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## Governor Walz signs \$200 million COVID-19 package



Governor Tim Walz signed Ch. 70 S.F. 4334 into law on Tuesday, March 17, allocating \$200 million toward an emergency and long-term grant program to respond to the needs of health care and long-term care facilities during the COVID-19 (Coronavirus disease 2019, which originated in Wuhan, China) pandemic.

"Our health care facilities are Minnesota's first line of defense against COVID-19," Governor Walz said. "I am proud of this urgent, bipartisan action to support our state's health care infrastructure during this unprecedented public health event."

"Protecting the health and

safety of Minnesotans during the COVID-19 pandemic means investing in our state's health care infrastructure," said Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan. "Our goal must be to slow the spread of COVID-19 and prevent our health care system from being overwhelmed, so that every patient gets the care that they need when they need it."

The bill appropriates \$50 million to the state's public health response contingency account and \$150 million to create a health care response fund which would be used to distribute grants. Any funds still in the account on February 1, 2021 will be returned

to the General Fund.

The Minnesota Department of Health announced Tuesday that the number of COVID-19 cases in Minnesota has risen to 60, including cases of community transmission with

no known travel link.

Governor Walz announced Monday the temporary closure of Minnesota restaurants and bars to dine-in customers as well as the closure of other places of public accommodation and amusement.

On Sunday, Governor Walz announced the temporary closure of Minnesota K-12 public schools to students in order for school administrators and teachers to make long-term plans for the continuity of education and essential services during the COVID-19 pandemic. This action includes provisions to provide care for the children of health care professionals, first responders, and emergency workers, and requires schools to continue providing meals to students in need. Last week, the Gov-

ernor declared a peacetime emergency in Minnesota and endorsed community mitigation strategies to combat the spread of COVID-19.

This followed Friday's (March 13) announcement declaring a peacetime emergency to ensure the State of Minnesota is able respond to more rapidly to issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic as they arise.

Governor Walz is asking everyone to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Take the same precautions recommended for avoiding colds and flu:

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water.
- Cover your cough.

**If your employment has been affected by COVID-19, you can apply for unemployment benefits at [www.uimn.org](http://www.uimn.org).**

According to a Governor Walz press release, "staying home when sick is a fundamental 'stop the spread' tip. During an outbreak, we strongly encourage employees to not go to work when sick. Staying home when sick protects not only other

individual employees, but also the larger workforce of an organization and those you come into contact with at work. Think about backup plans for child care when school is closed or when parents, children, or a child care provider is sick. Think about necessary items to have at home, including prescription medicines (check your refill dates), and non-prescription medications, such as fever-reducing medications."

**The Governor also signed:**

Ch. 67 H.F. 2959, providing funding to the Rural Finance Authority, which offers low-interest loan programs to Minnesota farmers for a variety of farm improvement investments;

Ch. 68 H.F. 3633, replenishing the Disaster Assistance Contingency Account, which reimburses local communities across Minnesota following natural disasters;

Ch. 69 H.F. 3977, allowing the Minnesota Department of Transportation to apply for a federal Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act loan to complete the final expansion of Highway 14—the 12 miles of two-lane traffic between Nicollet and New Ulm.

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## New stickers for fundraising

The *Courier* felt the need to publish an unauthorized article on the front page confirming the former police chief and city administrator had an attorney send a cease and desist letter to the *NewsHopper*, but failed to mention it was sent to this author as well.

Threats are not taken lightly. With their history at failing in the legal arena, they shouldn't be making them. It will be interesting to see if they follow through on the First Amendment threat. At this point, it is unclear whether they will use their own money to pursue this or use Crosby's. It's amazing how exposing the truth can lead to being threatened, reputations are never dam-

aged from outside sources, they're always damaged by one's acts. If a reputation is worth protecting, one's behavior should change.

There's a reason the residents have been served the second of many potential lawsuits. The former police chief and current city administrator are key ingredients. The proof they willingly and maliciously violated data privacy laws helps strengthen the lawsuits, a major concern for every resident. The path of destruction Crosby has left, two failed wrongful termination lawsuits, eight failed attempts to criminally prosecute two former Mayors failed because the evidence indicates the motivation was personal, not profession-

al, hence the failure. The city administrator forcing the sewer district to spend \$120,000 of reserve funds, costing residents thousands of dollars placing and officer on paid administrative leave, update, it appears the officer has been suspended, it will be interesting to hear why.

