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DINE DOWNTOWN DURING DOWNTOWN ALPENA RESTAURANT WEEK, FEBRUARY 19- FEBRUARY 26

February 17, 2022 - Alpena, MI - The first-ever Downtown Alpena Restaurant Week kicks off this Saturday! From Saturday, February 19 through Saturday, February 26, 2022, thirteen downtown restaurants, cafes, and eateries will be offering special promotions, deals, and feature menus to encourage people to dine out, visit their favorite stops, and try something new.

“Restaurant Week is a celebration of the growing culinary scene here in Downtown Alpena,” said Alpena Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Executive Director Anne Gentry. “A microbrewery, a winery, a pizzeria, a British pub, a whiskey bar, a sweet shop: these are just some of the places that call Downtown Alpena home. During Restaurant Week, we hope people will get out and try some new places in Downtown Alpena and show our local restaurants their support.”

Restaurant Weeks are popular events organized by many communities throughout the state to promote local dining during the winter months. Downtown Alpena’s event is the first Restaurant Week in Northeast Michigan and is being organized by the Alpena DDA with the support of Alpena Agency, Inc. & Auto-Owners Insurance as presenting sponsors for the first year’s event.

The thirteen participating establishments are listed below. Each stop is offering a different special, such as BOGO deals, feature menus, three-course tasting menus, and more!

- Bigby Coffee
- The Black Sheep Pub
- Bob’s Bullpen
- Cabin Creek Coffee
- Freier’s Pizzeria
- The Fresh Palate
- Galley Sweet Shop
- HopSide Brewery
- JJ’s Steak & Pizza House
- Mango’s Tequila Bar
- Red Brick Tap & Barrel
- Rusty Petunias Marketplace
- Thunder Bay Winery

As part of Restaurant Week, the Alpena DDA is also hosting a giveaway for 3 \$100 Downtown Dollars gift certificates. Pick up a “Downtown Alpena Restaurant Week Passport” at any of the participating locations, and when you dine out during the week, ask your server to mark it next to their restaurant name. At the end of the week, drop off your passport at Rusty Petunias Marketplace at 123 W. Chisholm St. The drawings will take place on Monday, February 28, 2022. For more information about Restaurant Week, please contact downtownalpenami@gmail.com or call 989-356-6422. All event details and specials for the week can be viewed here: <https://www.downtownalpenami.com/restaurantweek.html>



Participating Stops & Specials

Biggy Coffee: Biggy Coffee will be offering BOGO for \$1.00 on their drinks all throughout Restaurant Week!

Black Sheep: Buy one specialty sandwich at the Black Sheep Pub, and get a second one half off! Specialty sandwiches include the Reuben, French Dip, the Philly, the Westminster, the Big Ben, and the Twiggy.

Bob's Bullpen: Over the week, Bob's Bullpen will be offering a special menu item: a Big Kahuna Burger with garlic aioli parm fries on the side.

Cabin Creek Coffee: Enjoy two special menu items at Cabin Creek Coffee over the week! Their food special for the week will be a chicken cranberry spinach salad croissant. The drink special for the week will be a Golden Turmeric Mocha.

Freier's Pizzeria: Freier's Pizzeria is offering a dine-in special! Dine-in at Freier's and receive \$2.00 off your total bill.

The Fresh Palate: The Fresh Palate will be launching a new feature menu for Restaurant Week! Take \$2 off any feature menu item. Stop in for happy hour from 3-6 pm and also enjoy \$1 off craft beer, wine by the glass, or a craft cocktail!

Galley Sweet Shop: During the month of February, place your order for paczki's from Galley Sweet Shop! 6 paczki for \$12.99 or 12 for \$22.99.

HopSide Brewery: Try any (2) of our flavor combinations in a half and half pizza with a flight of beer and get \$4 off.

JJ's Steak & Pizza House: At JJ's, purchase any two dinner dinner entrees (beef or seafood) and receive a free appetizer! Offer excludes the combo platter.

Mango's: At Mango's Tequila Bar, it's TACOS vs. BURGERS! Enjoy a discount on five of the most popular tacos and burgers from Mango's. Pair with a wild berry margarita on special all week, \$4.00 for a 12 oz and \$6.00 for a 17 oz.

Red Brick Tap & Barrel: Enjoy a special three-course menu at Red Brick Tap & Barrel for two for \$49.70! Over the week, they will also be offering various specialty cocktails at \$9.89.

Rusty Petunias Marketplace: Stop in Rusty Petunias Marketplace and enjoy a special Bananas Foster drink for \$7 and pair with a S'mores Charcuterie Tray for \$15. Additionally, over the week they will be offering a different wine special every day!

Thunder Bay Winery: Purchase a bottle or glass to drink at the tasting room and receive \$2.00 off a meat and cheese tray.