

# 'Life is too short to drink lousy beer'

West Valley Taphouse, now open in downtown Dallas, offers vast variety of beer, wine, cider, soda

By Jolene Guzman  
The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — Sam Dufner has catalogued reviews on more than 600 beers on beer-centric the social media app "Untappd."

To say he's a "beer connoisseur" isn't adequate, but that may be the best description for his enthusiasm for the potent potable.

Dufner, who operates West Valley Taphouse on Main Street in Dallas with his wife, Suzanne, has managed to narrow down those 600 beers to a few dozen favorites, which he offers customers at the recently opened establishment.

West Valley has 63 taps: 30 for beer, 20 for wine, six for hard cider, four for kombucha (fermented tea), and three offering "craft" sodas.

The taphouse offers a full food menu and minors are welcome.

Wines on tap are all local and poured on a system that allows West Valley to feature bottled wine, not just kegs.

Dufner said that gives him the opportunity to offer local vineyards' premium wines.

West Valley is located in the former Toga Sushi Bar restaurant space on Main Street. The couple decided to open

## Brews on tap

**What:** West Valley Taphouse.  
**Where:** 957 Main St., Dallas.  
**Hours:** 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
**Contact:** 503-420-4277.  
**Of note:** 63 taps feature beer, wine, cider, soda and kombucha.

the taphouse for two reasons. The first was market-driven.

"We've frequented tap houses in other places and Dallas just needed one," Dufner said.

The second relates to a longer term goal: opening a commercial cider operation. They have been waiting for their apple orchards to mature before making their own ciders to sell at West Valley.

As far as market share in the craft brew industry, cider trails beer significantly, but is growing at a rapid rate. In fact, including those available in bottles at West Valley, ciders rival beers.

Dufner stocks 30 more ciders, many from other countries, for customers to try. He estimates that cider accounts for about 20 percent of West Valley's sales.



JOLENE GUZMAN/Itemizer-Observer

Taphouse employee Kyle Dodds pours a beer for a customer on Friday night. Most of the 30 beers on tap are favorites of co-owner Sam Dufner. Wine, hard cider, soda, kombucha and a full menu also are offered at West Valley Taphouse.

He said soon they would like to host wine and cider tastings on weekends.

"We will have people saying, 'I've never had a cider from England. What does that taste like?'" Dufner said.

Tasting events will give people a chance to try ciders without taking a risk on an entire bottle.

So what is Dufner's favorite brew on tap? He can't name just one beer or cider, so you will have to settle for his top three. Like any beer connoisseur worthy of the title, even that depends on his mood.

But here's betting he can find one to your liking — even if you prefer non-craft brews. Just so you know, West Valley does offer a limited number of beers of the macro variety.

Be warned, with the establishment's motto being, "Life



JOLENE GUZMAN/Itemizer-Observer

Co-owner Sam Dufner hopes to sell his own cider soon, to be made on a local farm.

is too short to drink lousy beer," anyone ordering big-name bottles will have to deal with some teasing.

Dufner said he's open to customer suggestions for rotations to the tap list — a few are already featured —

but will continue his own diligent research. "Too many beers, not enough time," he said.

## Gene's Meat Market

- 10 lbs Lean Ground Beef
- 3 lbs English Beef Roast
- 5 lbs Top Round Steaks
- 4 lbs Tri-Tip Marinated Roast
- 4 lbs Pork Country Style Ribs
- 6 lbs Pork Chops (Center-Cut)
- 6 lbs Whole Frying Chickens
- 2 lbs Boneless Chicken Breast
- 2 lbs Bacon — Gene's Homemade!

42 lb. Family Package

Special Price  
\$256.95

503-859-2252

21991 Fern Ridge Rd SE, Mehama  
Like us on [www.facebook.com/GenesMeatMarket](http://www.facebook.com/GenesMeatMarket)



Wishing you a Merry Christmas...

Barb Mylnchuk Ins Agency Inc  
Barb Mylnchuk, Agent  
1697 Monmouth St  
Independence, OR 97351  
Bus: 503-606-0066

and a joyous New Year.  
May the joy of the season make all your wishes come true.  
Like a good neighbor, State Farm is there.  
CALL ME TODAY.



1101447.1 State Farm, Home Office, Bloomington, IL



DALLAS OREGON

Providing holiday meals to Dallas-area families in need for more than 50 years

Put Christmas Cheer on your giving list this year!

Make checks to: **Christmas Cheer**  
PO Box 661  
Dallas, OR 97338

Do you or someone you know need a little help? Ask for an application or go to our website to apply: [www.dallasc.org](http://www.dallasc.org)

All volunteers are encouraged to bring canned goods when coming to help sort, shop & deliver food boxes on Christmas Eve at 6 am, Thursday, Dec. 24th at LaCreole Middle School

More information: 503-623-3585  
Coordinators: Warren & Sue Lamb  
— 5013C — Non-Profit Organization

Follow us on Facebook & Twitter

## Chemeketa Dallas Center

Right where you are—for where you are going



Enroll now. Winter classes begin January 4.

We offer:

- Lower division college transfer
- Business technology courses
- Student support services
- Classes at Chemeketa Dallas Center and Central HS in Independence

Take the first step. Call 503.623.5567 for information on getting started, placement testing and advising.

