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Robin Harms Benefit Saturday, July 18 Beginning at Noon Ironton American Legion

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Crosby's Graphic Packaging International business thrives

New space, machinery and employees added as demand for environmental friendly packaging increases



Graphic Packaging International in Crosby.

By ANN SCHWARTZ, Information provided by Matt Sundquist, Crosby General Manager

In the strange times we live in, some businesses thrive and some struggle.

Graphic Packaging International, headquartered in Atlanta and with a plant in Crosby, is one business that is



Now complete, GPI started construction earlier this year on a new freight elevator in their main building.

thriving. A never-ending thirst for beverages and hunger for food around the world led to Graphic Packaging International finding expanded markets abroad.

The company manufactures paper-based containers and packaging for food and beverage companies worldwide.

"The Crosby facility expansion was done to support the increased demand for machine systems to create pa-



GPI converted a storage building to a production facility.

perboard-based packaging," explained Matt Sundquist, Crosby's general manager.

Expansion highlights include:

- More than 10 CNC machines added in fabrication
- Converted a storage building to a production facility
- Added a freight elevator and converted lower level from storage to production area
- Purchased an additional building for storage
- Added over 60 new employees
- Doubled capacity to produce machines
- The project began in October 2019 and is nearly

complete, he said.

Netherlands Coca Cola

A new packaging technology, which Crosby staff had a hand in developing, is now in use overseas.

In an effort to switch to a more environmentally friendly packaging for soft drinks, Coca Cola in the Netherlands has installed a KeelClip™ 1600. This allows high-speed

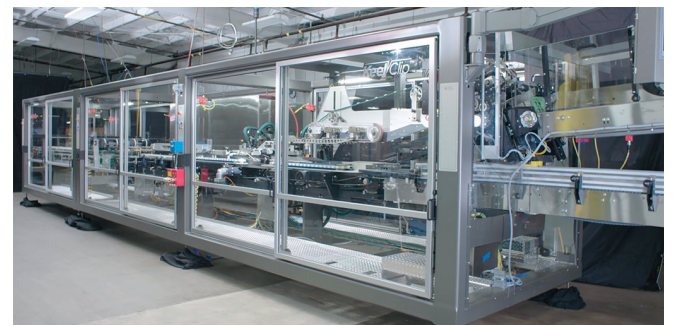
packaging of products with a paper-based packaging system that replaces plastic rings and shrink wrap.

"The KeelClip was engineered to benefit beverage companies, consumers and the planet," said Sundquist. "Our customers benefit from a renewable and recyclable packing option with more

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GPI uses 3D CAD design software to design their packaging machines.



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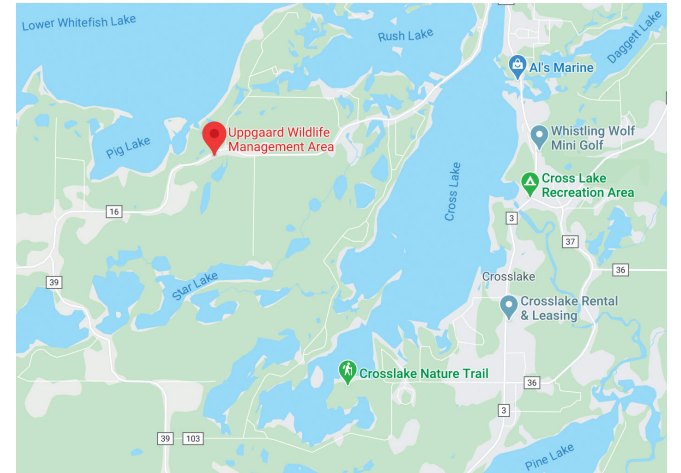
Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative (MLEC) postponed the 2020 Annual Meeting that was originally scheduled in April. During these uncertain times, MLEC has been following CDC recommendations and state guidelines to keep our employees and members as safe as possible.

After much discussion, and guidance from the cooperative's legal counsel, the Board of Directors has decided that the 2020 Annual Meeting will be held in conjunction with the 2021 Annual Meeting in April 2021. Since both the MLEC board seats that were up for election in 2020 were running unopposed, the Board Members and Management Team felt that combining the business meet-

ings was the safest option for all involved. If there was a topic you wanted to address this year, please feel free to contact MLEC at your convenience, if you would like it addressed before next April's combined meeting.

This decision was not made lightly. Holding an Annual Meeting allows MLEC to provide the latest information, interact with members, and discuss all that the cooperative has to offer.

