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Moo-Duck Brewery ready to open in Elizabethtown

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Moo-Duck Brewery, a new craft microbrewery, is poised to open in Elizabethtown across the parking lot from the Amtrak station.

The 3,200 square-foot-brewery at 79 S. Wilson Ave. has passed its final state inspection but the owners are awaiting the final paperwork — which they expect any day — before they can open their doors to the public.

Moo-Duck will offer eight beers on tap, including four flagship beers: Honey Basil Blonde, Hoppy Toad IPA, Purple Carp Irish Red and Mistopheles Chocolate Stout. The other four taps will dispense seasonal and limited release beers.

Making beer in 50-gallon batches, Moo-Duck will initially sell pints and growlers and will also sell some beer in local restaurants, including Lucky Ducks Bar & Grille.

The taproom at Moo-Duck has seating for about 50, including space for 14 at the bar.

Mike and Kristen Brubaker are the majority owners and managers. Mike's brother, John, and Kristen's brother, Greg Garvin, are also owners along with a silent partner.

Mike Brubaker, who oversees the beermaking, says his brewing philosophy is to respect the tradition, but embrace the non-traditional, an approach exemplified by the use of ingredients such as basil and chili peppers.

The owners did a lot of the renovation and construction work on the brewery themselves, but estimate they spent about \$40,000 to get it ready.

Mike, a longtime homebrewer, works in his family's Manheim auto body shop and brews during evenings and weekends.

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While beer is the focus, Moo-Duck will also offer a basic food menu featuring hot dogs, sausage sandwiches, chili and cupcakes.

The brewery shares a name with Mike's former birdwatching group which competed in the New Jersey Audobon Society's World Series of Birding from 2004 to 2006, recording one top 10 finish.

Hours: 5-9 p.m. Thursday, 4-9 p.m. Friday, noon-9 p.m. Saturday. mooduckbrewery.com

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