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Lake County officials serve food to seniors as part of Annual Mayors for Meals

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Public officials dished up another helping of public service across the county and Lake County Wednesday for the 9th Annual Mayors for Meals.

Local and county officials served an estimated 220 people across four of the five Lake County Council on Aging's senior cafes Tuesday morning.

Of that sum, 10 seniors came to the Fairport Harbor cafe at 1248 High St., which was being served by Lake County Commissioner Judy Moran, Fairport Harbor Mayor Tim Manross, Probate Judge Mark Bartolotta and Lake County Administrator Jason Boyd, in addition to three Council on

Aging staff members.

"We're not going to have a lot of people to serve here today, but the focus on serving the senior population and those in need is what this day is all about and it brings us back to that founding level of service," Manross said.

The Lake County Council on Aging reported that it served 44,534 meals to seniors in 2013 at its five countywide cafes, which serves food every weekday morning as well as prepared meals that are shipped to homes. The Meals on Wheel program served 159,391 meals throughout Lake County in 2013, according to the Council on Aging.

Mayors For Meals is a part of the lead up to the March for Meals, which runs 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. March 29 at the Great Lakes Mall in Mentor. Moran, who is co-chairman of the March for Meals, said she is contacting mayors to form teams for the fundraising event.

"I have a list of all their names," Moran said. "I've announced it at a commissioners meeting and I've put them all on notice. They need to come out and they need to show their support."

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