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Food trucks pop up at the Roundup

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Food trucks visit the Roundup Thursdays through Saturdays. Photo provided

Lafayette's long-established Roundup Saloon is turning to a variety of food trucks to bring customers in to help them weather the storm during the pandemic.

The food trucks will be there Thursdays through Saturdays, says Roundup owner Karen Johnson, "and any other day I can find a truck." She says that in this tough year being able to open even a little bit helps a lot.

The Roundup was shut down from mid-March until November, and then open for outdoor seating only until mid-December before having to shut down again. Johnson says the trucks don't bring in a lot of money but it helps cover some of the monthly expenses of the bar. And she says that it's also nice to open the doors and see their customers' support.

"Having your livelihood taken away has been extremely difficult, both financially and emotionally," says Johnson. "Our employees have also been struggling trying to make ends meet. It's hard because we are like a family and we feel responsible for them. We feel helpless not being able to do anything for them."

Food trucks that will be coming include The Forge Fire Truck, Flavors of Cali, Charlie's Food Trailer, Cousins Maine Lobster, and Cocina Danzon.

Johnson says the good news is that the Roundup is not in danger of going under. "We are plugging along," she says.

And she remains optimistic, looking to the future. "We will be back, stronger than ever, as soon as possible."

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