

# Hondo's nanobrewery is looking for buyer, partner

Building also includes bottle shop, brew supply store

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Seven years ago, R.J. Kiepe retired from more than 30 years as a contractor, but kept running Hondo's Brew & Cork as his retirement project.

Now Kiepe, 67, said he is ready for a break. He has put the building and business up for sale, including the bottle shop, homebrewing supply store and nanobrewery.

"I'm just not interested in doing it myself anymore," Kiepe said, adding he is also open to a partnership rather than an outright sale.

Kiepe started off 11 years ago with a niche bottle shop at 2703 Marine Drive carrying beers and wines unlikely to be found in local grocery stores, along with homebrewing supplies. In 2010, when the Astoria Liquor Store moved from a connected storefront to its downtown location, Kiepe expanded into the additional 1,600 square feet, expanding his homebrewing supplies, holding contests and start-



R.J. Kiepe, the owner of Hondo's Brew & Cork, is looking to sell his 3-year-old neighborhood nanobrewery, or at least get a partner.

ing one of Astoria's first tap-houses. Three years ago, he started Astoria's third-oldest active brewpub.

"We're an old-fashioned nanobrewery, only selling to our patrons," said Kiepe, who's big brewery expansion so far has been upgrading to a 1-barrel system.

Hondo's offers several of its own beers and a few guest taps in a living room of a brewpub, complete with dining room tables, couches, a television, board games and a foosball table. Kiepe doesn't advertise or manage a website, but said word-of-mouth brings as many out-of-towners as locals to his small wood-shingled and orange-topped building, marked over U.S. Highway 30 by a

white sign with his company's name a doe-eyed visage of his dog, Dexter.

Last year, Hondo's sold fewer than 20 taxable barrels of beer in Oregon, ranking it 195th out of 218 on a list of Oregon-based breweries, and just behind fellow nano-operation Steens Mountain Brewery, run out of a house in Burns. By comparison, Fort George Brewery sold just over 10,500 barrels of beer in the state last year, good for 10th most, while the quickly growing Buoy Beer sold nearly 2,900 barrels, the 32nd most in the state.

"This is perfect for the guy who doesn't want to spend \$1 million to start a brewery," Kiepe said of Hondo's. "I'm just not that ambitious."

## ACCUWEATHER® FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

### Astoria 5-Day Forecast

**Tonight**

Thickening clouds

39°

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

**Tuesday**

Periods of rain

49° 41°

**Wednesday**

Periods of rain; breezy in the afternoon

54° 45°

**Thursday**

A little morning rain; mostly cloudy

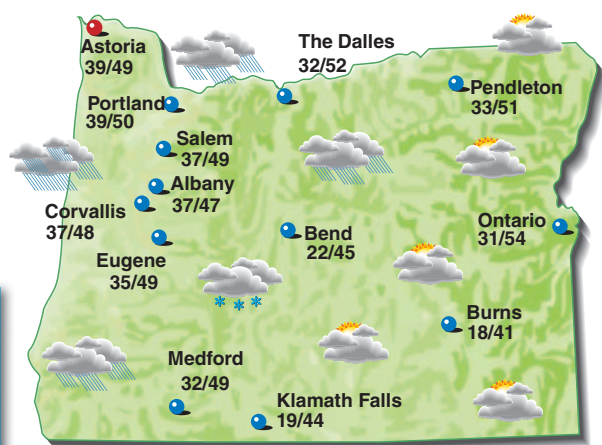
56° 44°

**Friday**

Cloudy with showers

54° 43°

### Oregon Weather



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### Almanac

Astoria through Sunday.

#### Temperatures

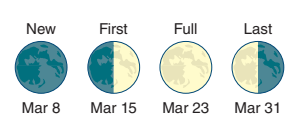
High ..... 54°  
Low ..... 44°  
Normal high ..... 53°  
Normal low ..... 38°

#### Precipitation

Yesterday ..... 0.89"  
Month to date ..... 3.37"  
Normal month to date ..... 1.55"  
Year to date ..... 25.65"  
Normal year to date ..... 19.19"

### Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight ..... 6:10 p.m.  
Sunrise Tuesday ..... 6:41 a.m.  
Moonrise today ..... 5:51 a.m.  
Moonset today ..... 4:54 p.m.



### Regional Cities

City	Today			Tues.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Baker City	45	21	c	45	27	pc
Bend	44	22	pc	45	33	sh
Brookings	51	39	sh	49	46	r
Eugene	53	35	sh	49	42	r
Ilwaco	50	43	sh	48	45	r
Klamath Falls	44	19	c	44	30	sn
Medford	51	32	sh	49	42	sh
Newport	51	41	sh	50	44	r
North Bend	53	39	sh	52	46	r

City	Today			Tues.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Olympia	52	35	sh	48	36	r
Pendleton	51	33	c	51	35	pc
Portland	53	39	sh	50	43	r
Roseburg	53	35	sh	52	45	r
Salem	54	37	sh	49	42	r
Seaside	50	44	sh	49	45	r
Spokane	47	31	c	45	33	pc
Vancouver	51	37	sh	48	41	r
Yakima	56	27	sh	53	30	pc

### Under the Sky

Tonight's Sky: John Herschel's birthday (1792).

