

Local Organizations put Lake County CARES Act Funds to use

Lake County distributed \$483,000 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds it received from the federal government to support the local community during the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds were awarded to small businesses, nonprofits and congregate care facilities.

Lake County partnered with the Lake County Chamber of Commerce to distribute funds to small businesses. Businesses with fewer than 20 employees were eligible for up to \$10,000 after providing documentation of the financial impact of COVID-19. Forty-two small businesses received \$256,000 total.

Nonprofits were eligible for grants of up to \$5,000, and almost \$107,000 was distributed to 25 nonprofits in Lake County. In addition, \$15,000 was approved for technology and internet upgrades that will allow residents without reliable internet access to connect to telemedicine and other services from the Clair Nelson Center in Finland, and \$10,000 was allocated to the Lake Superior School District for upgrades to its website.

Finally, eight congregate care facilities received \$95,000 total, for expenses like personal protective equipment for employees and technology to help keep isolated residents socially connected.

"The grant money was instrumental in helping my small business, improving employee satisfaction while working in a pandemic and keeping residents comfortable and safe," said Cortney Buchholz, owner of Barross Manor, an assisted living facility in Lake County.

"We have a vibrant business community and many vital nonprofits and congregate care facilities," said Rich Sve, Chairman of the Lake County Board of Commissioners. "These businesses and organizations help make Lake County a great place to live, and we're grateful we were able to help support them during this difficult year."

Covid Update: Deadly December Sobering as Hope Grows for Vaccine

By Kitty Mayo



Amy Suomi is one of the first to receive a COVID vaccine. Photo by LaReesa Sandretsky

Deaths in Minnesota from Covid-19 during November and so far in December already make up over half of all the deaths in the state since the beginning of the pandemic, and the virus now ranks as the leading cause of death in the country, surpassing either heart disease or cancer. As case numbers continue to increase, a high rate of deaths are expected throughout the year and into January.

Lake County cases are up to 522 cases, 13 deaths, and 21 hospitalized. This reflects a relatively quiet trend of adding about 4 to 5 cases daily, punctuated by 7 new cases last Sunday. Lake View's Greg Ruberg worries that a false sense of security from very recently slowed transmission may have contributed to the increase, and reiterated how critical it is that community members hold the line on precautions (mask wearing, social distance, do not gather in groups). Cook County total cases are now at 100.

While mitigation efforts in Minnesota have begun to bring transmission rates down from all-time highs, public health continues to emphasize the need for persistence in keeping our guard up during the year-end holidays.

Vaccinations are beginning to be distributed in relatively small numbers, but as their use grows, are a cause for hope in the future. Here are some highlights and facts about Covid-19 vaccines:

- The second vaccine by Moderna was given FDA approval and is already being shipped.
- Both the first vaccine released by Pfizer and this one by Moderna will require a series of two shots (Pfizer spaced 21 days apart, Moderna spaced 28 days apart).
- You have to get the same "brand" of shot

both times.

- The CDC advisory group has decided that the next group of people (after health care workers and long term care residents) to be up for the vaccine includes some essential workers and people over the age of 75. Vaccinations of the first group are still underway and it is not certain when the next group (1b) will begin vaccinations.
- You may already have heard that after you get the vaccine, even both doses, you should still wear a mask, social distance and limit gatherings. Wha???, you say? That does seem to fly in the face of what we want to accomplish, to get the vaccine and get our lives back. The bottom line is, while the research has been done showing that the vaccine will be an excellent way to prevent becoming seriously ill, the studies for whether it will stop you from getting infected and infecting others has not happened yet. To find out the science behind that advice check out this article online: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/12/08/health/covid-vaccine-mask.html>

At Lake View Ruberg reports that a positive and excited mood was evident there among staff as they began vaccinations on Monday for their provider team, and will continue each week until staff vaccinations are completed. Ruberg says doctors from the Lake View team will be sharing their experiences with the vaccine with the community.