"The health and well-being of our members, our employees, and the community is very important. If we can do just one thing to help in this crisis, we believe limiting public exposure is our duty," said CEO Sarah Cron. "We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting in 2021."



Dead woman discovered

The body of a 28-year-old Crosslake woman was found Sunday, July 12, in Ideal Township in Crow Wing County.

A couple who was walking in the Uppgaard Wildlife Management Area off of County Road 16 in Ideal Township, near Crosslake. They came upon a body of a deceased adult female in a gazebo. The couple immediately called 911 and reported the incident. Law enforcement personnel ar-

rived and secured the scene for Sheriff's Investigators.

Sheriff Scott Goddard identified the woman as Carly Jean Jackson. Her body was transported to the Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office for an autopsy.

Sheriff Goddard stated that there is no threat to the public and that the death does not appear to be suspicious.

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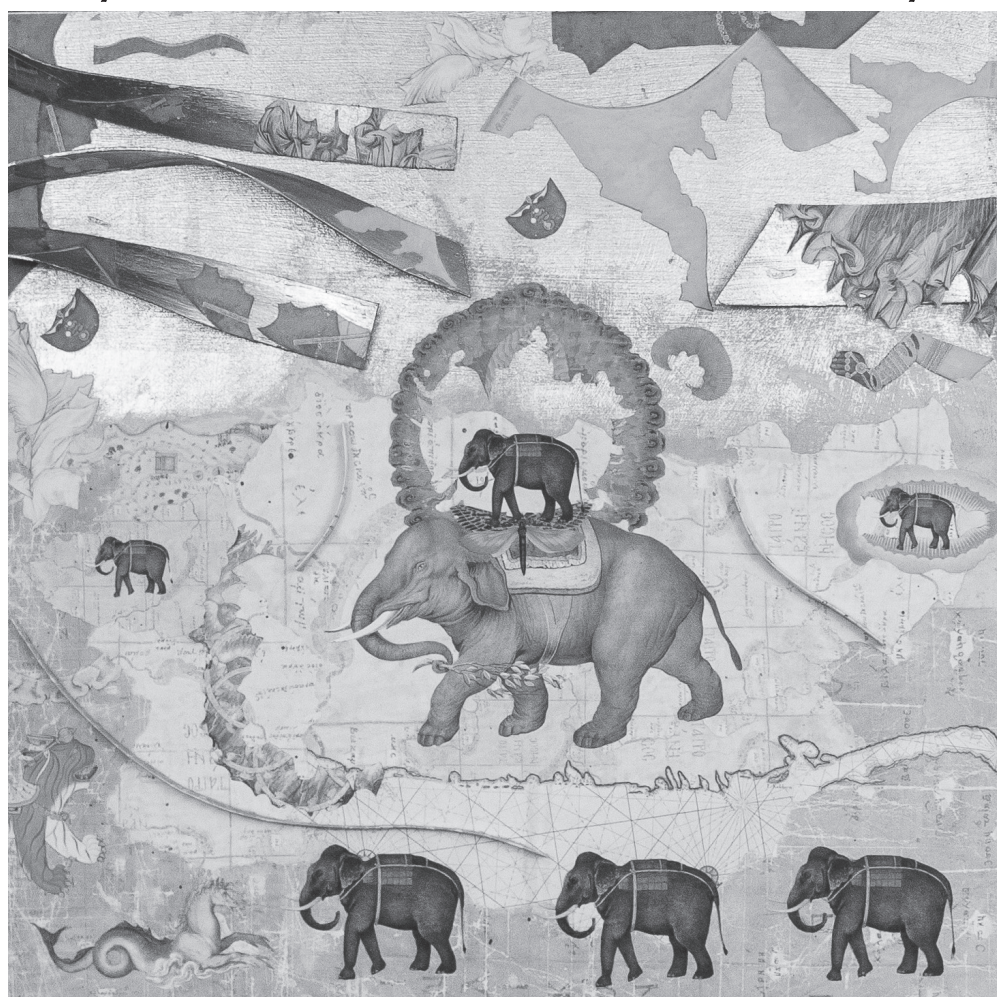
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Collage and clay featured in new show at Bay Lake gallery

Collage and clay by two artists will be featured at Ripple River Gallery beginning July 15. While collage paintings by Karlyn Atkinson Berg and pottery by Guillermo Cuellar might seem to have little in common, work by both artists reflects their devotion to process and their passion for their craft. The show will continue through August 16 at the gallery near Bay Lake.