1340 SE Holman Ave. • 503.623.5567



SERVING POLK COUNTY

## McMinnville RV Sales & Consignment

A Pleasant Place to Buy or Sell Your RV 503-435-1115



Now Accepting Consignments!

CALL TODAY FOR A NO-CHARGE EVALUATION.

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK!  
Mon-Fri 9-6 • Sat 9-5  
Sun 10-4

Rick 503-437-5398



Ruben 503-915-2080

4075 NE Three Mile Lane, McMinnville, OR

[www.macrvsales.com](http://www.macrvsales.com) Next to the Spruce Goose Aviation Museum [macrvsales@gmail.com](mailto:macrvsales@gmail.com)

## INDEPENDENCE CINEMA 8

450 S. 2nd St., Independence  
Showtimes 503-606-3000  
[www.IndependenceCinema8.com](http://www.IndependenceCinema8.com)

Matinees are all shows before 6pm. New pricing for matinees are: Adult \$7.25 Children \$6.75 Senior \$7.00 Pricing does not reflect 3D showings.

Friday, Saturday & Sunday Dec 11 - Dec 13

THE NIGHT BEFORE (Digital) (R)	(12:15 2:40 5:05)	7:30 9:55*
KRAMPUS (Digital) (PG13)	(12:10 2:35 5:00)	7:25 9:45*
THE GOOD DINOSAUR (Digital 2D) (PG)	(12:00 2:20 4:45)	7:10 9:30*
IN THE HEART OF THE SEA (Digital 2D) (PG13)	(1:50)	7:20
IN THE HEART OF THE SEA (NEC DOLBY 3D) (PG13)	(4:35)	10:00*
HUNGER GAMES		
MOCKINGJAY PART 2 (PG13) (Digital)	(1:00 4:00)	7:00 9:55*
SPECTRE (Digital) (PG13)	(12:20 3:35)	6:50 10:00*
SECRET IN THEIR EYES (Digital) (PG13)	(11:45 2:15 4:45)	7:15 9:40*
CREED (Digital) (PG13)	(1:10 4:10)	7:35 10:05*

Monday & Wednesday Dec 14 & Dec 16

THE NIGHT BEFORE (Digital) (R)	(2:40 5:05)	7:30
KRAMPUS (Digital) (PG13)	(2:35 5:00)	7:25
THE GOOD DINOSAUR (Digital 2D) (PG)	(2:20 4:45)	7:10
IN THE HEART OF THE SEA (Digital 2D) (PG13)	(1:50)	7:20
IN THE HEART OF THE SEA (NEC DOLBY 3D) (PG13)	(4:35)	
HUNGER GAMES		
MOCKINGJAY PART 2 (PG13) (Digital)	(1:00 4:00)	7:00
SPECTRE (Digital) (PG13)	(3:35)	6:50
SECRET IN THEIR EYES (Digital) (PG13)	(2:15 4:45)	7:15
CREED (Digital) (PG13)	(1:10 4:10)	7:35

Thursday Dec 17

IN THE HEART OF THE SEA (Digital 2D) (PG13)	(1:50)	7:20
IN THE HEART OF THE SEA (NEC DOLBY 3D) (PG13)	(4:35)	10:00
SPECTRE (Digital) (PG13)	(3:35)	6:50
STAR WARS: THE FORCE AWAKENS (Digital 2D) (PG13)	(7:00)	10:10
STAR WARS: THE FORCE AWAKENS (NEC Dolby 3D) (PG13)	(7:00)	10:10
CREED (Digital) (PG13)	(1:10 4:10)	7:35
SECRET IN THEIR EYES (Digital) (PG13)	(2:15 4:45)	7:15
HUNGER GAMES		
MOCKINGJAY PART 2 (PG13) (Digital)	(1:00 4:00)	7:00 9:55
KRAMPUS (Digital) (PG13)	(2:35 5:00)	7:25 9:45
THE GOOD DINOSAUR (Digital 2D) (PG)	(2:20 4:45)	7:10 9:30

Star Wars tickets can be pre-purchased online or at cinema.

## It's not like him.

I found Dad's remote in the fridge again. ...I'm beginning to get worried.

We can help.

Call us with questions about aging and Alzheimers.

1-855-ORE-ADRC  
HelpForAlz.org



## Sudoku solution

3	7	4	8	6	2	1	5	9
5	2	8	1	9	7	4	6	3
1	9	6	5	4	3	8	7	2
7	5	2	6	3	4	9	1	8
4	1	9	2	7	8	6	3	5
6	8	3	9	1	5	7	2	4
9	6	5	3	8	1	2	4	7
8	3	7	4	2	6	5	9	1
2	4	1	7	5	9	3	8	6



COME ENJOY SOME EXCITING BASKETBALL THIS SEASON WITH YOUR WESTERN OREGON MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TEAMS. THE MEN'S TEAM IS RANKED IN THE NCAA DIVISION II TOP 25!

SEASON TICKET PRICE PER TEAM: \$60  
SEASON COMBO PRICE FOR BOTH TEAMS: \$100

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:  
503-838-8917

OR VISIT  
[WOUWOLVES.COM/WOUTICKETS](http://WOUWOLVES.COM/WOUTICKETS)

GO WOLVES!