

Special brews celebrate ag

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BAKER CITY — When Tyler Brown was asked to brew a beer with Oregon-specific ingredients, he knew it wouldn't be a stretch for his brewers.

"It was easy for us — we already make a lot of beers with Oregon ingredients," said Brown, owner of Barley Brown's Brewpub in Baker City.

The new beer was brewed as part of a campaign to celebrate Oregon agriculture. Called Cheers to the Land, it's a project of the Oregon Agricultural Trust, a nonprofit land trust that protects agricultural land from development.

Nine breweries across the state have developed limited-edition beers for the campaign.

Some, like the pale ale at Barley's, will be available only on draft.

Brown said they made only 40 kegs.

"It's a one-time-only beer. It turned out phenomenal," he said.

Eli Dickison, Barley Brown's head brewer, created the recipe. The beer is a 6.5% alcohol IPA that is described as "bright golden in color and has flavors and aromas of tropical fruit, citrus, with a hint of cherry."

Barley's India pale ale was brewed with barley grown in Enterprise and malted at Gold Rush Malt in Baker City, along with Mosaic and Citra hops from B&D Farms in St. Paul and a blend of other Northwest hops.

All nine of the limited edition beers will be labeled "Cheers to the Land."

Six of the beers will be packaged in four-packs and distributed in specialty grocery stores.

All breweries will donate a portion of sales to the Oregon Agricultural Trust.

"Breweries in Oregon have a huge following, and we tend to be very involved in our community," Brown said. "This one made sense — we definitely have a massive tie to the farming and agriculture industry."

Special events

The Oregon Agricultural Trust will host special events at each brewery during October.

A meet-and-greet is planned for Tuesday, Oct. 18, at Barley Brown's brewpub and taproom from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The evening will feature Oregon-sourced food specials but, again, Brown said that's standard for the pub's menu items, such as serving Country Natural Beef.

For a full schedule of all the special



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Add Collard talks about how Barley Brown's depends on agriculture for ingredients used in the brewpub's craft beers.



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Nine Oregon breweries, including Barley Brown's in Baker City, brewed special beers for Cheers to the Land, a project of the Oregon Agricultural Trust, a nonprofit land trust that protects agricultural land from development.

events, visit www.cheerstotheland.com/events.

Those close to Loyal Legion locations can find all nine beers during tap takeovers Oct. 14 at the Portland location, and Oct. 15 in Beaverton.

"One of the major reasons we have some of the best beer in the world is because Oregon has such fertile farmland," said Nellie McAdams, Oregon Agricultural Trust executive director. "Our farmers grow 5% of all the hops in the world and we have some of the best soil on the planet. But you can't unpave farmland; once it's gone it's gone. So Cheers to the Land both celebrates our farmland and raises awareness about the importance of protecting it for agriculture, forever."

Participating breweries

- Barley Brown's (Baker City): Pale ale. Draft only.
- Block 15 Brewing (Corvallis): West Coast India Pale Ale featuring Gold Rush Malt from Baker City and Zappa and Comet hops, both grown at Crosby Hop Farm in Woodburn. Cans and draft.
- Gorges Beer Co. (Cascade Locks): Golden Ale fermented on 120 pounds of apricots from an orchard in The Dalles.

Aged for two months till perfection. Limited edition crowlers and draft.

- Falling Sky Brewing (Eugene): Cascadian dark ale with Oregon-harvested spruce tips, Salmon-Safe malt from Goschie Farms in Silverton, and Salmon-Safe hops from Crosby Hop Farm in Woodburn. Cans and draft.

- Ferment Brewing (Hood River): Hopy pale ale brewed with Mecca Grade malts from Madras, oats, and hops grown on Oregon trellises. Cans and draft.

- Fort George Brewing (Astoria): Double India Pale Ale utilizing Salmon-Safe hops and grain. Cans and draft.

- ForeLand Beer Co. (Portland): Dry-hopped Pacific Northwest lager with Salmon-Safe Lorien and Sterling hops, and Oregon-grown Salmon-Safe malt from Mainstem Malt. Cans and draft.

- Pelican Brewing (Cannon Beach): A 503 Pale Ale with ingredients grown entirely on Goschie Farms — Pilsner Wintmalt and Willamette, Fuggle and Santiam hops. Draft only.

- Wolves & People Farmhouse Brewery (Newberg): Mixed culture rye pale ale made with Oregon-grown Mecca Grade malt, aged in casks with Willamette Valley Robada apricots. Cans and draft.

Knight gives \$1M to Drazan campaign

By GARY A. WARNER
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SALEM — Nike co-founder Phil Knight is hedging his bet on the outcome of the Oregon governor's race, giving \$1 million on Thursday, Oct. 6, to Republican Christine Drazan.

The move comes after Knight has given unaffiliated candidate Betsy Johnson \$3.75 million, the largest contribution total of his long involvement in Oregon political races.

Knight's dual contributions to the two candidates helped push total fundraising for the governor's race to over \$45 million, a record for a campaign for an Oregon political office.

Knight's ultimate goal is to defeat Tina Kotek — he's given \$4.75 million to date to candidates opposing the Democratic nominee. The change in tactics comes amid a flurry of polls and forecasts that show Drazan as neck-and-neck in the campaign with Kotek.

Polls issued over the past week by the Oregonian newspaper and Emerson College, along with forecasts by FiveThirtyEight and the Center for Politics at the University of Virginia, also shared a common theme: Johnson's insurgent campaign was drawing less than 20% of voters.

The three-way race for governor has blown past the record for fundraising set four years ago, with millions more likely to flow to campaign coffers in the month left until the Nov. 8 election.

Knight gave \$2 million to Johnson, the unaffiliated candidate for governor, on Sept. 1. It was the biggest splash in a cascade of cash that also went to Kotek and Drazan.

As of Thursday afternoon, the constantly shifting totals of campaign contributions showed just over \$45 million had been raised for the 2022 race since Jan. 1, 2021.

The previous record for an Oregon governor's race was set in 2018, when incumbent Gov.

Kate Brown defeated the Republican challenger, former Rep. Knute Buehler, R-Bend. The final tab on the race hit \$40 million.

As in 2018, the biggest wallet in the race has been Knight's. He backed Buehler in 2018.



Knight

Buehler left the Republican party and is now supporting Johnson.

Knight had also backed Johnson over Drazan, until Thursday afternoon's \$1 million drop into Drazan's account. Johnson —

and now Drazan — have benefited from the continued support of Knight, 84, the richest person in Oregon, according to the Bloomberg News Service, with an estimated worth of \$35.7 billion. He is ranked as the 29th richest person in the world.

The Beaverton billionaire has tumbled down the rankings over the past two years as the stock of Nike has taken a beating due to the downturn in sales during COVID-19.

Bloomberg says Knight and his family were worth \$65.1 billion in late November 2021, and \$42.5 billion as recently as mid-September. Knight's wealth is largely tied to Nike. Nike's portfolio includes the Converse and Jordan sportswear brands.

The 2022 totals do not include third-party spending for negative ads, which has been a major feature of the 2022 campaign as digital advertising has taken in a larger portion of political money than in previous years.

The September contribution by Knight to Johnson was the largest of 14 individual contributions of over \$250,000 reported by the three candidates for governor over the past month.

The full scope of money piling up in the campaign coffers of the trio only fully emerged in the past few days. As of Sept. 27, Oregon election law requires campaigns to transition to a shorter deadline for reporting money raised and spent. Previously, campaigns could wait 30 days to tell the Secretary of State about money coming in and going out.

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