

Couple brings sushi to Wallowa County



By Bill Bradshaw

JOSEPH — Those who enjoyed sushi offered at the Historic Depot on New Year's Eve can relish in it on a regular basis, now that the Dining Car there will offer it five days a week.

"That was just a trial run," Dining Car co-owner Adam Roseberry said. "This is an ongoing thing." He and partner Jenny Augst offer a variety of sushi — mostly rolls — Thursday through Monday from 3-9 p.m. They also cater parties, they said Friday, March 18.

He said they did a "soft start" early this month. "We got our final health inspection a month ago and have been slowly building momentum since then," he said.

He said most of the information on the Dining Car is available on their Facebook page.

What is sushi?

According to japan-guide.com, sushi is the most famous Japanese dish outside of Japan, and one of the most popular dishes among the Japanese. It can be defined as a dish containing rice that has been prepared with sushi vinegar. There are many different types of sushi, most of them heavy in seafood and many coming with various vegetables and dried seaweed.

"Our menu is constantly



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Adam Roseberry, left, torches the top of a sushi roll while Jenny Augst stands ready to cut it Friday, March 18, 2022, at the Dining Car in the Depot north of Joseph. The couple recently started offering sushi to Wallowa County.

evolving," Roseberry said. "The way the fish is, it's going to be seasonal a lot of times, you'll get things that are better than others, different exciting things. Check with us a lot because our menu's ever-growing and ever-changing. Like any good sushi bar, if you're too consistent, you're not finding the cool stuff out there."

Much of their seafood shipped from Portland. They're also waiting on a new fish supplier opening up in Enterprise.

Sushi is often served with wasabi — a Japanese horseradish — and ginger. "For the ones who like it, they really like their wasabi and ginger," Roseberry said.

He's been making sushi for about 15 years and is still learning about it. They tried several different types of wasabi and ginger before settling on their favorite. "We didn't know there was that much variation," he said.

A local touch

Many of the sushi orders reflect a Wallowa County touch.

One they call the Wallowa Roll consists of deep-fried shrimp, avocado, salmon and their special miso ginger sauce. They take a torch to the top to lightly sear the salmon and caramelize the sauce. Another is called the "Big

Wally," named for the legendary monster of Wallowa Lake.

They were created just to serve at the Dining Car.

"We try to give everything cool, local names," Roseberry said. "The Big Wally's named after the monster in the lake, and things like that."

Mostly take-out

While Roseberry does all the sushi and Augst handles the customers, their business is mostly take-out for now.

"We will, eventually, welcome indoor dining," Augst said. "That's something we've been cautious and careful with because

DINING CAR SUSHI AT THE DEPOT

What: The Dining Car, sushi
Where: The Historic Depot, just north of Joseph
Who: Jenny Augst and Adam Roseberry
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just us, but with the coming of the baby, we wanted to be around family."

Roseberry's mother is Leita Barlow, owner of the Depot. His sister Amy works with their mother and another sister, Autumn and her fiancé, Daniel Ziemann, operate Z's BBQ on the premises.

"We visited Leita once a few years ago and fell in love with the beauty of the area," Augst said. "She was always encouraging us to come join the Depot and do our thing with sushi. We found out we were pregnant and didn't like where we were living and didn't want to raise a child there."

They moved here in November.

"We saw an opportunity. We came out in October to feel it out," Augst said. "We took a leap of faith and tried it and so far, we're 100% happy."

So far, the couple is quite content.

"The people here are so nice and welcoming," Augst said. "We've met a lot of couples our age who are starting their families who have kids our kid can grow up with and play with."

Surprises are still to come, especially about the sex of the baby.

"It'll be a surprise," Augst said. "We might have to write it on the chalkboard out there that 'It's a boy,' or 'It's a girl.' Stay tuned."

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Sign up
5. Corp. shuffle
10. Orangutans, e.g.
14. Bone, on an Italian menu
15. Fighting
16. Folk knowledge
17. Hundred-to-one shot, e.g. (In this clue's answer, note the first 3 letters + the last 2)
19. Filet mignon source
20. Empty talk
21. Word after "aisle" or "window"
23. Christmas bulb, briefly
24. Tie in chess
26. "NCIS" actor Murray
28. Trade-___ (certain cars)
31. Bad place to see a fox (... first 2 letters + last 2)
36. "Las Vegas of Asia"
38. Greek X
39. Circle dance
40. Rings around castles
41. Catrall of "Sex and the City"
42. Fanta and Sprite
43. Arrows, to an archer
44. Rock grp. hidden in "free love"
45. Election predictors
46. Wonder Woman's secret identity (... first 2 letters + last 2)
50. Dallas-to-New Orleans dir.
51. King of tragedy
52. "Twist, Lick, Dunk" cookie
54. TikTok star Addison
56. Intentions
59. Give in
63. Off-kilter
65. Avoid elimination, or a hint to 17-, 31- and 46-Across
67. Show of hands, maybe
68. Full of energy
69. Gets an A+ on
70. Anna's sister in "Frozen"
71. Unit of volume
72. Prying

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CLUES DOWN

1. Tease playfully
2. Capital of Norway
3. "That so?"
4. Wanderer
5. Enthusiastic... or a sarcastic laugh backward
6. Greek H
7. Takes responsibility for
8. Drag strip event
9. Pink Ladies' rock musical
10. The whole shebang
11. Foam flotation device
12. Lake that sounds chilling
13. Word by a paper plane icon, in Outlook
18. Unicycle site
22. You may count to it
25. Porch furniture material
27. Sound an allergist hears
28. "Grr!"
29. Osaka of tennis
30. Phishing notifications, e.g.
32. Spicy topping for a hot dog
33. Japan's national dress
34. Spoken exams
35. Out of style
37. Make amends
42. Gettysburg Address, for one
47. Roadside boost org.
48. Like basic instincts
49. Earthen bowl?
53. Humpback's home
54. Great review
55. Deserter's acronym
57. Neighbor of Algeria
58. Funny sketch
60. Danish shoe brand
61. Club payments
62. Amazon Handmade competitor
64. Formal affirmative
66. December 24 or 31



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