

# Walmart: Store's arrival has divided opinions

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Customers can preorder items through the retailer's smartphone application for pickup at the store.

During the grand opening, the store will give out around \$40,000 in grants to local groups, along with other prizes for customers. A pop-up fair will feature food carts and vendors from Astoria Sunday Market. Visitors will get a tour of the store and instruction on how to use the app.

Grand opening celebrations will continue for the coming week.

Walmart's arrival has divided opinions locally. Many people are excited by the addition of another national retailer, while others lament the potential threat to local business.

Clatsop Residents Against Walmart, a group formed in 2010 to oppose the retailer's move to Warrenton, had sued the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in federal court after the agency granted a permit for the store's developer to fill in .37 acres of wetland. The case and a subsequent appeal were both dismissed. Karl Anuta, the group's lawyer, said the group is mulling whether to file a petition and have the case heard again.



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Walmart employees were busy in the kitchen producing baked goods ahead of Wednesday's grand opening.

# Custard King: Dates back to early 1950s

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family learned the difficulty of creating new signage in Astoria, along with the built-in brand of Custard King.

"It's really an iconic part of Astoria," Tara Gerlitz said. "Since we've been here working, people are always stopping by, not even from Astoria, that have heard about the Custard King."

The restaurant will still offer a similar lineup of burgers, fries and custard, she said. The big change will be more seafood items such as fish tacos, fish and chips and chowder.

Custard King dates back to the early 1950s. Paul and Susan Brost operated the restaurant from 2000 to 2015. They sold the business to a partnership including Greg Glover, owner of Commercial Astoria; Franz Spielvogel, owner of Laughing Planet Cafe; and David Demers, a real estate agent in Portland. The partners restored the purple and pink facade and sign to its current navy blue, white, gray and antique yellow theme. They added new menu items and a custom custard recipe from Spielvogel's chef at Laughing Planet.

But managing the business from afar while running other operations was challenging, Spielvogel said.

Connor and the Gerlitzes plan to mostly run the restaurant themselves, with the help of close family members and one or two employees.

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and is regulated. Those bringing lawsuits would be better served addressing the root causes, rather than trying to redirect blame through litigation," John Parker, senior vice president of the Healthcare Distribution Alliance, said in a statement.

D'Amore Law Group has agreed to pay all of the legal costs on behalf of the counties in return for a 25 percent fee on any financial damages awarded. Clatsop County Counsel Heather Reynolds told county commissioners last month — prior to their vote to enter the litigation — that she does not see a "legal negative."

Plaintiffs are seeking monetary damages as well as some restrictions on how companies may sell the drugs. The amount of damages available to cities and counties will be

revealed in upcoming pretrial hearings as evidence and data are shared. Damages could be based on local costs for law enforcement, drug programs and increased jail populations, for example.

"It's going to be very specific to each county," Rose said.

After the litigation's discovery phase, it could take a number of turns. Due to its complexity and the large volume of parties involved, the federal judge may choose certain "bellwether cases." These cases — likely not the Oregon counties — would return to their local jurisdictions and be resolved there, offering clarity for settlement discussions in Ohio, Rose said.

If no settlement is reached in the main case, many jurisdictions — including the Oregon counties — may return to resolve their specific complaints in federal courts within

their home states. "This is really just sort of an early organizational approach," Rose said. "If there is a national resolution, it's about making sure our counties have a seat at the table."

### 'Post to post'

Duncan, who has been practicing medicine since the mid-1970s, said prescription levels have ebbed and flowed throughout his career.

Beginning in the 1960s, state medical officials would suspend or revoke licenses for doctors who prescribed relatively small amounts of opioids. A few decades later, the state Legislature — concerned that those with chronic pain were not being properly treated — banned medical officials from sanctioning doctors who prescribed adequate opioid amounts.

"In the early '90s, we were beginning to get a handle on

it. But we've seemed to have swung from post to post, from underprescribed to overprescribed," Duncan said.

Elevated prescription levels followed during the past two decades, and doctors have absorbed criticism for their part in the opioid crisis. While some of the "boots on the ground" doctors have earned the blame, not enough is directed at top medical officials, Duncan said.

"We were being pushed into prescribing huge amounts of narcotics through trainings that were funded by the drug companies," he said. "It's a mare's nest."

Duncan likened the opioid issue to problems surrounding tobacco, in that both involve potentially valuable, but highly addictive, substances used for profit. States and cigarette makers reached a multibillion-dollar settlement of tobacco-related claims in 1998

that curtailed marketing.

"When you think about the tobacco lawsuit, and this is really the same thing, it could be a useful exercise," Duncan said.