The situation is not between individuals, it's between them and the residents who'll pay for what they've done. Perhaps the manufacturer of stickers can produce one that reads Crooked Cops Get Cities Sued, profits can help the residents pay the bill.

**Kelly Avelsgard,  
Deerwood  
Concerned Observer**

## Voters need to hold city accountable

As more people come forward with egregious examples of non-transparency that points to the leadership of Crosby plotting for and promising selected businesses future advantages like those mentioned in last week's letter written by Mr. LeBlanc, I have to wonder what its going to take for our community to finally see the injustices this administration is placing on us taxpayers. Even worse is the consequences our downtown business district is going to suffer from our mayor and his cohort council's alliance with the bicycle mafia. Together they have gone against the majority of our downtown business owners requests and wishes by manipulating MnDOT into dangerously narrowing

the downtown traffic lanes in 2021 to allow the installation of bicycle friendly 13 foot wide sidewalks on both sides of the highway. If there's any kind of a snowbank, vehicles will be opening their doors directly into traffic. Plus the costs associated with winter maintenance of these now double sized sidewalks to meet city standards simply equates to more financial penalties for doing business here.

But if we can build our two-wheeled enthusiasts a tunnel, we might as well give them a path to some frozen yogurt. I also see that the taxpayers may be paying for the annual upkeep of a marina on what will be remembered as the once beautiful and unmolested shoreline of Serpent Lake.

The memories of the last dock the city sold for scrap must be all but forgotten because our cities administrator has already assured them some of that precious I.R.R.R.B. money as well!

This administration's priorities are not that of our towns residents, its long time business owners or even that of our surrounding communities.

They are playing god with another organization's grant money all the while running the city to their own arrogant, elitist idealisms believing our community is too naive to see what's really going on.

They also don't believe anyone is going to be able to hold them accountable, yet I'm betting the voters will.

**Chris Ryan, Crosby**

## Celebration abounds at Jaques Art Center juried show in Aitkin



Board members Chip Borkenhagen, left; and Barden Heft, right, flank Best of Show winner Gust Akkanen.

Ann Schwartz photos

By ANN SCHWARTZ  
Although the quarantine had just begun a week ago Saturday, there was an air of celebration and holiday at the opening and awards ceremony at the Jaques Art Center on March 14 in Aitkin. Earlier, Aitkin's Sports and Commerce Show was canceled and the next day, many local churches didn't open their doors. However, the Jaques was packed with folks to see the show, hear who the

winners were and munch on a great spread in the Carnegie Gallery.

"We have a lovely and amazing show," said Chip Borkenhagen, emcee and board member. "This is the 25th anniversary of our art center and we have lots of special things planned for our anniversary year."

Borkenhagen announced that "Happy Trails" would be the theme of next year's Juried Show.

The 2020 theme was "A Stroke of Genius" and included entries from professional and amateur artists and students of all ages. It was decided earlier that Jaques Board members would be prohibited from winning prizes but a "Best of the Board" award would be presented. Borkenhagen won that award.

Lisa Jordan, the executive director of the Crossing Arts Alliance in Brainerd, judged the show.

Various sponsors and the art center generously supplied \$1,800 in prize money. Thirty-eight adults and eight students entered the show.

### Winners

Adult Fine Art: Honorable Mentions: Mary Corwin, Duane Barnhart and Sher Leksan.

Third place; Kathy Brandenburger; second, Kathy Braud and first, Tom Kitschier.

Adult photography: Second place Sara Temte and first, Kathleen Riley.

Adult 3D/Sculpture: Honorable Mentions: John Pierson and John Jansen. Third Place Roger Hasskamp, Second Place Todd Yotter and First Place John Kinzer.

### Students

Honorable Mentions: David Jachimiec; Noah and Eli Hurd; Third Place Autumn Niemeyer, Second Olivia Tibbetts and First Dixie Love.

