

The News From Montello

Montello Public Library Holiday Closings

Here are the holiday hours for the Montello Public Library for Christmas and New Year's: We will be closed Saturday, December 23 – Sunday, December 24-Monday, December 25, for Christmas. We will be closed Saturday, December 30 -Sunday, December 31 -Monday, January 1, for New Year's.

Fine-Free December!

In the spirit of the holidays, Montello Public Library will be fine-free for the rest of December. Patrons who return overdue materials from December 15, 2017 through December 31, 2017, will not incur any fines. This is also a perfect opportunity to return LONG OVERDUE MATERIALS that you may still have at home! All items must be returned in good condition. Please help us get our "lost" items back home. Donations of non-perishable food items for the Marquette County Care & Share Food Bank are accepted for fines all year long too. If you have any questions, please call the library at 608-297-7544. Thank you!

Montello Schools Office Closings

All offices of Montello School District will be closed from December 25th through December 29th, 2017. Offices will reopen on January 2, 2018.

TOPS Loser of the Month for November, 2017 - Audrey Dupuis

Guess who's Loser of the Month for the month of November? None other than our Loser of the Month for May and June: Audrey Dupuis! Audrey is on a roll and had another great weight loss of 2.8 lbs. Congratulations, Audrey!!! Audrey works very hard, and has lost a total of 40 lb. since joining TOPS on March 9, 2016. WOW!#&%^\$ She is determined to get to her goal. Audrey was also named Runner-up for this award several times. Even more impressive, Audrey was our Loser of the Quarter for second quarter of 2017 with a loss of 15.4 lbs.!! And, she attended every meeting in June and lost weight each week, which earned her a TOPS pin and some cash. Kudos, Audrey!!!!

Audrey is active in the chapter and is one of the most supportive members we have. And, she has an infectious smile! Audrey has four children: 2 boys and 2 girls. She also has 2 grandsons living in Maine. She is employed as a meal site manager for Marquette County ADD Life. Audrey worked 30 years in health care as a CNA, Dialysis Tech, and medical assistant. Her hobbies are fishing, playing cards, visiting family and friends, crocheting, gardening, and going to TOPS for support and fun. Again, kudos, Audrey, and keep up the good work!

In Audrey's own words, here is her take on how TOPS can help you get to your weight loss goal. "I went through a slump, but kept coming for support. No judgment was given. I skipped sometimes, thinking I'd do better the next week, but I didn't." Thanks for your honesty, Audrey. Obviously, sticking to your goal has paid off in a big way!



TOPS is a highly successful weight loss organization with chapters all over the country and Canada. We meet weekly on Wednesdays at the Senior Center Dome at 140 Lake Court, Montello. Weigh-in is from 2:15 to 3:00, with our meeting following from 3:00 to 4:00. Here you will find a **sensible** (Take Off Pounds *Sensibly*), educational program of gradual weight loss through simply eating smaller portions, making healthier choices, keeping a daily food journal, moving your body more, and, the most important component, the encouragement of understanding, supportive friends to help you on your road to success. The yearly membership price is only \$33.00, and monthly dues are just \$3.00! Visitors are always welcome, both male and female. With plenty of winter left to start a new exercise and eating program, come on in and meet Audrey and all of us at TOPS. If you have any questions, please call Bev Butcher at 608 -408-7048.

Submitted by Beverly Butcher

TripleCare to introduce Telemedicine services in three skilled nursing facilities owned by Wisconsin Illinois Senior Housing

TripleCare to Serve One Facility in Illinois, and Two in Wisconsin, Marking its Entry into that State

NEW YORK - TripleCare, a national provider of telemedicine-based healthcare services to skilled nursing facilities (SNFs), announced this week that the company has entered into an agreement to provide virtual telemedicine services to three Wisconsin Illinois Senior Housing Inc. (WISH) skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) managed by Lakewood, Colo.-based Carriage Healthcare Companies, Inc. (CHC).

Effective early 2018, TripleCare will introduce services to one SNF in Illinois, and two in Wisconsin, marking the Company's entry into that state. The three SNF facilities and locations include Montello Care Center, a 50-bed facility located at 251 Forest Lane, Montello. The others include Edgerton Care Center, a 61-bed facility in Edgerton, and Fair Oaks Health Care Center, a 51-bed facility in Crystal Lake, IL.

Each location is owned by WISH and managed by CHC, a multi-state operator of SNFs, assisted living facilities, independent living facilities and

home health agencies, primarily in rural communities.

TripleCare's virtual healthcare services employ telemedicine protocols during times when physicians are not on site, such as overnight, weekends and holidays. The Company's network of highly trained physicians perform virtual bedside visits, treating patients in place, using advanced technology, coupled with assistance from on-site nurses at each of the SNFs. TripleCare's virtual services make it possible for its physicians to differentiate patients from those that can be treated in place versus ones requiring a hospital transfer.

"With the rollout of our services, WISH becomes a pioneer in terms of introducing telemedicine to these remotely located facilities. They are addressing a real community and patient need, especially in the rural areas they serve. Montello Care Center, Edgerton Care Center and Fair Oaks Health Care Center will be the only facilities in these local communities utilizing this type of telemedicine and technology," stated Mary Jo Gorman, chief executive officer at TripleCare.

"Launching our services to

the WISH locations in Wisconsin adds another state to our service coverage area, in which we currently treat patients in place, at their bedsides. This is indicative of the increasing need for SNFs to deploy telemedicine as a way to ensure their patients are more comfortable being treated where they are while also controlling costs and increasing census. We are excited to work with WISH and Carriage, and look forward to improving the services offered at the SNF level," Gorman concluded.

Robert Siebel, president and chief executive officer of CHC, commented: "The addition of telemedicine to our service offerings provides a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to reducing unnecessary re-hospitalizations. More importantly, it provides the individuals in our care greatly improved access to quality medical care, and allows us to treat in place without the disruption of a trip to a hospital for an acute-care need. This will prove very beneficial to the patient and the business and affords us the chance to differentiate our services and facilities."

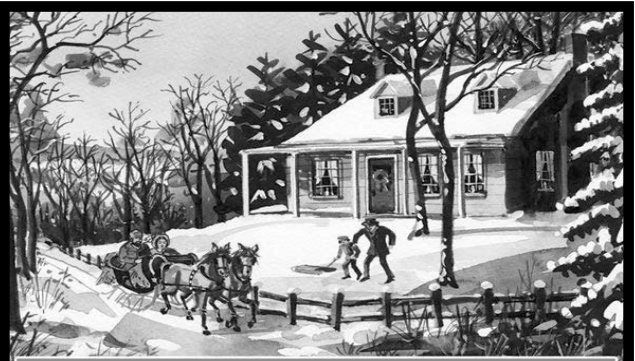


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