In her series, "Uncertain Realms," Karlyn Atkinson Berg explored new ways to challenge herself as a collage artist. "It becomes very easy to create within an established comfort zone where you employ a favorite color theme, a style, image components, or safe repetitive formula for your paintings," she said. "I always attempt to break out of that comfort zone even if it means a risk."

"Working on a collage is always an exciting visual journey offering a multitude of possibilities," Atkinson Berg said. More than a mere assembly of pictures, collage is an art form that allows the artist to combine a multitude



"Elephant Walk" mixed media collage Karlyn Atkinson Berg.

of shapes, objects, color and pieces to form a painting or sculptural assemblage. Each

added element builds on the previous one by changing, adding or even eliminating the other components. For "Uncertain Realms" Atkinson Berg challenged herself to include steamed and shaped bent wood components to add a three-dimensional element to her collage.

"With each panel I experimented with different paint textures and color palettes and wrestled to maintain quality design and execution to create accomplished paintings," she said. "The challenge was integrating the three-dimensional components to move effectively with the whole composition. Because I approached each panel as a different investi-

gation, I risked not having a cohesive group of paintings. I have to rely that my voice as a painter remained sound though each work was different."

"I hope these paintings transport the viewer into a mystery of the color and the imagined worlds."

Atkinson Berg graduated from Rhode Island School of Design, continued her studies at Pratt University and worked at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. She was awarded grants from the Minnesota State Arts Board in 2017 and 2020 and from the Arrowhead Regional Arts Council in 2018 and 2019. She is currently administrative assistant at the Edge

Center for the Arts in Bigfork.

Karlyn Atkinson Berg is a fiscal year 2019 recipient of a grant from the Arrowhead Regional Arts Council. This activity was made possible in part by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Arrowhead Regional Arts Council, thanks to appropriations from The McKnight Foundation and the Minnesota State Legislature's general and arts and cultural heritage funds.

In 1980 Guillermo Cuellar began making pots for a living in his home country of Venezuela. During a workshop in Caracas in 1981, chance led to a formative experience as an assistant to Minnesota potter, the late Warren MacKenzie. "Visiting his studio and home over the years I saw the most beautiful pots, old and new, that I had ever seen. The kinship I continue to feel with that work, with Warren's life and his work, and the historical sweep of useful pottery making informs my work to this day," Cuellar says.

After working, exhibiting and teaching in Venezuela for 25 years, Cuellar set up a pottery studio in Shafer, Minnesota in 2005. In addition to making pots full time he has exhibited, taught workshops and juried exhibitions. Since 2009 he has been a host studio on the annual St. Croix Valley Pottery Tour. Though primarily a maker, he is also committed to mentoring and teaching and currently has two apprentices.

"I love to make pots that invite handling and use, that suggest participation and enjoyment, not only contemplation. Pots are tactile as well as

visual and are felt physically," Cuellar said. "Beauty also has a function, which is to make a piece engaging to the user. I think good pots are associated with what I see as important priorities in living a good life and balancing the rough edges of contemporary life. I hope my pots will encourage folks to slow down, cook, and share their own delicious food and drink in good company."

Ripple River Gallery is open with health and safety measures in place; masks required.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays. The gallery is located five miles south of Deerwood on Highway 6, then 3 miles east of Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge on County Road 14 to Partridge Avenue; or south of Aitkin on Highway 169 to Bennettville, then 3.2 miles west on County Road 11 to Partridge Avenue.

For more information call 218-678-2575 or e-mail ripplevergallery@gmail.com.



Covered jar by Guillermo Cuellar.

Harvesting hay and grazing cattle on state lands helps DNR manage grassland

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture have joined forces to help connect the state's cattle farmers in need of additional forage to DNR area wildlife managers needing to manage grassland habitat. Research over the last two decades shows that grassland wildlife and pollinators respond positively to well-managed haying and grazing.

For many years, the DNR has used its conservation grazing and haying program to manage grasslands for the benefit of wildlife. This also produces forage from DNR managed lands, such as wildlife management areas, for cattle farmers.

COVID-19-related disruptions at meat packing facilities have caused farmers to hold on to cattle longer than normal. As a result, some farmers have larger herds and are running out of feed. These changes put additional pressure on an already low statewide forage stockpile. Recognizing the opportunity to help address this need while also advancing management objectives on

DNR grasslands, this summer DNR staff are working to publicize haying and grazing opportunities and streamline the process for farmers.

"The DNR is eager to partner with Minnesota cattle farmers and demonstrate the value grasslands bring to local communities," said Dave Olfelt, DNR Fish and Wildlife Division director. "We know we can help local farmers while using haying and grazing to help us manage grassland habitat for wildlife and pollinators."

