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White vocally opposes proposed shutdown

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Lyon County Judge-executive Wade White (R) Wednesday, Nov. 18, sent an open letter email to many of the county's small business owners, saying that he shares their frustrations with the newly-issued restrictions announced by Gov. Andy Beshear (D). The governor's announcement followed a spike in COVID-19 cases in Kentucky. White wrote that he trusts the business owners to make their own decisions.

"...While Walmart and Amazon cash in, Governor Andy is going to string you all out in the name of his sugar pill for this virus," White's letter said, "while government offices shutter their doors and cash paychecks sitting at home on the couch." He added, "I don't want the government in my doctor's office with

me any more than I want the governor to tell you how to run your business."

In an interview later in the day, White said the data about COVID has not been shared to show that a small business or a small restaurant is a superspreader. He referred to closing down small businesses, leaving places like Wal-mart and other big businesses open. "We know how many people congregate in there," he said. "So, how can you have hundreds congregate in one building and you can't have just a few congregate in our small restaurants? It's like the governor is putting a boot on the neck of our small businesses, when he's already cut the legs out from under them in the last lockdown."

White said lockdowns didn't seem to work the first time, but

did hurt small business, the most vulnerable entrepreneurs in Kentucky. "Large business can handle something like this; small business can't. It has really upset me because I know these people. I know how hard they work. They don't go home and cash checks. They have to work to put food on their table."

The Lyon County judge-executive added, "I'm lucky. I can go home. I can quarantine myself and I still get paid. So, can the governor. So, the way I look at it is if we're going to go through this lockdown again, I think the people who choose to lock people down should also not cash their paychecks. Then, they'll see how important it is for these small businesses and those people who work for them."

"I think Wade has made some great comments," said Deb Domke, executive director of the Lake Barkley Chamber of Commerce.

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Wade White

Eddyville restaurant owners comment on lockdown

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Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear (D) recently issued his new statewide plan in answer to a spike in COVID-19 cases. The plan allows restaurants curbside pick-up, drive-through windows, and call-in orders, but no indoor dining.

Owner-operators of three Eddyville restaurants addressed Kentucky's first lockdown in the Aug. 19 edition of the Herald-Ledger. This week, members of those same owner-operator teams address the new lockdown and the open letter Lyon County Judge-executive Wade White (R) recently sent to local businesses.

OUR DAILY BREAD BAKERY AND RESTAURANT

"I don't feel like it's any one person's fault," said Randy Fralix, who owns and operates Our Daily Bread with his business partner and mother, Rose Fralix. They both participated in both Herald Ledger articles.

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Lyon County Food Bank distributes holiday meals to those in need



By Paul Schaumburg/Herald Ledger

Lyon County Food Bank volunteers, from left, Dianna Cooper, Barbara Whitfield and Dixie Utter were among those distributing a turkey and bagful of food for Thanksgiving to families in need earlier this week. Whitfield urges anyone whose family needs food to visit the food bank, located in Eddyville, next to the Lyon County Jail. To sign up, the person requesting assistance must present a photo ID and a piece of mail with the same address on it. The food bank is open year-round on Tuesdays and Thursdays 1-4 p.m., Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. to noon and Fridays 1-3 p.m. The phone number is 270-963-3509. The food bank has 200 clients and 25 volunteers. More volunteers also are needed throughout the year.

Drive seeks to help restaurant workers affected by COVID-19

BY HERALD LEDGER STAFF

Dine-in restaurant service again has ceased, as Gov. Andy Beshear ordered recently, due to a spike in COVID-19 cases. In response, Curtis and Susan Brown have initiated a fundraising drive to help restaurant employees with gifts of cash in the form of gift cards. Deb Domke of the Lake Barkley Chamber of Commerce and Lyon County Judge-executive Wade White endorse the drive with their support.

"COVID-19 has affected many in the community, but the county's restaurant workers and owners have been hit especially hard," Domke wrote to chamber members. "The community can continue supporting local eateries by ordering take-out, when possible, but many have wanted to do something more. To help, this new initiative plans to give affected individuals money in the form of gift cards."

On behalf of the chamber, Domke will collaborate with the Browns to assist affected restaurant employees. They will distribute donated gift cards to workers at Our Daily Bread, China Buffet, Los Agave's, Willow Pond, The Oasis, and the Joint BBQ Wings and More.

"The goal is to raise enough money and gift card donations to give each affected employee at least \$150 of value in gift cards, but organizers will prioritize those with families first," Domke wrote. "Organizers will take donations through Dec. 11 and plan to distribute all gift cards by the week of Dec. 14."

The easiest way to give money, organizers said, is to purchase a Visa gift card to donate to the fundraiser. Those and other gift cards may be purchased at Dollar General and local convenience marts. Donors also may purchase individual, business-specific gift cards from local merchants. The amount of money should be noted on the specified card, if it isn't already. Anyone planning to purchase more than \$100 in gift cards is asked to purchase in \$100 increments. That way, organizers can distribute equitably to all affected employees.

Gift Card drop-off locations during business hours only in Eddyville include: Lyon County Judge-executive Wade White's office in the courthouse, Akridge Farm Supply, Town's Mercantile, and the Fredonia Valley Bank Eddyville branch. Kuttawa City Hall accepts donations via its drop box.

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'Cram the Cruiser' LCSD fundraiser this weekend

BY HERALD LEDGER STAFF

The Lyon County Sheriff's Department again presents its "Cram the Cruiser" fundraiser this year. Representatives are accepting toys and nonperishable food for the less fortunate to receive during the Christmas season. The Dollar General Store in Kuttawa will host the drive this Friday. Dollar General on Ky. Highway 293 will host on Saturday. "A huge thanks goes out to the Elks Lodge Princeton No. 1115 for making a \$1,000 donation," said Sheriff Brent White, after he accepted a check from Chris Rogers, exalted ruler of the lodge.



Lyon County Sheriff Brent White receives a donation from Chris Rogers, exalted ruler of the lodge.

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