



May 2020

The Bluffs

SENIOR COMMUNITY

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These are challenging times on all of us. COVID-19 has changed the world and it has been a difficult adjustment. We are staying optimistic during all of this. We are ready to return to normal, whenever that may be. For now, we have HOPE! We hope that we can soon return to normal. We hope that everyone is staying healthy and as positive as possible. We have hope that we will grow stronger together and get through this. We decided to make a display of HOPE for the residents and community members to enjoy. We created the letters H-O-P-E as large as the ballroom windows so that the large symbol could be seen all over Houghton.



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Congratulations Senior Class of 2020



Emily Cote

Department: Dining Attendant &
House Keeping
High School: Houghton High

*I am attending Northern
Michigan
University for the Surgical
Technologist Program*



Maria Lorenzetti

Department: Dining Attendant
& Activities Assistant
High School: Jeffers High

*I am going to travel and
continue to work!*



Jasmyn Mytty

Department: Dining
Attendant
High School: Calumet High

*I am going to attend the
5th year program at
Gogebic Community
College*



Alexandra Huotari

Department: Dining
Attendant
High School: Hancock High

*I am going to travel and
attend college for
nursing*

MAY BIRTHDAYS



2nd- Jan Dalquist QC
3rd- Kilie Ingram EMP
7th- Jackie Zeien QC
10th- Marilyn Murley
10th- Gert Somero
18th- Dave Pleimling EMP
18th- Wendy Jarvi EMP
19th- Margo Carey
20th- NormaLee Stuart
21st- Cathy Manninen EMP
23rd- Renee Coponen EMP



QC - Quincy Cove Resident
EMP - Employee

Culinary Corner

Greetings from The Kitchen~

We have two holiday meals we usually celebrate in May, Mother's Day with our annual brunch and Memorial Day with a picnic. We are hoping that we will be able to have our celebrations as we normally do but we are unsure at this time. More information will follow as COVID-19 progresses. I would also like to mention if there is an issue with a delivered meal or you received the wrong thing, please call the Desk immediately and we can correct it accordingly. We are still here to help you and give you the best possible service we can!

All the best!

~ Jodi



Just be Careful

Just be careful because so many people are going crazy from being in lockdown. Actually, I've been talking about this with the microwave and toaster while drinking coffee and we all agreed that things are getting bad. I didn't mention anything to the washing machine, as she puts a different spin on everything. Certainly not the fridge, as he is acting cold and distant. In the end the iron straightened me out and she said everything will be fine, as no situation is too pressing. The vacuum was unsympathetic: told me just to suck it up, but the fan was more optimistic and hoped it would all blow over soon. The toilet looked a bit flushed when I asked it's opinion and it didn't say anything. The doorknob told me to get a grip. Then, the front door said I was unhinged and to the curtains told me to, (yes you guessed it,) pull myself together.

-Joyce N.



May Outings

Unfortunately outings are still cancelled at this time. Abbie will notify you as soon as we can get out again! Stay tuned..

If there is anything you need, please let us know!



Activities Update

Hello All,

I hope you are all doing well!

Unfortunately, I do not have much to report as far as activities go. We will continue to do the snack cart every day. If you have any suggestions for snacks or delivery please let us know. If you would not like a snack, as it is during a popular nap time, kindly put a note outside your door and we will not bother you. The same goes for our weekly Activity Mobile, if you would like to pass, please leave a note as well.

The weather is hopefully warming up and I encourage you all to get outside for some fresh air. If you would like a partner for walking, Maria and I would love to join you. If there is anything else you need as far as puzzles, books, activity sheets, or coloring sheets, let me know. I can always deliver to your apartment.

Senior Snapshots



Employee Birthday Spotlight



KILIE INGRAM
May 3rd
Dining Attendant

What is your favorite part of the job?
Making the residents happy! :)

When are you the happiest?
When I am with my family



WENDY JARVI
May 18th
Cook

What is your favorite part of the job?
Making good food the residents enjoy!

What is your favorite travel spot?
Green Bay, WI



DAVE PLEIMLING
May 18th
Resident Assistant

People would be surprised if they knew...
I am a cancer survivor and a US Navy Veteran

What is your favorite travel spot?
Europe!!



CATHY MANNINEN
May 21st
Resident Assistant

What is on your bucket list?
Taking the train from Chicago to California.

What are three words to describe you?
Friendly, helpful & happy!



RENEE COPONEN
May 23rd
Cook

When are you the happiest?
When I am camping!

People would be surprised if they knew..
I am a new grandma!

Additional Reminders & Announcements

- Always wear your mask when you are outside of your room (getting your mail, walking the halls, going outside. etc.)
- If you are outside of your room please remember social distancing. There should always be 6 feet between you and another person.
- Please limit the number of people in the elevator at one time to 1-2 people.
- We are not allowing gatherings of more than 3 people in the common areas at 1 time. If you want to meet with your friends, no more than 3 people and there needs to be at least 6 feet between one another.
- Please place your used meal boxes outside of your apartment, they will be collected regularly.

June – Save the Dates

5th– Birthday Lunch

21st– First Day of Summer

21st– Father's Day



Final Thoughts...

From your Executive Director

Hello and happy May! In May we honor our Mothers as well as all service men and women who died while serving in the military. In May we also recognize our high school seniors and celebrate their accomplishments. In the past two months, life what we knew has completely changed and may never be the same.

I have to give a shoutout to my oldest son, Dayton who is a senior this year and would be graduating on May 22nd. At this time, graduation has been postponed and we do not know when or if it will take place. Once Michigan schools closed for the year, his senior year ended abruptly. Some of his classmates, he may never see again. No prom. No senior skip day. No banquet night. Nothing. Boom, it's over. I feel really bad for Dayton and all other seniors in the same boat. No one envisions their senior year to end this way. Dayton however, accepted this with grace. He's pretty easy going and tends to go with the flow (A typical teenager.) Just a few days after school was closed for the year, Dayton started working full time. He was very excited to work full time and make some money.



I am proud of his work ethic and his natural drive for life! This Fall, Dayton plans to attend Gogebic Community College while he continues to work. He then plans to have his credits transferred to Michigan Tech to major in Civil Engineering. As you saw on page 2, we have many seniors on our team, congratulations to them all! They are a fine group of individuals and I know that they have made a difference in your lives! Stay healthy. -Jessica



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