Best of Show went to Gust Akkanen for "Jay Cook Osprey". This painting was done in the style of Francis Lee Jaques.

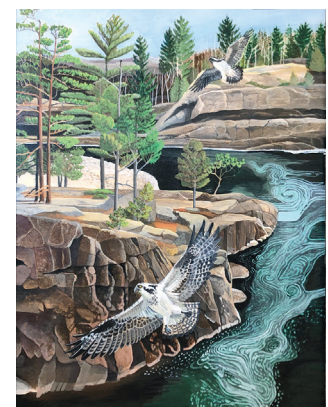
Visit the art center and vote on the Carroll W. Heft "People's Choice Award," to be announced later.

Award sponsors include The Jaques Art Center, Triton Wealth, Maryann Holder, Pine Insurance, Kathy Hanlon, Joel Hoelz, Yeah We Do Windows, Ann Hutching, The Office Shop, Neighborhood National Bank and Dawson Strong.

There is still time to pick up

your free community canvas and enter the upcoming show with 300 other local artists whose works will be hung in

one large show. That show opens on Saturday, May 8, with the opening reception on May 16.



Best of Show, in the style of Francis Lee Jaques, is "Jay Cooke Osprey" by Gust Akkanen.



"Girl" by Dixie Love won the student First Place prize.

## CR Women's Club

The Cuyuna Range Women's Club has canceled their April meeting and the May luncheon. This decision was based upon recommendations

from the Minnesota Department of Health over concerns due to the Coronavirus.

The club plans to resume meetings in September.

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# COVID 19 CANCELATIONS

## DNR canceling some public events, open houses and meetings

### State parks, recreation areas and public lands remain open

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is adjusting and canceling a variety of public events, including open houses, safety education training, naturalist programs and other meetings.

The DNR is exploring a range of digital options to support public meetings and other critical engagement opportunities.

State parks, recreation areas, campgrounds, and other public lands remain

open to the public for people to enjoy.

"Now is a great time to get outdoors," said DNR Commissioner Sarah Strommen. "Parks are a great place to do some social distancing and enjoy the health benefits of nature."

However, to ensure we meet state health guidance, visitors will experience some changes in services available. State park visitor centers, contact stations, and other ancillary buildings will be closed until further notice. With contact stations closed, visitors will pay through self-

pay and informational kiosks located at each facility. Visitors are also encouraged to purchase daily and annual park passes through the online portal before they visit.

For the time being, state parks naturalist programs are canceled. We are working to determine which of these programs are compatible with social distancing and will resume naturalist programming to the extent possible.

State park bathrooms, vault toilets and shower buildings that are currently open will remain open, with increased cleaning protocols.

### Public urged to use online and telephone options

The DNR also is encouraging the public to use social distancing options for doing business with the agency, such as buying or renewing licenses online, calling rather than stopping by your local DNR office, using online or telephone reservation systems, and using email or phone to request information from the DNR's Information Center.

The DNR has adopted Minnesota Department of Health social distancing guidelines, such as maintaining 6-10 foot distances, at front-counter operations with the public.

### Postponed events

Here are events that are postponed at this time:

- All safety education training, including firearms safety training.
- Deer open houses.
- Elk input meetings in northwest Minnesota.

Because this is an evolving situation, please check with your meeting contact or the DNR website for additions and modifications to this list.

## Sheriff's office closing

Crow Wing County Sheriff Scott Goddard announced that the Sheriff's main office and jail lobby areas will be closed to the public through March 31, 2020.

Sheriff Goddard said, "We will continue to serve our community with our focus on keeping our personnel safe and healthy, so we can respond to calls for help in our community. Closing our front lobby and jail will help limit the personal contact that we have with our public. We are looking for any and all ways we can limit our exposure while remaining ready to respond to help our people."

"I have been in law enforcement for a number of years, never before have I seen a local, state and national

response to what we are currently facing. In times like this, we will show that we are Minnesota Nice and look out for all of those who live and visit where we are blessed to call home. Please take the time to call and check in on those you know who are in need of basic supplies or suffer from health issues and do your part to practice proper hygiene, maintain social distance guidelines and stay home if you are not feeling well. We will get through this and I pray that we find ourselves better for the challenges that we face."

