

New bottle shop, taproom hopes to be beer geek’s choice

Will join cluster of boozy businesses on Duane Street

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

Downtown Astoria will soon have a new craft beer bottle shop and taproom.

Self-described beer geek Dwayne Smallwood, a manager at Okie’s Thriftway Market in Ocean Park, Washington, for the past 27 years, is quitting his day job and opening Bridge & Tunnel Bottleshop & Taproom with his wife, Pamela Fox.

Smallwood moved to the Northwest from Wisconsin 27 years ago to help take care of his grandmother after leaving the military. A week after arriving, he took a job at Okie’s Thriftway Market.

“I’ve brewed a few beers of my own, but nothing I’d be proud enough of to go and risk opening a brewery,” Smallwood said. “But I drank so many great beers, that I really just got sick of having to go hunt them down.”

The last couple of years have been spent visiting regional brewers and bottle shops while building relationships to get a wider selection of beer on the North Coast, Smallwood said. He



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Dwayne Smallwood is opening Bridge & Tunnel Bottleshop & Taproom in downtown Astoria.

recently started building out his shop behind closed blinds at 1390 Duane St., inside a former floral shop and next to Creations Studio and Gallery, recently opened by mosaic artist Kai Raden.

Smallwood is planning 16 taps and a wall of coolers carrying a wide assortment of regional and international beers. Downstairs will be reclaimed wood bars and chrome bar seating, while upstairs will be a lounge he said his wife described as “lumberjack chic.”

Bridge & Tunnel will open amid a cluster along Duane Street that includes

Pilot House Distilling, Rev-eille Ciderworks, Reach Break Brewing and Fort George Brewery. Astoria has six breweries and a growler shop. Hondo’s Brew & Cork includes a brewer, bottle shop and homebrewing supply store. Bridge & Tunnel will try to stand out by focusing on the harder-to-find brews, Smallwood said.

“It’s not what’s great, it’s what’s next,” he said of beer culture. “So I’m going to try and focus on what’s next.”

Smallwood hopes to open Bridge & Tunnel by Fort George Brewery’s Festival of the Dark Arts in February.

Tsunami resilience study at top of Gearhart’s planning goals

State would provide grant for safety

By R.J. MARX
The Daily Astorian

GEARHART — As the city’s Planning Commission met last week to discuss goals for the new year, one item rose to the top.

By applying for a state Department of Land Conservation and Development grant, the city could be among the first to develop a coastal resilience plan. The \$14,000 grant would be used to evaluate the city’s risk to the Cascadia Subduction Zone tsunami hazard and decide which land use measures to develop and implement to help reduce the city’s risk.

These provisions would likely result in changes to the city’s land use ordinance and its comprehensive plan.

“Planning with resilience

in mind will help address the broad range of natural hazards and other threats that coastal communities must contend with,” stated a 2015 report by the Oregon Partnership for Disaster Resilience prepared for Clatsop County.

What is now lacking, City Planner Carole Connell said, is data specific to Gearhart.

If selected among grant applicants, the city would receive data from state’s Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, including the “beat the wave” modeling and mapping program and damage estimate results for infrastructure, buildings and people in various disaster scenarios.

“This gets really into the facts and figures — where do we need to harden services, what we don’t know and where we should be going,” Connell said. “This is taking the next step for a government to come up with a detailed tsunami evacuation facility and improvement plan. It will

be detailed.”

Commissioners showed initial reluctance to submit the application, especially with an impending deadline of Jan. 31.

But with much of the paperwork already prepared by representatives of the Department of Land Conservation and Development, objections faded.

The information could be used not only in land use planning but in other aspects of emergency preparedness and risk reduction, Connell said.

If the grant is awarded, the work may be contracted to a consultant or completed by city staff. “We’ll still have the citizen involvement process and the adoption process so that we’re transparent to get all the input we need,” she said.

Members of the Planning Commission gave their unanimous consent to submit the grant proposal.

“If we don’t get the award, we don’t get the award,” Connell added.

Slow-moving landslide has Washington town on high alert

Associated Press

UNION GAP, Wash. — A slow-moving landslide in a fertile farming region in Washington state has forced evacuations as officials prepare for what they say is inevitable — the collapse of a ridge that sits above a few dozen homes and a key highway.

