



Photo by Kirby Neumann-Rea

IDLEWILDE MARKET, Fourth and Cascade, will change hands May 1 and Logsdon will take over the space, according to owner Nina Buckley.

County curbs Logsdon brewery barn expansion

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The Hood River County Planning Commission voted at a hearing Wednesday to limit Logsdon Farmhouse Ales' public expansions. The commission plans to bar the rural Odell area brewery from expanding its barn facility and conducting public tours and beer tastings.

hibiting onsite retail sales of beer or merchandise.

According to a staff report, the planning department was concerned that Logsdon's expansions would cause the brewery to "(morph) into more of an industrial use instead of remaining an incidental component of the applicant's farm."

The brewery produces less than 100,000 gallons of beer per year in keeping with its and use agreement. Logsdon's non-brewing farm operations are small: five head of cattle, a small hop yard and about 90 cherry trees.

The staff added the condition that further violations would result in the planning department revoking Logsdon's permit entirely.

"It's one of these conditions that goes without saying," said Eric Walker, Hood River County Planning Department Principal Planner.

The county first became aware of the retail aspects of the Logsdon operation when an adjacent property owner filed a complaint. At the time, they had no full-time staff member devoted to land use code enforcement.

The county planning department has been without an official code enforcement officer for several months. The planning department first created a co-compliance enforcement position last October, but its former officer took another job in the private industry several months later, Walker said.

The planning department will put its decision to limit Logsdon's land use into writing. During a 15-day period, there will be time for appeals, which could lead to further county hearings.

Logsdon said he planned to keep negotiating with the county.

"I feel optimistic about it," said Logsdon. "Appeal options are possible."

Logsdon is currently expanding its public operations downtown instead of the more restricted barn site. In March, Dave Logsdon purchased Knead Bakery with potential plans to create a tap house at that spot.

Hood River City Recorder Jennifer Gray said the city has received an application for a second location of Logsdon Brewery. The application requests authorization from the Oregon Liquor Control Commission to conduct business at the former Idlewild Market location. The application will be presented to the Hood River City Council Monday.



Dave Logsdon and Judith Bams

Brewery owner David Logsdon requested to modify the terms of his original land use agreement in order to expand his barn facility and to allow public tours. Hood River Planning Department Executive Director John Roberts said the commission planned to allow the recent minor expansions Logsdon had made, but would deny further expansions or public and industry tours.

"The (commission) wants to curb the sort of retail and industry aspects that are not related to barn use," said Roberts. The brewery is located on Neal Creek Road about a mile east of Highway 35.

According to the planning department's staff report, Logsdon had already constructed two minor building expansions to the barn without county authorization. These two additions include a covered open storage area and a 16 foot by 16 foot storage room that served as a tasting room and merchandise store.

The staff has allowed these two buildings because they were "in keeping with original design of the barn and the general rural character of the area."

Logsdon was originally issued a conditional use permit by the commission in 2010 for a small organic brewery, under the condition that the brewery didn't expand, that its hours were limited to Monday through Friday, its staff included only the owner and one additional employee, and pro-

Look beyond 'easy solutions' on climate

In Wednesday talk, former Federal official says 'what's really needed is carbon pricing'

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A crowd of about 60 gathered at Springhouse Cellars to hear former White House staffer Dr. Johannes Loschnigg speak about climate change, common misconceptions and steps residents can take to brace themselves for the global shift.

"Politics of Climate Change in Washington D.C." was Loschnigg's topic. The event was a fundraiser by the Hood River County Education Foundation, with donations requested at the door. Bringing Loschnigg to speak in

Hood River was a combined effort of the foundation and environmental groups Mt. Hood Meadows, Go! Gorge Owned and Friends of the Columbia Gorge.

Despite the figurative and literal heat of the topic of climate change, the audience at Springhouse Cellars was calm and attentive during Loschnigg's speech. The former national policy advisor sipped a craft beer and joked about the Netflix series "House of Cards" inaccurately portraying Congress before diving into his talk.

Loschnigg's essential argument was that national conversations about climate change have been murky and misguided, more focused on confusion over the scientific veracity of global warming than on the actions U.S. citizens can take to best reduce

their carbon footprint.

"It's extremely likely that human influence has been the dominate cause of the observed warming since the mid-20th century," said Loschnigg, summarizing an array of studies he showed on a projector.

Loschnigg said over the last two decades Americans have become more concerned about the climate shift. According to a New York Times survey published in January 2015, 83 percent of Americans, including 61 percent of Republicans and 86 percent of independents, say that if nothing is done to reduce emissions, global warming will be a very or somewhat serious problem in the future.

Loschnigg said government action to combat climate change is only popular for "easily solutions." These in-

clude subsidies to green energy initiatives such as wind or solar, or giving tax breaks to industries with sustainable practices. However, Loschnigg said the public will rarely stand behind taxes on coal or oil, which could make a bigger impact on climate change.

"Actually what is really required is a price on carbon," Loschnigg said.

Loschnigg served as senior policy analyst at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy from 2009 to 2013. As part of the Environment and Energy Division, he helped develop federal policy for renewable energy, climate change, aerospace and earth satellite observations.

Previously, he was staff director for the Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics of the Committee on Science in the U.S. House of Representatives, overseeing NASA and U.S. civil space programs.