The public is encouraged to call 911 for emergencies.

For non-emergency related issues, please contact the sheriff's office by phone at (218) 829-4749.

## Ruttger's cancels events

Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge has canceled the Maple Tapping Weekend scheduled for April 3-5, and Easter Brunch on April 12. "Our number one concern is the health and safety of our guests and employees," Ruttger's President Chris Ruttger said. "Though these events are fun, and will be missed, nothing is as important as doing our duty to help halt the spread of COVID-19."

## AARP tax help canceled

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Sites Service has been suspended until further notice.

AARP will issue further communications as there are updates/changes in site status.

Unfortunately, at this time the Crosby AARP Tax-Aide Site does not have telephone access for up-to-date information. Please do not contact Crosby City Hall nor the Library as they cannot answer specific questions relating to the Crosby AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Site, nor schedule appointments.

Please check [www.aarp-foundation.org/taxhelp](http://www.aarp-foundation.org/taxhelp) periodically to see if sites are open.

## CLC Performing Arts Center cancels season

The Central Lakes Community Performing Arts Center at Central Lakes College is canceling the remainder of its season.

- The events affected are:
- Neither Wolf Nor Dog (March 17 and 18)
  - Farewell Angelina (March 21)
  - Laurence Juber (March 26)
  - Big Friendly Giant (April 3 and 4)
  - The New Standards (April 17)
  - I Am...He Said: A Neil Diamond Celebration (April 24)
  - The Outgoing Tide (April 30-May 2, May 7-9)

If you've already purchased tickets to one or more of these events, here are options for you to consider:

- #1 Credit for purchased tickets to be applied to future events (any ticketing fees already paid cannot be credited);
- #2 Donation of the ticket price to our organization;
- #3 Refund (less service fees)

"We humbly ask that you consider option #2, as the organization will have a substantial financial loss as a result of these actions," said Patrick Spradlin, director of the CLC Performing Arts Center. "If you opt for a refund, please understand that processing refunds may take some time, depending on the method of payment you initially used and when purchase was made. And, we are able to refund ONLY to the original purchaser of the ticket(s)."

Box office staff will be contacting ticket holders for each event via email and/or phone to discuss these options. They will work with each event on a chronological basis, with 'Neither Wolf Nor Dog' patrons being contacted first, and working through to 'The Outgoing Tide' ticket holders.

Please be patient as we work through this process; there are over 1,600 ticket holders to be contacted.

Spradlin added, "At this point in time, the events are canceled, not postponed. Should we be able to re-schedule any or all of these events, we will let you know. However, given the uncertainty of matters, we do not have a timetable as yet for possible re-scheduling. Thank you for your patience in this matter. We promise to have a robust, entertaining season (beginning with summer theatre) after this initial crisis has been averted."

## LEGAL NOTICE

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### NOTICE AND REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR BAY LAKE TOWNSHIP

The Town Board of the Town of Bay Lake will accept sealed bids for road maintenance (May 1, 2020, through April 30, 2023) in the Town of Bay Lake. Proposals will be opened and read publicly at the Bay Lake Town Hall immediately after the hour set for receiving bids.

Specifications obtainable from the Town Attorney: Virginia J. Knudson, 302 South Sixth Street, Brainerd, MN 56401, (Telephone 218-829-1451). Bids must be received by the Town Clerk by 7:00 o'clock p.m. on the 14th day of April, 2020. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive irregularities. Authorization for the sealed bidding process to be completed by Don Hales and Virginia Knudson.

The successful bidder must be a "responsible contractor." The term "responsible contractor" means a contractor as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 16C.285, subdivision 3. Any prime contractor, subcontractor, or motor carrier that does not meet the minimum criteria or fails to comply with the verification requirements is not a responsible contractor and is not eligible to be awarded a construction contract for the project or to perform work on the project.

Dated: March 3, 2020  
CAROL PUNDT, Clerk  
Bay Lake Township  
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(Published in NewsHopper Sat., March 14 & 21, 2020)

### NOTICE AND REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR BAY LAKE TOWNSHIP

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