.”

Realizing that access to Tolovana via the south end via U.S. Highway 101 would be a boon, not a detriment, negotiations began. With financing from Columbia Bank, a deal was structured.

‘Stars aligned’

The property, coincidentally, was owned by the Zupan fami-

ly, who own the string of high-end Portland markets, James Welsh said.

“This was about the biggest parcel in the Cannon Beach area that could accept what we were going to do,” James Welsh said.

The existing building at 3401 S. Hemlock St. had housed a number of businesses, locals remembered, including a pizzeria and most recently a Mexican restaurant.

“The opportunity came, stars aligned, and here we are,” Jon Welsh said. “We hope to bring CB something it doesn’t have now, and something unique that’s really going to focus on the needs of the customer base.”

Site plans for the 10,000-square-foot market were approved by the Design Review Board at its May meeting. There will be 29 off-street parking spaces at the site, and a sidewalk will be added on the west side of the property.

Full-service market

A full-service market, Fresh Foods Cannon Beach will offer a health and beauty section, beer and wine, a produce department, a meat and dairy section and a deli with soups and sandwiches along with a coffee bar.

“I would say we are very much into the new trends in the grocery industry, natural, organics, gluten-frees, we moved our direction,” James Welsh said. “When we moved our store, we were originally an IGA. It was old school. It was like living in Kansas. The Oregon Northwest is very trendy, we have a lot of people visit from Seattle and Portland.”

Fresh Foods will work with local vendors to supply items like baked goods and partner with Sleepy Monk for coffee. The cafe area will feature an inside sitting area, seating 17, an outside sitting area and Wi-Fi connection.

A second floor will consist of offices. They anticipate about 20 to 25 employees at the new store.

The Manzanita location receives 800 to 3,000 transactions daily, and the Welshes anticipate the Cannon Beach store will be even busier.

‘Wow factor’

Before shovels hit the dirt, Tim Welsh added thank-yous to builder Keeley O’Brien of O’Brien Constructors LLC and banker Donna Sayre, a com-



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Jon, James and Tim Welsh of Fresh Foods with Donna Sayre of Columbia Bank prepare to break ground on a new market in Cannon Beach.

mercial lender at Columbia Bank. Jon Welsh credited architect Vito Cerelli for adding the “wow factor.”

“I’d like to thank all of our employees,” Tim Welsh said. “We are a team, and a lot of our

great employees have contributed greatly to our success.”

After a pause, he added, “Let’s throw some dirt!”

The three men turned and put shovels to work amid cheers from the crowd.

ACCUWEATHER® FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

Astoria 5-Day Forecast

Tonight
Mostly cloudy with a couple of showers
43°

Wednesday
A morning shower or two; otherwise, cloudy
52° 46°

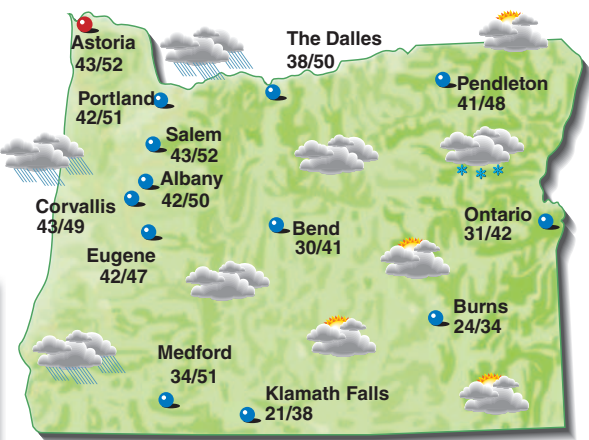
Friday
Remaining cloudy with a couple of showers
52° 44°

Shown is tomorrow's weather. Temperatures are tonight's lows and tomorrow's highs

Thursday
Rain at times
55° 46°

Saturday
Mostly cloudy with showers
51° 41°

Oregon Weather



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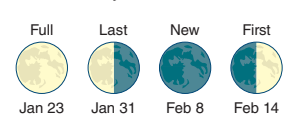
Astoria through Monday.