Haying and grazing activity on WMAs is timed to avoid nesting and fall hunting seasons. Haying and grazing are done in such a way that substantial areas are left undisturbed and each WMA has good fall and winter cover. Typical hay leases are about 30 acres in size, a small portion of most WMAs.

The two state agencies worked together to update and improve information about haying and grazing opportunities on DNR lands. Cattle farmers who need additional forage are encouraged to email their DNR area wildlife manager to discuss options in their area.

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Any interested residents may file with City Clerk, Mona Geske beginning July 28, 2020 until August 11, 2020 until 5:00 p.m. Filing fee is \$2.00.

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OBITUARIES

CELESTE LANDOWSKI



Celeste "Tudy" Landowski, 94, of Fairfield Township died on Monday, July 6, 2020 at the Cuyuna Regional Care Center in Crosby.

A Memorial Mass was held Friday, July 10, 2020 at St. Emily's Catholic Church in Emily. Burial was at the Pine Ridge Cemetery in Emily.

She was born on February 23, 1926 in Paynesville to Thomas and Elsie (Katzenberger) Stockard. Tudy married Joseph Landowski on September 21, 1950 in Emily. She was a member of St. Emily's Catholic Church, Emily and the Emily

Quilters Club. She was a former Crosby-Ironton School Bus Driver for many years and a former Miners Hospital employee.

Tudy is survived by her son, Mark (Michelle) Landowski of Emily; daughter, Jennifer (Steve) Hesse of New Ulm; brother, Tony Stockard of Emily; two sisters: Beverly Topley of Grand Rapids and Donna Novak of Union City, CA; six grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

Preceding Tudy in death are her parents; husband, Joseph in 2015; two brothers, Thomas and John Stockard; and three sisters, Jean Kertzman, Shirley Forstner, and Bernadette Stockard.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

CLARICE LUECK



Clarice A. Lueck, 91, of Deerwood died on Sunday, July 12, 2020 at Shepherd of Grace Senior Community in Becker.

A Memorial Service will be 10:00 a.m. Monday, July 20, 2020 at the Salem Lutheran Church in Deerwood. Burial

will be at the Scandia Cemetery in Deerwood. A visitation will be one hour prior to the services at the church on Monday.

She was born on November 30, 1928 in Bay Lake Township to Abraham and Karen (Skau) Christensen. Clarice married Virgil Lueck on October 14, 1951 in Deerwood. She was the bookkeeper of Virg's Excavating Company. Clarice was a member of Salem Lutheran Church in

Deerwood, a 65 year member of the Walter Scott Erickson American Legion Auxiliary in Deerwood and was a volunteer at the local food shelf for many years.

Clarice is survived by her two daughters, Vicki (Joel) Erickson of Clearwater, and Cindy (Dave) Hiedeman of Sauk Rapids; three grandchildren: Jennifer Stanfield of St. Michael, Becky (Aaron) Olmscheid of Becker, and Anika (Jake) Athman of Sauk Rapids; and five great-grandchildren.

Preceding Clarice in death are her parents; husband, Virgil; grandson, Jaran Connor; two brothers: Godfred and Chester Christensen; and four sisters: Barbara Johnson, Viola Olson, Dorothy Stinson and Bernice Reem.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

LAVERNE ENGER



LaVerne Elaine (Price) Enger, 91, of Aitkin, died Monday, July 6, 2020 at her home.

Services will be held Saturday, August 1 at 2 p.m. in Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Interment will be at a later date in Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis. Following the service everyone is cordially invited to Susan Hermans' residence at 208 3rd Ave. S.E., Aitkin for lunch and fellowship.

She was born December 3, 1928 in Virginia, MN to Chris and Alice (Ostman) Christiansen. LaVerne married Rudolph "Rudy" Price. After Rudy's passing, LaVerne was married Noris Enger. LaVerne worked at Upper Crust Bakery as a cake decorator. She enjoyed drawing, knitting, painting, writing to the editor and especially

spending time with family and friends. LaVerne will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

LaVerne is preceded in death by her husbands, Rudolph Price and Noris Enger; granddaughter, Jasmine Bradford; 3 brothers, infant, Howard MacDonald, Elwood MacDonald and Clifford Christiansen.

