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Compassion Extended to Drivers

Keeping Food on Our Tables
By Linda Harrington

Walking by the Glenholme Loop Petro Pass Restaurant at 8:00am one would think it was open for business as usual, except for the closed sign and the fact Nova Scotia is in a State of Emergency and no sit down restaurants are open.

Truck after truck was pulling off Highway 104 and

before long the blinker came on as drivers headed for their bright light along a long lonely highway.

Glenholme Loop Petro Pass Restaurant Owner/Cook Crystal Blair had been up early the last few days despite her business closing down during the COVID-19 pandemic. Instead of taking a well-deserved rest after serving customers for 31 years, she did the complete

opposite. The first day of closing she was in scrubbing down the showers to make sure the drivers had a clean place to fresh-up, then when she realized she had an extra shipment of toilet paper she offered this to anyone in need. It wasn't long until she realized how bad things had gotten for the truck drivers out on the roads with all of the shut-downs.

She reached out on her Glenholme Loop Petro Pass Restaurant facebook page saying "I am reaching out today on behalf of all of our drivers...I have to say I have literally been in tears most of the morning as I listen to our defeated drivers, many saying they're ready to go home that it is not worth it. Everywhere they go they are being turned away or the odd place that is open to them for takeout have their prices jacked up! If we think we are in a crisis now people just wait until these drivers refuse to haul our supplies!"

After hearing what the drivers were going through, Crystal added a supper time hot meal along with the hot breakfast and tried to leave food items and clean washrooms available for times when she went home for a well-deserved break in the day.

Her kindness made the local news and had thousands of shares on Facebook. People started sending her messages offering their support. She received a donation from a lady in memory of her late husband who was a driver for thirty years. Donations came from trucking operations and other

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FRONT PAGE BRIEFS

April 2020

The Along the Shore Community Health Board has made the decision to postpone the Wellness Fair that was previously scheduled to take place in Bass River at the West Colchester Consolidated School on April 18th. Once a new date has been selected, we will inform community groups/organizations with an opportunity to register for a booth at this event. We thank all of the organizations for their interest in participating in this year's Wellness Fair, and we look forward to planning this event in the near future (likely early fall). We hope that everyone is staying well during this challenging time. For information: Mandy Moore, Community Health Board Coordinator, AmandaM.Moore@nshealth.ca; Ph: 902.890.4383

10 annual Shoreline Journal's 90th & 90+ Birthday party scheduled for Saturday, May 8, 2020 has been cancelled / postponed to a later date. We are still taking registrations of those who will be 90 in 2020, or who have not attended in previous years. Contact: maurice@theshorelinejournal.com

The Debert Legion will be temporarily closed due to COVID19, which also means Friday night suppers have been cancelled for the foreseeable future.

Don Fletcher, Chair, Cliffs of Fundy Geopark Society says he has been advised the UNENCO meeting originally scheduled for the end of March, which was anticipated to approve the Cliffs of Fundy Geopark application has been cancelled due to the CoVid-19 scare. The decision could be delayed for up to two months. Meanwhile the geopark society will continue to prepare for when the official word is forthcoming.

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The 2020 Debert Fire Brigade Annual Banquet was held at the Debert Hospitality Centre on Friday, March 6th. We have the story and photos on pages 12 and 13 of this Shoreline Journal.



Highway or trail signage is erected and motorists or those using a trail are expected to obey all signage otherwise the strong arm of the law might bring undesired results. Occasionally it might not be prudent or safe to obey certain sign postings. Something is wrong with the above sign. First person to send an email to: maurice@theshorelinejournal.com correctly identifying the problem will win a one year subscription. (Rees Photo)

Uncertain Times

(The following information was shared with the Shoreline's founding publisher, Ken Kennedy, based on an email he received from a colleague. It is required reading as a guideline of what each of us should do to protect ourselves and others from ConVid-19 virus)

We know there is so much outside of our control. What's important is to do things within our control, in order to stay safe. Distance yourself socially from others. Practice good hygiene. Do not hoard food and supplies.

Across the province, dedicated healthcare professionals are putting in long hours. With our actions, we are doing more than saying thank you. We are supporting them by making their job easier, and by extension, supporting one another.

That means strictly following public health advice. Even if you have no symptoms, you must self-isolate for 14 days if you've travelled to another country or province. Wash

your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water (constantly) and practice proper sneezing / coughing etiquette.

Nova Scotia's Chief Medical Officer Dr. Robert Strang and his team are working around the clock under incredibly stressful circumstances. Keep them in your thoughts. We need them to succeed.

Above all else, be kind. If you know someone who is in self-isolation, is a senior, or is in a vulnerable group, please reach out to them. If you can't help them for whatever reason, please send me their name and we will reach out and try to make sure they have what they need.

The resilience and generosity of Nova Scotians will prevail during this challenging time.

Nova Scotia is now under a State Of Emergency. Here is what that means:

Groups numbering no more than five people are allowed to gather.

There are several essential

groups that are exempt from gathering limits. They include but are not limited to, grocery stores, gas stations and pharmacies. If possible, one person per family should be designated to perform these tasks. Other groups include construction sites, health-care services, community services (e.g. child protection), criminal justice services, and law enforcement.

All provincial parks are closed.

Police can fine individuals found in breach of the order: \$1,000 for individuals, and \$7,500 for businesses for each instance. People can be fined multiple times per day if they are found in breach of the order. If necessary, they can be arrested as well.

If anyone has travelled outside of Nova Scotia, including to other provinces, they must self-isolate for 14 days. No exceptions. Screening measures at our provincial borders will be tightened. Exemptions for cross-border travel include healthy workers in trades and transportation sectors moving goods and people (e.g. truck

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Colchester COVID-19 Update

By Maurice Rees

At the March 26 monthly meeting council received an update on Covid-19 and how the municipality is responding to the constantly changing situations. CAO, Rob Simonds provided Council with a comprehensive update on operational implications and adjustments, broken down by department, relative to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Simonds indicated that this is meant to be a high-level overview of operational and administrative considerations since COVID-19 has become more significant for our organization, community and province. Staff have been meeting with Executive

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