CLASSIFIED ADS

AA MEETINGS: TUESDAYS, 7:30 PM, Sychar Lutheran Church, Silver Bay, MN. 218-226-3914 or 218-353-7340

Group Living with Anxiety and Depression is online second and fourth Monday's at 6:30 pm. Contact North Shore Mental Health Group on Facebook or email: nsmentalhealth@gmail.com.

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Silver Bay & Surrounding Area

•22 Bell Circle, SB: Well maintained 2 BR, 1 BA w/ full basement, 9 season porch, & detached 1+car garage workshop and shed. Move in condition. **\$97,500**

•27 Nelson Dr, SB MLS609174: 3BR, 3BA, 2 car det'd Gar. + 1 car det'd Gar. 3 season gazebo, full Bsmt, energy eff. windows, W&D. Situated on spacious 2 lots. **\$165,000**

•5227 Klinker Rd, SB MLS6089945: Rustic seasonal 3 BR Cabin w/ elec., outhouse, situated on 4.49 acres. **\$75,000**

•XX Marks Dr, SB: 3 - Large residential building sites w/city water, sewer, curb & gutter, back to woods **2 for \$45,000 each**, 1 for **\$67,900** lots 1 & 2 Block 2, combined, or ALL for \$145,500.

•48 Nelson Dr, SB MLS609291: Well cared for 3+BR, 3 BA w/full basement, att'd gar., lg. private deck on 1.5 lots w/woods in back. Updates: remod. BA, updated Kit. w/ granite countertops, SS appliances, HW flooring, lg. LR w/woods view, good landscaping. **\$225,000**

•1035 Main St, BB, MLS6089682 Lot/Land. Spacious lot in Beaver Bay right off of Hwy 61, w/power, city water & sewer hookups & view of Lake Superior. A great place to build your new home! Feel free to walk the property. **\$55,000**

•XXX Hwy 61 & Onion River Rd. MLS6005052: 18 Acr. comm. resort bldg site between Tofte & Lutsen on Onion

River Rd. Views of Lk Sup. High ground w/pwr at rd. Close to Sup. Hiking trl & rec. activities. **\$173,500**

•4505 Lax Lake Rd, SB, MLS 6091284: Enjoy your morning coffee on the dock or deck of this 2+ story home w/frontage on Lax Lake. Feat's inc: 4 BR, 2 BA, Lg LR, 2 car tuck-under Gar, 1st level in-floor heat, new patio doors to decks- lake views from LR & BR's & access to lake. Dock, septic & well, 5 acres & 50' of frontage. **REDUCED \$379,000**

•309 Old Towne Rd, BB, MLS6089661: Great business opportunity in Beaver Bay! The Mother Load Laundromat located behind Holiday Station. Incl: all fixtures & inventory (washers, dryers, change & soap machine). Turn key business, perfect opp. to be your own boss! Bldg dimensions: 24x50 & 36x44 cold storage garage w/concrete slab, 2-12x12 overhead doors and 1-9x7 overhead door. **\$300,000**

•6249, 6251 HWY 1 SB, MLS6093422: Unique Property situated on 3.28 acres, Main house, Cabin, & Lg garage w/apartment above. **\$172,000**

•6700 HWY 1 SB, MLS#6093816: 20 Acres w/Baptism River frontage. Rustic Seasonal cabin located downtown Finland. **\$112,000**

•2098 Fors Rd, TH, MLS#6092150: Beautiful 10 acres with mature trees and a branch of Silver Creek through property, **\$45,000**

Kidney Donor Needed

Over a year ago, Jeremiah Bartel received the unfortunate news from St. Luke's Nephrology he had been preparing for most of his life. He was born with Alport Syndrome, a rare disease that affects the eyes, ears, and kidneys. Over the past few years Jeremiah had been taking medications to help prolong the need of a kidney donor, but the time has now come.

Jeremiah has been working with the University of MN - Fairview and St. Luke's Nephrology to prepare for a transplant and find a donor. He is currently in late, stage 4 and in talks with doctors about dialysis.

He is in need of a O-blood type donor. If you're interested or considering helping Jeremiah, please go to www.umnhealthlivingdonor.org. Once there, click on living kidney donor and enter "Jeremiah Bartel/10-17-1985" for the recipient