LaVerne is survived by 3 sons, Timothy (Dawn) Price of Braham, Tony (Estibaliz) Price of Long Beach, California and Thomas and (Lori) Price of Stacy; 4 daughters, Nancy Salo of Mora, Joy Lichtsinn of Pearland, Texas, Susan Hermans of Aitkin and Melanie (Dale) Poelvoorde of Menifee, California; 25 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren; 10 great great grandchildren; sister, Jane (Craig) Harris of Hermantown; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest register.

RONALD WHITE



Ron R. White, 86, formerly of Columbia Heights, Aitkin and Champlin, retired from Honeywell, died on Monday, July 6, 2020.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 21, at Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home, 31 Minnesota Ave S, Aitkin. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Immediately following the service, a luncheon

with Honors will be held at 1:30 p.m. in Malmo Cemetery. Military Honors will be provided by Aitkin American Legion Post #86 and Aitkin V.F.W. Post #1727. Guests are asked to wear a mask and to adhere to social distancing. Memorials are preferred in lieu of flowers to the charity of your choice.

Ron was a Veteran who served in The United

States Army. He married JoAnn Hermanson on May 19, 1956 in Duluth. Ron was a member of the Glen Community Church and the Aitkin County Historical Society. Ron loved his home on Clear Lake and enjoyed trips to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area and Canada with family and friends.

After retirement Ron enjoyed woodworking projects, volunteering at the Aitkin Museum, tending to a garden and spending time with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Ron is survived by his loving wife, JoAnn (Hermanson); daughter, Preditta (Curt); son, Michael (Becky); three grandchildren: Dustin (Nikki); Stacie (Dan) and Joseph; six great-grandchildren: Elley, Aurora, Athena, Stella, Luna and Micah; brother: Robert (Betty); many nieces, nephews other relatives and friends.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents Lawrence and Estella White.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest register.

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Baxter* — Pointway Alliance Church; Rev. Charles Bolstridge, 218-537-6505; 7756 Highland Scenic Road; Worship 10; www.pointway.org
Garrison* — Pastor Michael H. Palkie; Worship 9; SS 10:30.
Onamia — Vineland Native American Chapel, Hwy. 169 north of casino; Worship 11; Pastor Boeringa 320-532-4449

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Aitkin — Heritage Church, Rev. Hayden Loven; Sunday Morning Service 10:45
Crosby — Pastor Dustin McCaleb; Worship 10:30
Crosslake — Crossroads Christian, Rev. Gary Espeseth; SS at 9:30; Worship at 10:45
Hill City — Interim Pastor John Koppel, Staff Pastor Lisa Jordan; Worship 10; hillcityagchurch@gmail.com; 218-697-2662
Palisade* — Pastor Ed Sornberger; SS 9; Worship 10; Kids Church; Small groups during the week 218-845-2726

BAPTIST

Aitkin — The Journey North, Pastor Lynfield Hines, 218-824-5617; Worship 9:30 and 11, thejourneynorth.com
Baxter - The Journey North, Pastor Mark Bjorlo, 218-824-5617; Worship Saturday 5, Sunday 9, 10:30, 11:45, thejourneynorth.com
Brainerd* - Faith Baptist Church, Pastor Chris Erickson, 218-829-3191; SS 9:00, Worship 10:30 and 6 p.m., Wed. Classes and Clubs 6:30 p.m.; fbbrainerd.com
Brainerd- The Church On The Wise Road, Pastor Todd Stumbo 218-829-4673, Worship 11:00, SS 9:45 www.thechurchonthewiseroad.org
Breezy Point — Eagles Nest, Pastor Zach Broom 218-562-5252; Worship 10:30, SS 9:30.
Crosby — Bible Baptist, Pastor G. Fisher; SS 9:45; Service 10:45 and 6 p.m., Bible Study and Our Kids for Christ Wed. 7 pm
Deerwood* — Pastor W. Skog; SS 9:30; Worship 10:30 and 6 pm; Wed. Service, 6:30 pm.
Glory* — Pastor Chris Meirose; 927-3678; SS 9:15; Worship 10:30 am.; Wed 6pm Glory Family night, Kid/Min grades kindergarten - 6, Mad4Christ grades 7-12.
Hill City — Pastor Lonnie Lee; 218-697-2645; Adult SS 9; Worship 10 am; Bible Study, Fri., 7 pm.
Isle — Pastor Nick Skogen; 676-3171; SS 9:30; Service 10:30; Bible Study, Wed., 7 p.m.
Opstead — 676-8859; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Bible Study Wed., 7 p.m.

