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TOWN TOPICS

Lakeview is cooperating with state and federal regulations for controlling the spread of the Coronavirus. Restaurants have closed with the exception of take-out orders. McDonald's drive-thru remains open but the lobby is closed. Subway and Main Street Pizza are open for take-out orders only.

Many churches have suspended services or resorted to holding home or online church services.

The Tamarack District Library is closed to the public, but is offering limited services. See page 3 for information.

This crisis shall pass. In the meantime, we need to come together as a nation and as a community to fight this common enemy.

Local Restaurants Close



McKenna's Restaurant in Lakeview temporarily closed on Monday

By Joe Tilton

While official contact had not been made with the owner, Greg McKenna said he was following information from Governor Whitmer through media announcements, and closing his restaurant at 3:00 p.m. Monday afternoon.

He had no idea how long he had to remain closed, but from the looks of the noon-time crowd Monday, customers were closing it for him.

"Monday and Tuesday morning is when I order food," he told us. "Why would I order \$5,000 worth of supplies and then close?"

The virus scare is having an impact statewide on business and all restaurants, and particularly hurting small-town establishments, including McKenna's coffee shop,

The Village Kupps. "I'm thinking about calling other owners in town to discuss the issue," McKenna said. He didn't mention a date, time or location for the meeting, and as of the time we visited, the idea was not a sure thing.

Chain stores, such as McDonalds, Kentucky Fried Chicken and others, have gone to drive-up window deliveries only. The local owners are doing the same thing by taking orders by phone and either delivering or allowing curbside pickup. "The world has come to a halt."

McKenna also talked about fear among his staff who are not earning while the restaurant is closed. "Rather than let the food spoil, I'll give it to my employees so they can eat during the crisis." Discussion turned to expenses employees have, with no

indication when they can return.

"I've heard there's government help," he said, "but that information has not been given us, and I don't know where to go to get the help."

McKenna's has regular customers who appear to receive the majority of their meals from the restaurant. Drink orders are on the table within seconds of the customer coming through the door. Where will those people go for food?

Justin Winslow, President of Michigan's Lodging and Restaurant Association said, "The restaurant and lodging industries will be decimated in the coming weeks, severely impacting the 600,000 people they employ."

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Store Shelves Are Bare as People Hoard Food/Grocery Items



Pictures of Leppink's Supermarket in Lakeview



Four Generations



(left to right) Allen Pool, grandfather; Angie Pender, daughter; Grayson Scott Pender, baby; and Nile Pool, great grandfather

Free Food Give Away



By Linda Huckins

Last Monday, March 16, the Lakeview Community Church in Lakeview hosted a free food give-away for families with children. According to Lakeview Community Schools Superintendent Kyle Hamlen, it was a combined effort of the Lakeview Ministerial Association, the Lakeview Sports Boosters, and the schools.

More than 30 volunteers from Lakeview Community Schools (LCS) and

the community packed boxes and stuffed bags with perishable and non-perishable food items. The food came from the Lakeview Ministerial Association's food pantry, the sports boosters' banquet that had to be cancelled, and from food donated to LCS for school lunches.

The food was placed onto two long tables that were set up outside of the church building. Recipients drove their cars up to the tables where volunteers distributed the food.

Eighty-six packages

were available for distribution from 12 - 5 p.m. or while the food lasted. By the end of the day, all 86 packages had been given out.

This was indeed a situation of neighbor helping neighbor. Thank you to everyone involved in this wonderful project.

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. Matthew 25:40.

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