

Pier 303 to offer fresh seafood to county



By Bill Bradshaw

Enterprise couple to open restaurant this summer

ENTERPRISE — Wallowa County will soon have its own pier from which fresh seafood can be shipped to local seafood lovers, as Pier 303 Seafood Market gets ready to open.

“We called it Pier 303 because we’re trying to connect the ocean to the mountains, so that’s where the idea of the pier came in, and 303 is the address,” co-owner Mac Freeborn said.

Pier 303, set to open in mid- to late-summer adjacent to their home on Garfield Street in Enterprise, will provide both fresh — for home cooking — and prepared seafood to customers, as well as beer and wine to either consume on-premises or to take out, he said. Freeborn recently received approval for a liquor license from the Enterprise City Council.

Mac is the manager of Wallowa Lake State Park and wife, Zuly, works from home for Edward Jones Investments. They’re still considering whether to step away from those jobs as Pier 303 takes shape.

As for getting freshly harvested seafood to Wal-



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Zuly and Mac Freeborn stand with their dog, Coda, outside what will become Pier 303 Seafood Market on Garfield Street in Enterprise on Thursday, May 20, 2021. They hope to open by mid- to late-summer and bring fresh seafood to Wallowa County from the coast.

lowa County, it’s not as simple as casting a net or reeling in a line. It will have to be shipped.

“We have several different vendors,” Mac said. “One of our oyster vendors ships within 24 hours (of harvest), which is a really good thing. ... Those come out of Washington (state). We’re working on some other vendors to try to do things. One of our goals is to make trips to Newport and

pick up the fish on our days off, and then it’ll be fresh.”

He also mentioned a place in Portland that serves as a storage drop-off for fishermen.

“We would just drive to Portland and pick it up,” he said. “We’re still working out those details, but we’re trying to figure out the way to make it the freshest we can.”

They anticipate a wide variety of seafood will be

on hand.

“As much as we can,” Mac said of their potential offerings. “Oysters, razor clams, stinger clams, rockfish, tuna, salmon, lobster, if we can get our hands on an abalone, Dungeness crab, blue crab — we’re still trying to figure out everything.”

Zuly emphasized all species will not always be available.

“The ones that are ‘best

practices’ for catching in season,” she said. “A lot of fish are not always in season, so they’re not always going to be fresh. So (we’ll be) using ‘best practices’ when it comes to catching fish that are in season.”

The Freeborns had hoped to open in early summer, but Mac had shoulder surgery, which delayed work on the place. They have done much of the work themselves, with contractors doing some.

In addition to the seafood, Pier 303 will sell specialty retail items.

“(There will be) small, seafood kitchen items that you wouldn’t find at your local grocery store,” Zuly said.

These will include items with the Pier 303 logo, oyster shuckers, filet knives, seasonings, spices and canned fish.

While initially they’ll be selling fish to go, they also have other plans.

“Eventually, we’ll do special events, like a fish-tacos night and an oysters-on-the-half-shell night and a grilled-oyster night with the thought that we’ll sell beer and wine,” Mac said. “Our focus is to not sell beer and wine that you can find in the county ... that we can provide at a decent cost — we’re not trying to break the bank.”

Some of the prepared items they plan include halibut and ceviche — a raw fish dish cooked in lemon or lime with spices and some vegetables. Some recipes call for cocktail sauce, some just lemon or lime, Mac said.

“Zuly makes a great one with mangoes and cilantro,” he said.

They’re eager to get the doors open to the public, Mac said.

“We want everyone to come in,” he said.