CATHOLIC

Aitkin* — St. James, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 7:30 and 10:30. Confession Sat. 10-10:45 am and 4-4:45 pm.
Brainerd — St. Andrew's, Fr. Daniel Weiske, Sat.4:30; Sun. 10:00 and St. Matthias Sunday 8:00.
Brainerd — St. Francis, Fr. Anthony Wroblewski, Sat. 5:00; Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 and All Saints Saturday 4:00 and Sunday 10:30.
Cromwell/Wright — Immaculate Conception, Mass: Sat. 5 p.m.
Crosby* — St. Joseph's, Mass: Sat. 4:30 pm; Sun 10:30.
Crosslake — Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; www.ihmstmarys.org; Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession Sat. 3 pm.
Emily — St. Emily, Mass: Mon. & Wed. 8; Sun. 10:30; Confession 1st Sat. 11 or by appt. 218-763-2101.
Garrison — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Elias Gieske, Mass Sun. 8 am. Confession Sun 7:15-7:45 am.
Grand Rapids — St. Joseph's, Fr. Jerry Weiss, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 8 & 10:30. 218-326-2483
Hillman — Holy Family; Sun. 10 to Mass Sat. 6:30 pm (only through Labor Day) w/ confession before or by appt.
McGregor — Holy Family, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 9 am. Confession by appointment.
Vineland — St. Therese, Mass Sun. 11; Holy Days 8:30.
CHURCH OF CHRIST
Baxter, Lakes Area — Nondenominational; 7001 Highland

Scenic Road; Bible Study every Wed. 7 pm; Worship 10:30-11:30. 218-828-1362
Tamarack — Pastor Terry Banker, 608-475-1528, Worship 9:30; SS 10:45; Wed Youth 4 pm.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Aitkin — Co. Rd. 12, Chapel Ph. 218-927-4454; Kevin Haffner 218-792-5684; Sacrament Mtg. 10

COMMUNITY

Aitkin — Nondenominational; 927-2749; at 219-1st Ave. NE., Aitkin, Services Sun.10, 218-927-6959
Brainerd - Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene- Pastor Dave McGaffey Sunday worship at 10:45, SS 9:30 -16549 Johnson Rd -church phone 218-829-9005
Glen — Pastor R. F. Stauter, 218-838-1981; Worship 9 May-Oct.
Grand Rapids — Solid Rock Church of God, Pastor Robert Kimberling; 218-326-0711; Sun. BS 9:30, Worship 10:30; Wed. BS 6:30 pm
Jacobson — Jacobson Community Church, Pastor George Collins, 218-252-5938, Sun. SS (All ages) 9:30, Worship 10:30; Family Time 2nd & 4th Sundays; Wed. BS 7 pm
Kimberly — Nature Ave. Rev. Rick Perry; Worship 9; Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30; 218-927-6256.
McGregor — Amazing Grace Christian Church; Worship 10; 99 South 1st Street (at the McGregor United Methodist church [shared] in downtown McGregor) Pastor Joel Seibel.
McGregor — Victory Mission, Pastor J. Gould, 218-768-2160; Sun. 10; Wed. Bible Study, 7:30 pm.
Merrifield — Community Church of the Nazarene, Pastor Ron Christensen; Service 11 & 6 pm. Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; 218-829-7536.
Merrifield — Ossipee Community, SS 10; Service 11; Wed. Bible Study Prayer, 7:00 p.m.
Nisswa — Christ Community Church, Pastor Richie Bean; Service 10; Fellowship 9:30-10
Outing* - Narrows Community Church, Pastor Stanley Mikles, 218-792-5530 Worship 9:30; Children's Sunday School 9:30; 6297 Woods Bay NE, just north of Hwy. 6 bridge
Palisade/Waukenab Twp. — Hilltop Chapel, Pastor B. Hite; Service 10 a.m.; Adult and Children's SS 9 a.m.; between Esquagama & Round Lake. Handicap Accessible.
Tamarack — Church of Christ, 218-768-3898; Service 9:30; SS 10:45.

CONGREGATIONAL

Aitkin — First (UCC) Rev. Lijja Behr; Sun.10; Comm. 1st Sun; Council Mtg. 2nd Sun. Spiritual fellowship, Sun. 9.

EPISCOPAL

Aitkin — St. John's, Holy Communion or Morning Prayer 9
Brainerd* — St. Paul's, Holy Communion Sunday 10

EVANGELICAL FREE

Baxter — Lakewood EFC, Pastor Steve Anderson; Worship at 9 & 10:45; Wed for all ages 6:30 pm
Crosslake — Pastor Mark Holmen; Call for Service Times at 218-692-4141, email theologchurch@crosslake.net
Isle — Pastor Kerry Johnston; Worship 9; SS 10:15; Wed. Youth Group 6 pm; Adult Prayer 6:30 pm
Malmo — Pastor Glenn Browning; SS 9:30; Fellowship 10; Worship 10:15
Wright — Pastor Ken Mitchell, 218-426-5115; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Thu., Bible Study, 7 pm.