People in Washington are especially wary of landslides following one in 2014 north of Seattle that swept through a tiny community and across a state road, killing dozens.

Experts say the slide could happen as soon as late January or early February above Union Gap, a small agricultural town in the rolling brown foothills of the Cascade Range. A chunk of one ridge about the size of 24 football fields is expected to break off, spilling an estimated 4 million cubic yards of rocks and dirt.

Opinions on the impact vary widely, ranging from little damage to widespread flooding, especially in Union Gap. Some worry floodwaters will stretch into Yakima, which has 94,000 residents and sits just a few miles away.

Also nearby are the Yakima River and Interstate 82, which connects Oregon to



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A crack in Rattlesnake Ridge near Union Gap, Wash.

busy Interstate 90.

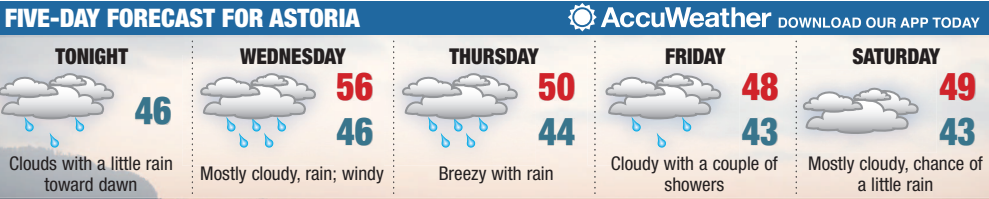
I82 is the main route through central Washington’s Yakima Valley, which produces many of America’s hops, cherries, apples and mint. The state has deemed it safe to remain open but has placed 44 shipping containers — filled with concrete barriers and weighing 9 to 14 tons each — at the bottom of the ridge to keep random rocks from tumbling into traffic.

The hillside has been sliding since at least October, when authorities began monitoring huge cracks in Rattlesnake Ridge’s western slope. At that time, the landslide was moving at less than an inch per

day. More recently, it has been measured sliding at 2.5 inches per day.

Looming over all this are memories of a massive March 22, 2014, landslide in the community of Oso. That slide killed 43 people and covered 1 square mile with mud and debris. And more recently this month’s deadly landslide in Southern California.

Authorities have already evacuated about 60 residents who live in trailers and a few buildings near Union Gap, population 6,000. They are staying in paid hotel rooms for five weeks, although their future accommodations are up in the air.



ALMANAC

Astoria through Monday.

Temperatures
High/low 60°/47°
Normal high/low 50°/38°
Record high 61° in 1965
Record low 18° in 1907

Precipitation
Monday 0.06"
Month to date 4.46"
Normal month to date 5.18"
Year to date 4.46"
Normal year to date 5.18"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 4:58 p.m.
Sunrise Wednesday 7:53 a.m.
Moonrise today 7:31 a.m.
Moonset today 4:56 p.m.



UNDER THE SKY

Tonight’s Sky: New Moon (6:17 p.m.) will located on the same side of the Earth as the sun and will not be visible in the night sky.

TOMORROW’S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks			
Time	High	Time	Low
2:01 a.m.	8.1 ft.	7:26 a.m.	3.3 ft.
1:04 p.m.	9.2 ft.	8:06 p.m.	-0.2 ft.