He cautioned though, against a repeat of the "moral panic" he witnessed in the early days of his career. He hopes any legal decision would recognize that chronic pain is difficult to treat and opioids have a role to play — in the right doses.

"People need to understand there is such a thing as chronic pain," Duncan said. "People have pain that cannot be resolved by sitting around and doing drum circles."

### Partnerships

Hitting the manufacturers who profit from drug sales is a "good first step," said Debbie Morrow, a member of the Columbia Pacific Coordinated Care Organization

Board of Directors.

More important, though, will be partnerships between public, private and nonprofit interests on outreach such as needle exchange programs and mental health treatment. That would require a comprehensive plan involving many community groups, Morrow said.

"Stemming the tide of this is not going to be the result of any policy change," she said. "There has to be a prescribed way of dealing with this. We're trying to connect the dots and collect the infrastructure that is needed for treatment."

The complex litigation currently concentrated in Ohio may, depending on damages awarded and precedent set, connect some of those dots.

"The lawsuit, wherever it's going, will demonstrate this issue's complexity," Duncan said.

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# TV SCHEDULE

Evening listings TUESDAY

TUESDAY EVENING												JUNE 12	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6 (N)		Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel Fortune (N)	The Bachelorette (N)				Defense "Darlie Routier: The Crime" (N)		KATU News (N)	(3:55) Jimmy Kimmel
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	The Bachelorette (N)				Defense "Darlie Routier: The Crime" (N)		KOMO 4 News (N)	(3:55) Jimmy Kimmel
5	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Evening	America's Got Talent "Auditions 3" (N)				World of Dance "The Qualifiers 3" (N)		KING 5 News (N)	(3:55) Tonight Show
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Voices"		Bull "Gag Order"		48 Hours: NCIS (N)		KOIN 6 News (N)	(3:55) Colbert
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Jesse Jones	NCIS "Voices"		Bull "Gag Order"		48 Hours: NCIS (N)		KIRO News (N)	(3:55) Colbert
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Tonight Cassidy	Inside Edition	America's Got Talent "Auditions 3" (N)				World of Dance "The Qualifiers 3" (N)		KGW News (N)	(3:55) Tonight Show
9	KRCW	(9) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	The Flash "Luck Be a Lady"		The 100 "Red Queen"		News at 10 (N)	Friends	Two and a Half	Two and a Half
10	KOPB	(10) Ask-Old House	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Ken Burns "The War" An exclusive look at The Vietnam War.				Great German Cities Rick Steves explores Germany's historic cities.			
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	Beat Shazam "Episode Three" (N)		Love Connection "Episode Three" (N)		10 O'Clock News (N)		News (N)	Page Six TV
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's News (N)		9 O'Clock News (N)		Family Guy	American Dad!	The Game	The Game
13	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Beat Shazam "Episode Three" (N)		Love Connection "Episode Three" (N)		Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)		News (N)	The Simpsons
20	TBS	(20) Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory		Big Bang Theory		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan	
22	KZJQ	(22) Friends	Friends	Mom	Modern Family	Mom		Q13 News at 9 (N)		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half
29	ESPN	(29) (4:30) MLB Baseball	New York Mets at Atlanta Braves (L)	SportsCenter	The day's news in the world of sports. (N)			SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	
30	ESPN2	(30) ESPN FC "Special" (N)		NBA: The Jump (N)		NFL Live		Around the Horn	Interruption	First Take	The hottest topics in sports are debated.		
31	NICK	(31) LoudH/Loud H.	The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
32	DISN	(32) Bizaardvark	Raven's Home	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Andi Mack	Raven's Home	Stuck in Middle	DuckTales	BigHero6:Series	Raven's Home	Andi Mack	Bunk'd
34	FAM	(34) *** Beauty and the Beast '91	Voices of Richard White, Paige O'Hara.			The Bold Type "Feminist Army" (SP) (N)		Bold Type "Rose Colored Glasses" (N)		Fairy Tale Wed.	Relationship Goals"	The 700 Club	