Johannes Loschnigg

Climate Action Network plans Earth Day events

Columbia Gorge Climate Action Network (CGCAN) is coordinating a series of Earth Day events on Saturday, April 25 in Hood River to celebrate and connect Columbia Gorge residents around Earth awareness. The morning will start at the Hood River Waterfront Park near the playground area at 9:30 a.m. with a welcome and gathering circle. Following this will be a riverside clean up along the banks of the Hood River under the direction of Columbia Riverkeeper from 10

a.m. to noon. All are invited to meet at the Hood River Spit parking area with gloves in hand.

At 11 a.m. at the Hood River Waterfront Park playground, the Mama Bears (MamaBearProject.com) will focus a Procession of the Species in costume or in the spirit of a being you are drawn to represent. This is an activity where even younger children can join everyone in the awareness of our responsibility to steward the planet for all beings. This will transition

to a parade lead by the Hood River Valley High School Climate Club at noon that will journey from the playground area through Hood River to the Riverside United Church of Christ at 4th and State Streets. All are welcome to join in.

Lunch will be served for participants at 12:30 p.m. at the church, and materials from Earth centered businesses and organizations will be available to connect people with ongoing ways to be involved in our local

community.

At 2 p.m., photographer and naturalist Darryl Lloyd will share a remarkable collection of photos and stories about climate effects on Mt. Adams and Mt. Hood. Following this, wildlife biologist Bill Weiler will present "Global Warming in the Gorge: Potential Impacts to Fish and Wildlife, and Hopeful Solutions." Earth inspired activities for children will be provided by Generation Earth during these afternoon programs.

Local committee to develop four year plan for improving dental health of children

A committee of community members will be meeting over the next six months to create a four year plan to improve children's dental health in Hood River and Wasco counties. A key component of the plan will be a school-based dental health program for underserved elementary and middle school children.

One Community Health is leading the effort, thanks to a planning grant provided by the Children's Dental Health Initiative Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation.

Other contributors include Adec, Kaiser Permanente, Meyer Memorial Trust, Northwest Health Foundation and Providence Health and Services. The Children's Dental Health Initiative is funding school-based children's dental health programs throughout Oregon over the next five years.

Once the committee finalizes its plan, One Community Health and its partners will be eligible to apply for four years of funding to implement it. One Community Health is a

non-profit, community and migrant health center. OCH's mission is to "advance health and social justice for all members of our community."

"This is an exciting opportunity to improve the dental health of children in Hood River and Wasco counties," said Dave Edwards, One Community Health CEO. "Too many local children are not receiving proper dental care. Tooth decay is the most common chronic disease of school-age children, and at OCH we regularly see chil-

dren with complicated, painful dental problems that could have been easily prevented with proper, timely dental care.

"We invite any local community members — particularly educators and dental health professionals — who are interested in helping with this planning effort to get in touch," Edwards said.

Those interested in participating or learning more may contact Ronda Snyder at 541-386-6380.

'Pair it Forward': local youth collect used shoes

Attention anyone with a closet: Those shoes you no longer want are desperately needed to help fight global poverty.

That's the message being delivered by Hood River Valley Leos Club, which has launched a drive to help Soles4Souls reach their goal of collecting one million pairs of shoes in their Pair It Forward campaign.

(Note: at least one set of local parents is looking forward to having their garage back after the steady pile-up of donated shoes courtesy of their daughter, a Leos member.)

The campaign is aimed at diverting used shoes away from landfills and toward creating a source of revenue for micro-entrepreneurs in developing nations. Used and new shoes can be dropped off at select locations listed below any-

time between April 1 and April 14. The shoes collected will be delivered to Soles4Souls, an international anti-poverty organization that monetizes used shoes to create sustainable jobs and fund direct relief efforts.

Bring your donations of used shoes to Westside and May Street elementary schools, Wy'east and Hood River middle schools, Mosier Community School, Bright Beginnings, HRVHS, Doug's, Columbia River Insurance, Shortt Supply, and The Next Door.

"Our Leos club is supporting Soles4Souls because it is the definition of a social enterprise where solid business practices are used to create positive change in people's lives," said Leo Claire Davies. "We hope to take a big step in providing the organization with shoes they require to

keep making a difference for people in need."

Soles4Souls — which holds the highest rating from non-profit watchdog Charity Navigator — contributes to environmental sustainability. Americans alone throw away 3.8 billion pounds of unnecessary waste per year. The EPA estimates that only 15 percent is said to be donated or recycled. Soles4Souls diverts new and gently used shoes and clothing away from landfills and repurposes them.

The Leos' club's best-known community project is the bottle and can collection events each month on the first Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the west

side of Rosauers parking on the Heights in Hood River. Bring your clean containers and youths and other volunteers will sort them for recycling. They then turn over the revenues from the container deposits to a different local charity each month. The program is now in its sixth year.

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HRVHS Cheerleading program holds mandatory tryout meeting April 16

Anyone interested in trying out for cheerleading at HRVHS for the 2015-16 season is required to attend an informational meeting Thursday, April 16 at 7 p.m. in the HRVHS library.

Anyone hoping to cheer in the fall and/or winter must attend this meeting with one of their parents in order to be eligible to tryout, including current eighth graders. Tryouts will be held the following week from April

21-24.

For details, contact LisaAnn Kawachi at 541-490-0338 or email lisakawachi@yahoo.com.

Students 7-14 are invited to Sunday's cheerleading clinic at HRVHS, 1 to 4 p.m., taught by two juniors on cheer squad, for their Extended Application project.

Cost is \$10, with all funds going to HRVHS cheerleading. Learn dance, chants,

motions, jumps and crowd-working tips.

For details call Kelsey at 541-399-6634 or Skylar at 490-7441. The camp is recommended for any eighth-grader planning to try out for fall squad.

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