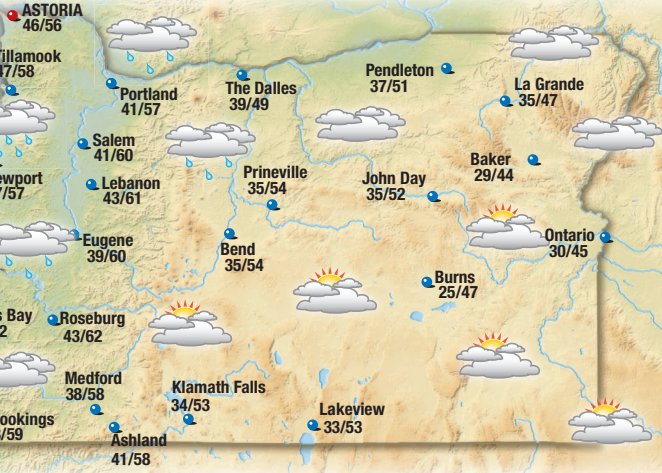
NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Atlanta	51 16 c	31 19 s
Boston	32 29 c	35 21 sn
Chicago	24 7 sn	21 16 s
Denver	36 16 s	51 27 s
Des Moines	10 -1 s	26 16 s
Detroit	20 9 sf	27 17 pc
El Paso	41 23 s	46 28 pc
Fairbanks	26 17 i	23 4 pc
Honolulu	81 71 pc	81 72 pc
Indianapolis	12 7 pc	20 13 pc
Kansas City	11 0 pc	26 17 s
Las Vegas	64 47 pc	66 47 pc
Los Angeles	70 54 c	77 56 pc
Memphis	20 9 sn	26 14 s
Miami	76 61 pc	76 50 pc
Nashville	19 8 sn	26 14 pc
New Orleans	45 22 c	37 26 s
New York	38 32 c	36 20 sn
Oklahoma City	22 7 s	34 20 sn
Philadelphia	42 30 c	35 19 sf
St. Louis	15 8 pc	26 19 s
Salt Lake City	46 29 c	47 31 pc
San Francisco	59 51 c	60 51 pc
Seattle	54 44 r	55 45 r
Washington, DC	43 26 c	31 21 sf

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

REGIONAL WEATHER

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

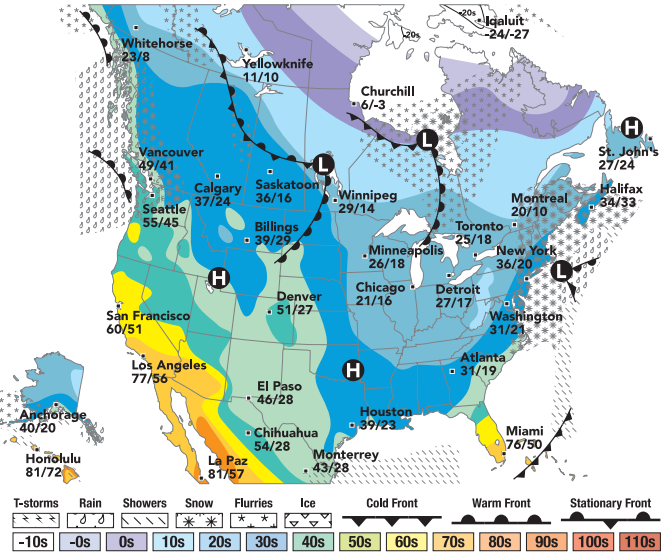


REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Baker City	46 29 r	44 37 c
Bend	48 35 c	54 38 c
Brookings	56 48 c	59 48 r
Eugene	56 39 c	60 43 r
Ilwaco	53 47 r	55 47 r
Klamath Falls	49 34 c	53 42 c
Medford	53 38 c	58 43 c
Newberg	55 43 c	57 47 r
Newport	54 47 r	57 46 r
North Bend	58 46 c	62 47 r
Olympia	53 40 r	55 44 r
Pendleton	51 37 r	51 43 c
Portland	55 41 c	57 45 r
Roseburg	57 43 c	62 47 r
Salem	57 41 r	60 45 r
Seaside	54 46 r	56 47 r
Spokane	39 31 r	40 37 c
Springfield	56 42 c	61 45 r
Vancouver	54 43 r	56 46 r
Yakima	51 37 r	46 38 r

TOMORROW’S NATIONAL WEATHER

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.



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DUII

• At 9:01 p.m. Saturday, Jesse Bateman, 33, of Astoria, was arrested by the Clatsop County Sheriff’s Office on Wireless Road and state Highway 202 and charged with driving under the influence of

intoxicants.

• At 11:32 p.m. Saturday, Gina Marie Bizzaro, 53, of Knappa, was arrested by the Clatsop County Sheriff’s Office on the 90 block of U.S. Highway 30 and charged with DUII.

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