

An Irish pub comes to Uniontown

Modeled after a Tillamook bar

By EDWARD STRATTON
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Astoria will soon have an Irish pub in the heart of Uniontown.

Erica Miltenberger, the proprietor of Workmans Irish Pub in Tillamook, said she hopes to open her second location under the Astoria Bridge in the former Cafe Uniontown by the end of May.

"It's kind of a cross between Tillamook and Portland here," Miltenberger said of the small town charms and bigger city feel that interested her in expanding.

For the past month, Miltenberger has been overseeing the remake of the former cafe into a decidedly more Irish space. The first sign of change came when the decorative blue storefront waves, which have long marked the vacant restaurant along with the tinted windows and black canopy, went gold. She said she plans to add a metallic tinge to the waves, with an entirely green and gold façade.

They know bars

Miltenberger said she used to own a bagel shop, while her husband, Tyson, worked



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Erica Miltenberger runs Workmans Irish Pub, which started in Tillamook and is opening a second location in the former Cafe Uniontown on Marine Drive in Astoria.

in bars. The two eventually became part-owners of Selinus Insurance, which covers more than 400 bars, pubs, restaurants and clubs in the Portland metro area.

In late 2014, the couple bought the former Time Out Tavern in Tillamook, wanting to own a bar on the coast and finding Tillamook didn't have an Irish one, according to the Tillamook County Pioneer. They started Workmans Irish Pub, the original tenant when the building went up in the 1950s.

Miltenberger said she likes the Irish feel — all of her employees will wear kilts — and family friendly atmosphere of a pub, which she will keep all ages from 3 to 9 p.m. each day and where she will employ her teenage son and

daughter. The pub will have a selection of local, regional and Irish beers. A from-scratch kitchen will turn out cuisine of the British Isles, from bangers and mash and cottage pies to corned beef and cabbage and bubble and squeak, a fried conglomeration of leftover meats and vegetables.

Like with Workmans in Tillamook, Miltenberger is planning an ambitious lineup of entertainment, including music seven nights a week from 6 to 9 p.m., with karaoke afterward. Along with staples like darts and pool will be more eclectic pub games, from corn hole and beer pong to a giant Jenga tower.

Storied history

"It was just a location that looked good to us," Milten-

berger said of the former Cafe Uniontown, adding the space has the feel of an old bar.

Miltenberger rearranged but kept the original wooden bar pieces, in the space since Arvi Ostrom opened the Snug Harbor Tavern in 1934.

"It was kind of a man's tavern, where Finn was spoken and fishermen gathered," said Rae Goforth, nicknamed the "mayor" of Uniontown, in a 2007 Daily Astorian article. Goforth bought the building in 1970 and turned it into Irish restaurant Fiddler's Green until 1980, when she twice sold the building and took it back in short succession. The building briefly changed to Mexican restaurant Cafe Verde in 1980, but, like several other subsequent eateries in the space, didn't last long.

Goforth got the restaurant back in 1982, changing the name to Cafe Uniontown, part of her push to have the area designated as Astoria's first historic district. She sold the building in 1992 to Jim Wilkins, who operated the restaurant until 2007 and still owns the property. Wilkins said he is leasing the building to the Miltenbergers with an option to buy.

"I'm really impressed with those people," he said. "They've got some big plans."

Man gets five years for attempted robbery

He tried to steal an elderly woman's purse

By KYLE SPURR
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A Longview, Washington, man who attempted to steal an elderly woman's purse outside the Warrenton Fred Meyer and threaten her with his vehicle when she chased him was sentenced to five years in prison.

Dustin Clint Hapgood, 25, pleaded guilty Friday in Clatsop County Circuit Court to first-degree attempted robbery and two counts of recklessly endangering another person. Other charges of assault, theft and criminal mischief were dismissed.

The 72-year-old woman was loading groceries into her car in January when Hapgood took her purse from her shopping cart and ran toward his 2011 Hyundai. The woman was knocked to the ground and suffered minor injuries.

"He was trying to steal her purse and did. She chased him down, and he got back into

his vehicle," Deputy District Attorney Dave Goldthorpe said. "What made the incident a robbery was the vehicle being the weapon."

A good Samaritan drove his 2004 Lexus SUV behind Hapgood's vehicle to prevent his escape, Warrenton police said. Hapgood then rammed the Lexus twice before exiting the Hyundai and running away.

The owner of the Hyundai called police to report the car stolen from Point Adams Packing Co., where Hapgood was working.

Hapgood was later arrested on a felony warrant out of Washington state and booked into Clatsop County Jail. The entire incident outside the grocery entrance of Fred Meyer was captured on video surveillance.

As part of his sentence, Hapgood owes about \$2,000 in restitution. He is also ordered to have no contact with the victims.



Dustin Clint Hapgood

Caregiver sentenced for stealing \$7,000

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An Astoria woman who was caregiving last year for a 69-year-old man was sentenced for stealing the man's debit card and spending \$7,000 on gambling, drinking and shopping.

Chevonne Dee Cozart, 36, pleaded guilty Friday in Clatsop County Circuit Court to first-degree theft, fraudulent use of a credit card and identity theft.

She was sentenced to 10 days in jail and three years probation.

At the court hearing, Cozart said, she wished the man was there so she could tell him how sorry she is for her actions.

"I knew it was wrong," she said. "I'm not sorry because I got caught. I really, truly am sorry."

Cozart was indicted on the



Chevonne Dee Cozart

charges in February. The crimes occurred between April and May 2015.

She used the man's debit card to get cash back at Safeway in Astoria and Walgreens in Warrenton. She used the cash to gamble, drink and shop.

The Clatsop County Sheriff's Office was able to catch her because she used her own Safeway Club card when get-

ting cash back. The Sheriff's Office was able to match Safeway's records to connect her to the crime.

"It was the Safeway Club card that did her in," Deputy District Attorney David Goldthorpe said.

Judge Cindee Matyas ordered Cozart to undergo treatment for gambling addiction while on probation. Cozart was also ordered to have no contact with the man and pay restitution once an amount is determined.



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