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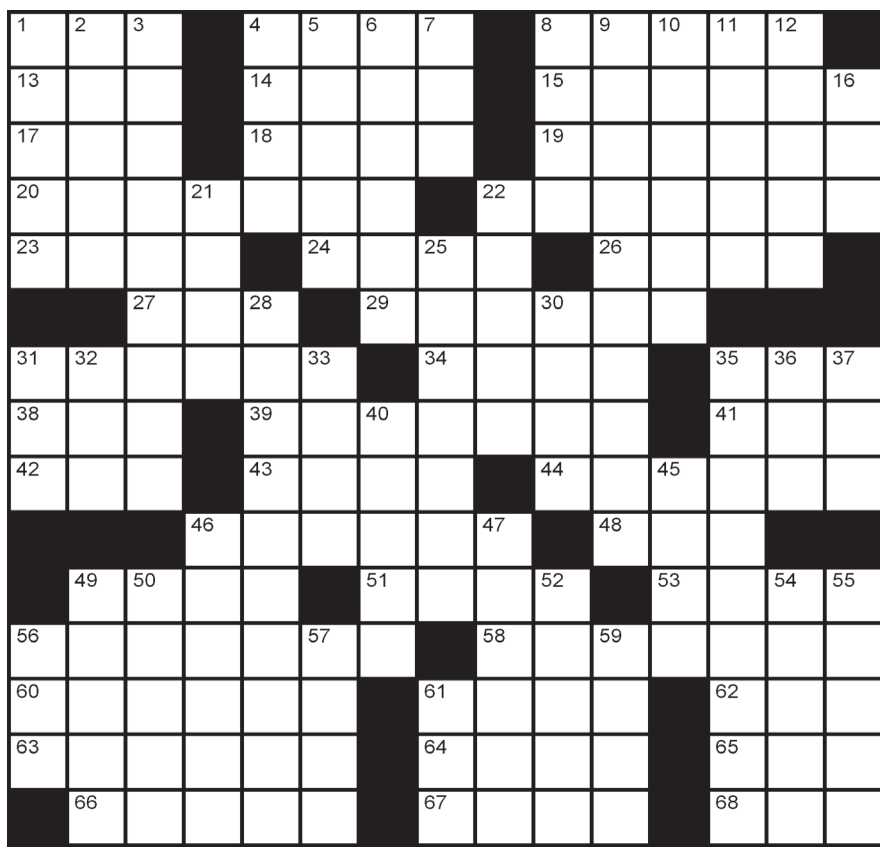


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13. Swim-bike-run race, for short
14. Land in the water?
15. Widen, as pupils
17. Frying medium
18. Caramel-glazed dessert
19. Appends
20. Venison, for one
22. Green gem
23. “Frozen” character with a braid
24. Group of mah-jongg tiles
26. Jack and Jill went up one
27. Peak in Europe
29. Where puppies can exercise
31. Make holy
34. Tapering neckline shapes
35. Popular pooch
38. “___ my pleasure!”
39. Is loudly angry with
41. Make public
42. Black, Red or Yellow
43. Smartphone review site
44. Blood bank donation
46. Greek letters that symbolize angles
48. Stretcher holder: Abbr.
49. Legumes in aloo matar
51. Covered in Charmin, for short
53. “What are the ___?”
56. One may be lined with lockers
58. Silent place to find a volume
60. Darth Vader’s given name
61. Hoagie, outside of Philly
62. Neither here ___ there
63. Dormant
64. First part of a play
65. PC’s “brain”
66. Join the highway
67. “Until next time,” in texts
68. Medium’s power, for short



CLUES DOWN

1. Keep for later
2. The Little Mermaid
3. *Not-too-spicy dip
4. Fiancee, after saying “I do”
5. Muhammad Ali’s faith
6. On the docket
7. Cornish game ___
8. Actor Driver
9. *Gig on top of one’s primary job
10. Buzz who walked on the moon
11. Like the vowels in “uh-uh”
12. Ring of coral
16. Come to a close
21. ___ Madness (shopping board game)
22. Barely beats
25. *Affectionate touch
28. *Relaxing place to sway
30. Bring in the harvest
31. That guy’s
32. Wolfed down
33. Diminish
35. Oscar-winning Donna Summer song, and a hint to the starred answers’ ends
36. Ultimate goal
37. Garment with a band measurement
40. ___ Center (L.A. art venue)
45. Romantic feeling, in Mexico
46. One with a lot to say
47. USDA grade below Choice
49. Old airline
50. Make giddy
52. Like a window that says “wash me”
54. Cuts ties with, as a friend
55. Pancake topping
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