Temperatures	High	Low
High	52°	40°
Low	40°	38°
Normal high	50°	38°
Normal low	38°	30°

Precipitation	Yesterday	Month to date	Normal month to date	Year to date
Yesterday	0.34"	4.63"	6.22"	6.22"
Month to date	4.63"	6.22"	6.22"	6.22"
Normal month to date	6.22"	6.22"	6.22"	6.22"
Year to date	6.22"	6.22"	6.22"	6.22"
Normal year to date	6.22"	6.22"	6.22"	6.22"

Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight	5:01 p.m.
Sunrise Wednesday	7:51 a.m.
Moonrise today	1:33 p.m.
Moonset today	3:31 a.m.



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Regional Cities

City	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Baker City	38	29	sn	38	23	sn
Bend	40	30	r	41	33	c
Brookings	53	42	r	54	49	r
Eugene	50	42	r	47	44	sh
Ilwaco	48	45	r	50	46	sh
Klamath Falls	39	21	sn	38	28	c
Medford	52	34	r	51	41	r
Newport	51	44	r	52	47	sh
North Bend	53	43	r	55	49	r

City	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Olympia	46	39	r	49	40	sh
Pendleton	45	41	r	48	36	c
Portland	49	42	r	51	44	sh
Roseburg	53	38	r	50	43	r
Salem	51	43	r	52	45	sh
Seaside	50	47	r	51	47	sh
Spokane	40	34	sn	38	32	sn
Vancouver	46	43	r	49	43	sh
Yakima	38	28	r	44	31	c

Under the Sky

Tonight's Sky: The waxing gibbous moon will occult the bright star Aldebaran starting at 5:17 p.m.; ending at 6:23 p.m.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

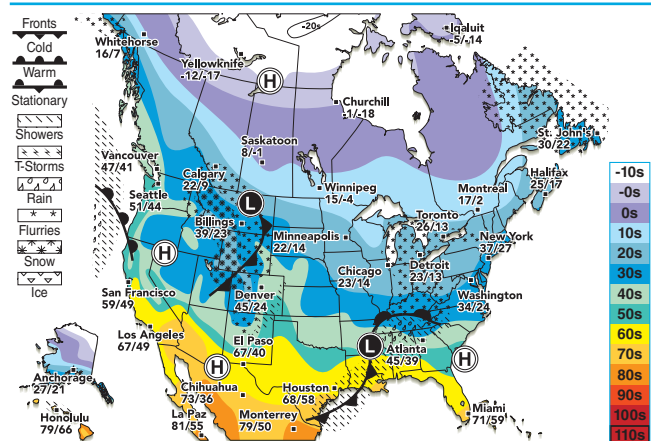
Tomorrow's Tides

Time	High	Time	Low
9:52 a.m.	9.6 ft.	3:43 a.m.	3.0 ft.
11:20 p.m.	7.7 ft.	5:04 p.m.	-0.1 ft.

National Cities

City	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	39	25	s	45	39	sh
Boston	25	18	s	32	20	s
Chicago	16	11	pc	23	14	sn
Denver	41	27	sn	45	24	c
Des Moines	18	12	sn	27	19	c
Detroit	22	11	pc	23	13	sn
El Paso	65	39	s	67	40	sh
Fairbanks	1	-10	pc	-1	-10	pc
Honolulu	82	66	s	79	66	r
Indianapolis	17	11	s	24	13	sn
Kansas City	24	14	sn	32	24	c
Las Vegas	60	44	pc	64	41	pc
Los Angeles	64	55	sh	67	49	pc
Memphis	36	31	pc	43	36	r
Miami	65	53	pc	71	59	pc
Nashville	29	23	s	38	30	sn
New Orleans	60	52	s	70	57	pc
New York	29	22	s	37	27	pc
Oklahoma City	49	24	c	46	31	c
Philadelphia	27	20	s	35	25	pc
St. Louis	25	19	sn	31	23	pc
Salt Lake City	40	34	sn	39	22	sn
San Francisco	60	48	r	59	49	sh
Seattle	49	42	r	51	44	sh
Washington, DC	27	19	s	34	24	pc

Tomorrow's National Weather



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities. Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Meeting called on siting steelhead gene bank

EO Media Group

OLYMPIA, Wash. — State fish managers will hold a public meeting Thursday in Cathlamet to discuss two options for establishing a wild steelhead gene bank in rivers and streams near the mouth of the Columbia River.

