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## Reveille Ciderworks expands wholesale, pauses retail

New distribution agreement with Fort George Brewery

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Reveille Ciderworks is pausing development of a new taproom and theater as it expands its wholesale business with the help of a state grant and a new distribution agreement with Fort George Brewery.

Reveille opened a small taproom and cidery along Duane Street next to Reach Break Brewing two years ago. Founder Jeremy Towsey-French said the cidery has grown quickly. In April, he announced a new taproom, restaurant and theater in the corner suite of the Norblad Building. His original space would fill up with more tanks and convert mostly to production.

The expansion announcement brought Reveille to the attention of Business Oregon, an economic development agency, which reached out and offered a \$37,500 grant through its small manufacturing business expansion program. Nathan Buehler, a spokesman for the agency, said the program is an effort to help small businesses that need a bump to expand.

Reveille promised to expand production over the next two years with new equipment for fermentation, conditioning, pasteurization and packaging, while creating the equivalent of at least one full-time job. If it doesn't, the grant becomes a loan.

Towsey-French expects to create the equivalent of three or four new jobs. The expansion will allow Reveille to up the production of its most popular ciders and introduce new seasonal, nonalcoholic ciders he hopes to start serving by Christmas.

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## McIntosh is the new presiding judge

Moves into role after Brownhill's retirement

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Judge Dawn McIntosh is the new presiding judge at Clatsop County Circuit Court.

McIntosh moved up to Courtroom 300 over the weekend, which was previously held by Paula Brownhill, who retired at the end of October after 25 years on the bench.

"It's bittersweet coming up here because I love the courtroom, I love the view, but I would have stayed in the basement forever if I could have kept her around," McIntosh said. "But she earned it, she worked so hard for 25 years."

As presiding judge, McIntosh will take on additional administrative duties, including supervising the new trial court administrator, Julie Vredevel.

Among her priorities are to continue Brownhill's work in meeting the Oregon Supreme Court standards for timely dispositions of cases.

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Roger Warren, left, and Tod Jones pose for a photo inside their Redd Zone hatchery.

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## INSTANT HATCHERY THE FIRST OF ITS KIND

Built inside a shipping container

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From the outside, the shipping container might not look like anything special. But inside, more than 5 million chum salmon eggs will incubate and hatch next year.

This is the vision of Tod Jones and Roger Warren, owners of Redd Zone LLC and creators of the first instant hatchery of this kind. They handed over the keys to the portable hatchery to representatives of the Skokomish Indian Tribe of Washington state in late October.

Jones said he and Warren designed the hatchery to grow healthy, high-quality fish without handling them. A controlled amount of water can flow in and out of the incubators, and when the fish are ready to leave they can swim or be flushed out of the shipping container safely, without the human touch.



The hatchery was built inside a shipping container.

"It takes so much labor out of it and you don't have to handle the fish," Jones said. "That's one of the big problems at most hatcheries, the owners handle their fry and those stressors

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## Former homeless vet donates pottery to shelter



David Cornes has donated his pottery to a silent auction supporting the Astoria Warming Center.

Giving back through art

By EDWARD STRATTON  
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Hamlet native David Cornes found himself out of work and a home a decade ago in Colorado's Vail Valley. After living in a motor home at rest stops and pullouts, he eventually found some stability with the help of a nearby homeless shelter.

Now back home, Cornes wants to give back, donating his pottery to a silent auction supporting the Astoria Warming Center during this month's Second Saturday Art Walk. The shelter starts operating again Nov. 15 in the basement of

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First United Methodist Church. Cornes, 47, first started studying pottery at Seaside High School and joined the U.S. Army after graduating. He became a heavy equipment operator, serving over the next decade in Kentucky, Germany, Colorado and in the Reserve at Camp Rilea Armed Forces Training Center in Warrenton.

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