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BUOY BEER GETS STATE HELP WITH EXPANSION



Photos by Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian

Buoy Beer Co. in Astoria installed a new canning line this spring that can churn out about 85 cans a minute.

By EDWARD STRATTON
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Empty red, white and blue cans of Buoy Beer Co.'s India pale ale streamed along a conveyor belt inside the brewery on the Astoria Riverwalk. A small crew of workers helped cap and fill about 85 cans a minute, stacking the finished six-packs on pallets destined for stores around Oregon and southwest Washington.

Amid a rapid expansion since opening three years ago, Buoy Beer has gained the notice of Gov. Kate Brown and Business Oregon, which recently announced a loan of \$150,000 from the agency's strategic reserve fund to purchase more storage tanks as the company continues to ramp up capacity.

While a nod of support to Buoy Beer's job creation and manufacturing, the state's donation is a relative drop in the bucket among the several million dollars the company has spent on its brewhouse and restaurant inside the former Bornstein Seafoods cannery.

Supported by about 20 initial investors, Buoy Beer's founding team includes General Manager Dave Kroening, Bornstein Seafoods co-owner Andrew Bornstein, founding brewer Dan Hamilton and Luke Colvin, who also runs Arbor Care Tree Specialists.

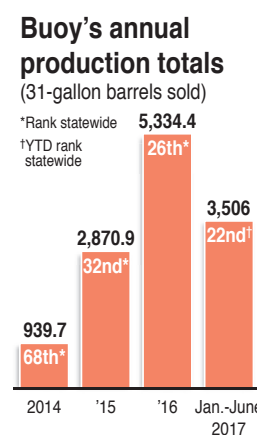
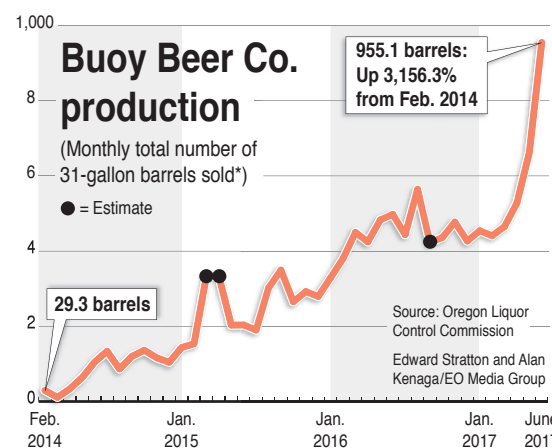
Since opening in 2014, Colvin said, expansion has been nearly continual.

"We totally underestimated how busy the restaurant was going to be," he said, adding the company doubled the size of its kitchen to cut down on wait times.

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The expansion at Buoy Beer Co. included the installation of seven new brewing tanks, each with a capacity of 100 barrels.



Clatsop top five in homeless survey

Ranks just below much larger counties

By KATIE FRANKOWICZ
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Clatsop County is among the top five counties in the state for homelessness.

The county ranks just under the much larger Multnomah, Lane, Marion and Deschutes counties, with an estimated 682 homeless people out of a total population of 38,632, according to a federally mandated point-in-time count completed across the country in January.

But local social-service advocates say the numbers collected only tell one part of the story.

First of all, the county's homeless population is much larger.

Clatsop Community Action, a nonprofit based in Astoria that provides food, rental assistance and housing, estimates the county has more than 1,000 homeless people at any given time.

Many of these people are "the invisible homeless," said Elaine Bruce, executive director of Clatsop Community Action. They are not on the street corners or sleeping under bridges; instead, they may be doubling-up with families and friends.

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Seafood giant back in Warrenton

Plant rebuilt after a devastating 2013 fire

By KATIE FRANKOWICZ
The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — Mike Brown, like many in the seafood processing industry, is used to old buildings — massive complexes from another generation that have seen countless fish and hundreds of filleters come and go over the decades.

But as general manager of Pacific Seafood Group's rebuilt Warrenton facility, Brown is about to be in charge of a brand-new building.

The West Coast seafood processing giant is in the middle of rebuilding after a fire destroyed the original plant in 2013. Construction began last year, a new dock is in place and the facility is expected to open for the Dungeness crab season in December. The entire building will likely be completed in early 2018.

"It's going to be a world-class facility," Warrenton Mayor Henry Balensifer said. "It's a win-win for everybody and I'm just excited to be a part of it."

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Pacific County's new 911 locator a first on West Coast

Smartphones tell dispatchers where calls originate

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LONG BEACH, Wash. — Pacific County 911 wants you to put an app on your smartphone, preferably sooner rather than later.

The emergency service is the first on the West Coast to roll out the technology that will help first responders find callers who can't quickly give an address, county 911 coordinator Tim Martindale Jr. said.

"The ultimate piece of information we need is where are you at?" he said.

So the app for that is SOS Beacon. It automatically sends precise location information to county dispatchers when the caller dials 911 from their phone. It also works in other areas that use the same system, Martindale said.

He and 911 staff want everyone with a smartphone to download and install the free app. It's available now.

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Pacific County 911 coordinator

Setup includes confirming the phone number and typing in a four-digit verification code. The entire process can take less than a minute. The county's system is expected to go live with the app by the end of August.

What about privacy

County 911 about privacy of the Sheriff's Office but, Martindale said, the app only sends the caller's address to dispatch if they call 911 for help. He said even if his boss, Sheriff Scott Johnson, asked him to find a person by

tracking their phone, he wouldn't be able to do it.

The app will soon be embedded in smartphone updates and put on new phones, he said.

Martindale said 911 can't pinpoint people from cellphone data like people see on TV and in movies.

"Location accuracy has been rough to say the least," he said. "Sometimes we get to a location and it's just the cell tower."

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