HEBREW/MESSIANIC

Glen — Beth Shalom Tabernacle of Truth, Rabi Frank Dell, for information 320-684-2804

LUTHERAN

Aitkin — Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Rebecca Hinz; Worship 9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month.
Aitkin — First* (ELCA) Pastor Reggie Denton, Pastor Jordan Gades; worship Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 8 am & 10 am, Wed. 5:30 pm w/supper; contemporary services 2nd & 4th Sun.; nursery staffed during 10 am Sun. service; Sunday service is live streamed on YouTube (First Lutheran Church Aitkin); broadcast on KKN (94.3FM); community meal every Mon.

& Thu. 5 pm; food shelf 2nd & 4th Thu. 9:30 am-5 pm.
Aitkin — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor D. Becker; Worship Sun. 9, SS 10

Baxter — Christ Lutheran Church and Preschool (WELS). Pastor Bill Werth. Sunday Worship 9. Sunday School/ Adult Bible Class 10:15. 13815 Cherrywood Dr. in Baxter. (Corner of Inglewood and Cherrywood). 218-829-4105. www.christbaxter.com.

Baxter — Prince of Peace (LCMS); Communion every Sunday 9, Fellowship 10:15, Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am 218-829-7092 www.pppbaxter.org
Beaver Township — Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st & 3rd Sun., 10:30.

Brainerd — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church, AFLC, Sunday School 9, Worship 10 coffee fellowship 11, Wednesday evening 7 pm adult Bible study. Located at 5878 Pine Beach Road, Brainerd, 218-824-3052, www.goodshepherdfreechurch.org

Brainerd - Laestadian Lutheran Church; 1501 So. 8th St. - Sunday Worship Services 11 am. (www.lchchurch.org)

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Brainerd — Truth Lutheran Church (LCMC, Pastor James Walth, Corner of 5th and Kingwood, Worship 9 Cedar Lake, Norwegian Lutheran — Third Sun 11, May - Oct. Cedarbrook — St. John's (ELCA); Worship 8:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.

Crosby — Immanuel (LCMC, NALC) Rev. Paul Mattson; Sun. 9 & 10:30 worship; SS (Sept.-May) 10:40.
Crosby — Zion (LC-MS) Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 8:30; SS 10; Bible Study Wed. 7 pm; handicap accessible. 218-546-6910

Crosslake —(ELCA) Pastor Kristin Oltmann, Pastor Kurt Hagestuen, 218-692-3682, In-Car Outdoor Worship, Sundays at 10 am at 14019 Daggett Pine Road, Crosslake View Worship online at crosslakelutheran.com
Crosslake —Mission of the Cross (LCMS), Pastor Leslie Uhrinak; Worship 9:30 with every Sunday Communion, Fellowship 10:30, Adult Bible Class 11, 218-692-4228, www.missionofthecross.org

Deerwood — Salem (ELCA), Pastor Michael Briggs; Worship 9; Sunday School 9:15.
Garrison — Light of the Cross (ELCA), Pastor Juli Sutton-Deem; Worship 9 SS 9; 320-692-4773 or 877-406-9101.

Garrison — Shepherd of the Lake (LCMS), Rev. Tom Petersen. Worship 10 with Communion Every Sunday. Adult Bible Study 8:30am, Sunday School Sept-May 8:30am. Fellowship 11am. 320-692-4581. www.shepherdofthelake.org
Giese — Immanuel, Rev. R. Langhorst & Rev. R. Lovaas; Worship 9; SS 10; Holy Communion 1st Sun. of month 8:45.
Hill City — Trinity, (Missouri Synod), Pastor M. Eckert; Worship 9; Bible Study 10:15.
Hillman — Immanuel, (ELCA) Sun. Worship 9:30, SS 10. Located on the corner of Hwy. 27 and Co. Rd. 47. (Handicap accessible)

Iron Hub — Immanuel (LC-MS), Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 9 am Alternating with Zion of Crosby; 218-534-3069
Isle — Faith (ELCA), Interim Pastor Rev. Henry French; Worship 9:30; handicapped accessible.

