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When Rockne Van Meter
 Brewmaster at Bastone, began brewing in his apartment in 2001 and has since won awards for his beers.
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Pilsner pride: Bastone brewmaster brings awards
 By Nathan Skid

When Rockne Van Meter began brewing beer in 2001, he had a rudimentary operation of pulleys, glass jars and stock pots whirling through his apartment -- more of a mad scientist's laboratory than a brewery.

Van Meter never imagined that he would one day enter his brews into some of the world's largest competitions, beating some of the world's biggest brands.

Last month, Van Meter, 33, entered his Münchner Dunkel at the nation's largest beer contest, the **Great American Beer**

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