Both options under consideration by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife are designed to support preservation of wild steelhead populations by prohibiting future releases of hatchery-raised steelhead into specific waters of the Lower Columbia River.

One option would eliminate production of hatchery winter steelhead on the Grays and Chinook rivers. The other would prohibit production of hatchery steelhead on Mill, Abemathy and Germany creeks.

The meeting is scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. at Wahkiakum County's River Street Meeting Room, located at 25 River St. The department will also accept public comments electronically starting Jan. 25, when additional information on the two options will be posted at tinyurl.com/SteelheadGeneBank.

“This is the last of four gene banks currently planned for tributaries to the Columbia River below Bonneville Dam,” said Cindy Le Fleur, the Department of Fish and Wildlife's regional fish manager. “Our advisory group was divided on two options, so we'd like to get some additional input from the public.”

Le Fleur said both options under consideration by the department meet standards outlined in the Statewide Steelhead Management Plan, which calls

on the department to “establish a network of wild stock gene banks across the state where wild stocks are largely protected from the effects of hatchery programs.”

That plan, adopted by the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission in 2008, was based on studies showing that hatchery-produced fish can interfere with wild steelhead in ways ranging from interbreeding to competition for food.

The Department of Fish and Wildlife established the state's first official steelhead gene bank in 2012 in the Sol Duc River on the Olympic Peninsula. In March 2014, the department designated three gene banks in the Lower Columbia River drainage on the East Fork Lewis River, the North Fork Toutle and Green rivers, and the Wind River.

Death

Jan. 17, 2016

HARKLESS, Kyle Wayne, 27, of Warrenton, died in Warrenton. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

Public meetings

TUESDAY

Astoria Historic Landmarks Commission, 5:15 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

Port of Astoria Commission, 5 p.m., executive session (closed to the public), 6 p.m., regular meeting, old Port offices 422 Gateway Ave.

Knappa School Board, 5:30 p.m., Knappa High School library, 41535 Old U.S. Highway 30.

Seaside School District, 6 p.m., 1801 S. Franklin St.

Cannon Beach Fire District Board, 6 p.m., special meeting, Cannon Beach Fire Station, 188 Sunset Blvd. Work session to discuss fire chief position description, duties and qualifications.

Astoria City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

Shoreline Sanitary District Board, 7 p.m., Gearhart Hertig Station, 33496 West Lake Lane, Warrenton.

Clatsop County Human Services Advisory Council, 4 to 5:30 p.m., 800 Exchange

St., Room 430.

WEDNESDAY

Seaside Tourism Advisory Committee, 3 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

THURSDAY

Seaside Tree Board, 4 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

Seaside Transportation Advisory Committee, 6 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

Cannon Beach Design Review Board, 6 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Lotteries

OREGON

Monday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 3-1-1-4
4 p.m.: 7-2-4-9
7 p.m.: 6-0-3-5
10 p.m.: 9-0-2-0
Monday's Megabucks:
5-17-25-38-39-46

Estimated jackpot: \$6 million.
WASHINGTON
Monday's Daily Game:
6-1-7
Monday's Hit 5: 16-22-31-37-39
Estimated jackpot: \$170,000.
Monday's Keno: 01-12-

13-18-24-26-30-33-34-40-42-47-52-53-59-62-63-65-70-74
Monday's Lotto: 03-19-30-35-42-48
Estimated jackpot: \$5.1 million.
Monday's Match 4: 09-10-13-14

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