35	FMC	(35) (5:00) R.I.P.D. '13, Act)	Ryan Reynolds.	(5:55) *** R.I.P.D. (2013, Action)	Jeff Bridges, Ryan Reynolds.	(4:55) FXM Presents		*** The Watch (2012, Comedy)	Vince Vaughn, Ben Stiller.	(5:55) FXM Presents		The Watch (2012, Comedy)	Ben Stiller.
36	LIFE	(36) To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced	
38	ROOT	(38) Mariners Access	MarinersPre-game	MLB Baseball	Los Angeles Angels at Seattle Mariners Site: Safeco Field -- Seattle, Wash. (L)					Post-game	MLB Baseball	Los Angeles Angels at Seattle Mariners	
39	FS1	(39) Phenoms "Russia" (N)				MLB Whiparound (L)		TMZ Sports (N)	Skip and Shannon: Undisputed	Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.		Phenoms	
43	SPIKE	(43) Mom	Mom	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	*** The Day After Tomorrow '04	Jake Gyllenhaal, Ian Holm, Dennis Quaid.		
44	COM	(44) The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Drunk History	Drunk History	Drunk History	Drunk History	Drunk History	Drunk History	The Daily Show (N)	The Opposition (N)
45	HIST	(45) Forged in Fire "The Zweihander"		Forged in Fire "The Schiavona"		Forged in Fire "The Lion Spear" (N)		Forged in Fire "The Kelewang" (N)		(:05) Hunting "Casualties of War" (N)	(:05) Forged in Fire "Crusader Sword"		
46	A&E	(46) The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		Intervention "Jackie R." (N)		Marcia Clark Investigates	The First 48		
47	TLC	(47) Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Our Wild Life "Love Triangle"		Little People "A Lot to Think About" (N)		Little People, Big World (N)		(:05) Our Wild Life "Empty Nest" (N)	(:05) Little People, Big World (N)		
48	DISC	(48) Deadliest Catch "Clash of Kings"		Deadliest Catch "Becoming Captain"		Deadliest Catch: On Deck (N)		Deadliest Catch "Chasing the Dream"		Exp. Unknown "Nazis in Argentina" (N)	Deadliest Catch "Chasing the Dream"		
49	NGEO	(49) The '90s "Enemy Within"		The '90s "Shock and Awe"		The '90s "Exposed"		The '90s "The Countdown"		Genius "Picasso: Chapter Nine" (N)	Genius "Picasso: Chapter Nine"		
50	TNT	(50) **** The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 2 (2015, Adventure)	Donald Sutherland, Liam Hemsworth, Jennifer Lawrence.			Animal King "The Center Will Hold" (N)		Animal King "The Center Will Hold" (N)		Animal Kingdom "The Center Will Hold"		Claws "Shook"	
51	AMC	(51) (5:00) *** Fantastic Four '05	Jessica Alba, Ioan Gruffudd.	*** I Am Number Four (2011, Action)	Timothy Olyphant, Dianna Agron, Alex Pettyfer.					HUMANS (N)	I Am Number Four '11	Alex Pettyfer.	
52	USA	(52) Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	WWE Super Smackdown				Chrisley Knows (N)	The Cromarties (N)	Modern Family	Modern Family
53	FOOD	(53) Chopped "Greater Tater"		Chopped "Clam Clash"		Chopped "You've Been Canned"		Chopped "Bowled Over" (N)		Chopped "Father's Day"		Chopped "Food Truck Luck"	
54	HGTV	(54) Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper "Rock Star Renovation"		Good Bones (N)		Hidden Poten (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters
56	FX	(56) * Ride Along 2 (2016, Action/Comedy)	Kevin Hart, Tika Sumpter, Ice Cube.			* Daddy's Home (2015, Comedy)	Mark Wahlberg, Linda Cardellini, Will Ferrell.			Legion "Chapter 19" (N)		Legion "Chapter 19"	
57	CNN	(57) Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	
58	FNC	(58) Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night		Tucker Carlson Tonight		Hannity		The Ingraham Angle	
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank		The Profit "TankFarm and Co." (N)				Shark Tank		The Profit "TankFarm and Co."		Paid Program	
63	BRV	(63) (5:30) Million Dollar	Real Housewives	Below Deck "Bad Vibrations"		Below Deck "Demand and Supply"		Below "Can I Get Fries with That?" (N)		Million Dollar List (SP) (N)		(15) Meet Me in St. Louis	Judy Garland.
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) On the Town '49	Gene Kelly.	** Cabin in the Sky (1943, Musical)	Eddie Anderson, Lena Horne, Ethel Waters.			**** Strike Up the Band '40	Mickey Rooney, Paul Whiteman, Judy Garland.			(15) Meet Me in St. Louis	Judy Garland.
65	SYFY	(65) (4:00) Knowing	** National Treasure: Book of Secrets (2007, Adventure)	Jon Voight, Ed Harris, Nicolas Cage.		Face Off "Moonlight Monsters" (N)		Futurama Pt. 1 of 4	Futurama Pt. 2 of 4	Futurama Pt. 3 of 4	Futurama Pt. 4 of 4		
162	RFD	(162) (5:30) Cattleman (N)	Women's Rodeo	Downunder Horseman.		Chris Cox	Rural Eve. News	Ag PhD	Cattlemen to Cattlemen	Women's Rodeo		Product Showcase	

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