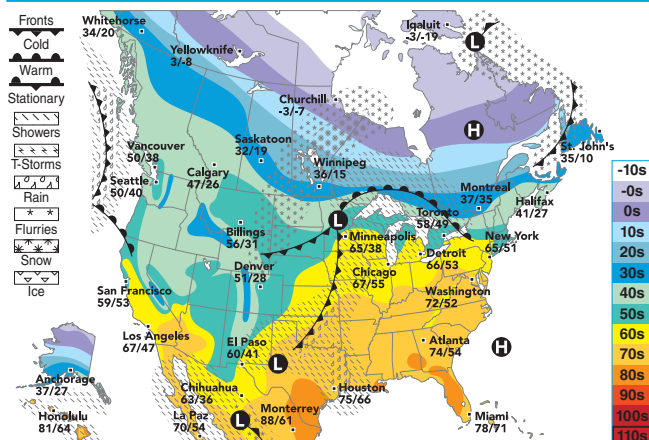
### Tomorrow's Tides

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High	Time	Low
	12:48 a.m.	8.5 ft.	6:44 a.m.	1.3 ft.
	12:37 p.m.	9.4 ft.	7:13 p.m.	-0.6 ft.

### National Cities

City	Today			Tues.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	70	49	s	74	54	pc
Boston	50	35	pc	50	41	pc
Chicago	59	52	sh	67	55	c
Denver	54	27	r	51	28	pc
Des Moines	67	60	t	68	48	t
Detroit	59	45	pc	66	53	c
El Paso	70	42	pc	60	41	c
Fairbanks	18	-3	pc	17	-1	c
Honolulu	83	68	s	81	64	sh
Indianapolis	65	51	pc	69	55	c
Kansas City	73	58	c	70	50	t
Las Vegas	59	46	c	69	48	pc
Los Angeles	60	47	r	67	47	s
Memphis	72	59	pc	74	62	c
Miami	76	68	pc	78	71	pc
Nashville	69	52	pc	74	58	c
New Orleans	77	65	pc	80	68	t
New York	59	47	s	65	51	pc
Oklahoma City	71	58	t	74	54	r
Philadelphia	60	46	s	69	48	pc
St. Louis	73	59	sh	71	60	c
Salt Lake City	54	32	c	53	36	pc
San Francisco	60	49	sh	59	53	s
Seattle	51	40	sh	50	40	c
Washington, DC	63	48	s	72	52	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, ic-ice

# 'Lum girls' honored with Lady Liberty awards

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Liberty Restoration Inc. has announced it is honoring Pam Lum, Lori Lum Toyooka and Julie Lum at its fourth annual Lady Liberty Awards Luncheon, which is being held from noon to 1:30 p.m. April 7 in the McTavish Room at the Liberty Theater.

The Lady Liberty Award recognizes and honors people of achievement who live or work in the Columbia-Pacific region. Honorees have been selected on the basis of exemplary volunteerism, professional excellence and contributions to the community as a whole. Lady Liberty honorees are each individually diverse in their accomplishments, and represent a wide range of interests and fields of endeavor.

The "Lum girls" have made many contributions to the community, including individual service on volunteer boards and committees, philanthropic gifts and sponsorships and a decade of support of Liberty Restoration Inc., which operates the Liberty Theater. In addition, they are part of a family legacy of supporting scores of community organizations across Clatsop County.

The Lum family is known for Lum's Auto Center in Warrenton.

Star table sponsorships for the event cost \$1,500, seat eight or nine people, and may be reserved through Rosemary Baker-Monaghan, executive



Don Frank/Submitted Photo

From left, Lori Lum Toyooka, Julie Lum and Pam Lum, who are being honored at the Liberty Restoration Inc. Lady Liberty Awards, being held April 7 at the Liberty Theater.

director of the Liberty Theater, at director@liberty-theater.org. Star sponsors are recognized with table signage and in the program.

To become an event sponsor, contact board member Betty Smith at The Daily Astorian 503-325-3211, ext. 238.

Individual tickets are \$50 each, and are on sale only through the Liberty Box Office at 503-325-5922, ext. 55. The box office hours are 2 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

The proceeds from this event will benefit the Liberty Theater.

## Meeting to examine timber lawsuit

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The North Coast State Forest Coalition, an environmental group focused on local state forests, will hold a meeting at Fort George Brewery Friday to discuss opposition to a lawsuit threatened by Linn County against the state.

Seeking an increase in logging, Linn County has threatened a \$1.4 billion class-action lawsuit over what it

claims is mismanagement of state forests by not pursuing maximum sustainable timber harvests, costing counties millions of dollars in revenue. The proposed litigation includes Clatsop, Linn and 13 other counties with state forests and targets Gov. Kate Brown and Doug Decker, the state's forester.

The meeting will take place in Fort George's Lovell Showroom from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

## DEATHS

**March 3, 2016**  
MACMURRAY-DULIN, Stephanie L., 56, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary in Seaside is in charge of the arrangements. An online guest book may be signed at [www.hughes-ransom.com](http://www.hughes-ransom.com)

**March 5, 2016**  
AHO, Marjorie May,

85, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

**March 6, 2016**  
PIIPPO, Freida Ann, 98, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

**MONDAY**  
Youngs River Lewis & Clark Water District Board, 6 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101 Business.

**TUESDAY**  
Port of Astoria, noon executive session (closed to public), old Port offices, 422 Gateway Ave.

**Northwest Regional Educational Service District Board**, 6 p.m., Washington Service Center, 5825 N.E. Ray Circle, Hillsboro.  
**Clatsop Community College Board**, 6:30 p.m., Columbia Hall Room 219, 1651 Lexington Ave., Astoria.  
**Lewis & Clark Fire Department Board**, 7 p.m., main fire station, 34571 Highway 101 Business.

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