Isle — Holden (ELCA), SS 9:30; Worship 10:30.
Isle — Trinity (Missouri Synod), Rev. Mark Maunula; Worship 8:30; Fellowship follows; SS 9:45; Adult Bible 10.
Jacobson — Carmel, Vicar Mark Wagner; SS 1st & 3rd Sun. 10, Service 11, fellowship follows.

Lake Shore — Living Savior Lutheran Church, 8327 Interlachen Rd.; Worship 9:00 Sunday mornings, followed by fellowship and Bible study. (Located on Co. Rd. #77 N)
Malmo — Bethesda (ELCA) Sun. Worship 9 (winter) 8:30 & 10 (summer); Fellowship after first service; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.

McGrath — Grace; Wed. potluck 5 pm, Bible study 6 p.m.; SS 10; Worship 11.
McGrath — Zion (ELCA), Pastor Elliott Malm; Worship 9; SS 9.

McGregor/Big Sandy Lake — Grace Lutheran Log Church (ELCA), Pastor Ericka Foss; Worship 9, Fellowship follows, SS 10.

McGregor — Our Savior's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua C. Reinke; Worship 9; SS 10; Bible Study Tue. 9, Wed. 7 pm

Outing — Our Saviors ELCA; Pastor Peter Rosenkvist, Worship 9.

Palisade* — Bethel (ELCA), Rev. Wm. J. Sass; Worship 9:30. Pequot Lakes* - Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA) Rev. Stephen Blenkush Worship 9:00 a.m., SS 9:15 a.m., Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Wed. Adult Bible Study 11:00 a.m.
Rossburg — Bethesda (ELCA); Comm. 1st & 3rd Sunday each month.

Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor Ron Staudinger; 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwy 210

Thor — Zion, Worship 11; 1st and 3rd Sun. April through December.

Wright — Bethlehem, Worship; SS 9.
Wright — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua Reinke; Worship 10:30; Bible Study and Sunday School Sun. 9:30; Lent services Wed. 5:30 pm.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Brainerd—Oak Street Chapel, Pastor Todd Wooden, Worship service is Sunday at 9:30 am, 523 SE 11th Street, Brainerd, 218-454-0984

PENTECOSTAL

Emily — Cornerstone Church; Pastor Earl Ready; Worship 10, 41536 Birchwood Drive, Emily; 218-763-2939.
Ironton — Iron Range Christian Center; Pastor Dwight Semler; 218-546-6523; meeting at Irontone Town Hall*, Co. Rd. 12, (Deerwood Shortcut); Worship 10 & Wed. 7 pm.
Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow Ministry, Pastors Ken and Ron Fairbanks, Sat. 11. 218-768-3585

PRESBYTERIAN

Crosslake — Pastor Tony Oltmann, 218-692-4769; Worship 10; Fellowship 11:15; Bible study on Wednesdays at 10:14444 Daggett Pine Road just passed the Community Center; www.crosslakepres.org
McGrath — Calvary, Pastor - Todd Oltmann; Worship 9.
McGregor/Round Lake — Pastor Talley; Worship Sat. 5 pm.
Tamarack — First, Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 11.

REFORMED

Crosby — Lifespring Church, a member of Fellowship of Independent Reformed Evangelicals, 9:30, 30 Hallett Ave NE 218-545-5433, www.visitlifespring.com

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Aitkin — Pastor Roger Hagen; Worship Sat. 9:30 a.m., Bible Study 10:30 a.m.; Prayer Mtg. Wed. 5:30 p.m.; www.aitkinadventist.org; 423-805-0933

Brainerd — Pastor Roger Hagen; Worship Sat. 11:20 a.m., Bible Study 10:00 a.m.; Bible Study & Prayer Mtg. Wed. 6:30 p.m.; 2910 Oak Street, Brainerd, 218-829-1676

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Pequot Lakes — 28877 State Hwy 371, Pequot Lakes 10:30 1st and 4th Sundays. 218-330-3476

UNITED METHODIST

Aitkin* — Pastor Dawn Houser; high school & adult SS 9; Worship 10:30; fellowship follows, Wednesdays at 5:30 pm Bible & Brew at Block North Brew Pub.
Crosby/Deerwood* — Cascade, Reverend Dr. Genia Garrett; Worship 9:45; fellowship follows.
Cutler — Pine Lake Chapel, Rev. Laurence Foote; Worship 9.
Cromwell — Pastor Tim Homstad; Worship 10; SS 9
Emily* — Pastors Luke and Bethany Nelson; Worship 8:30; fellowship follows.
Fleming* — (Northern Lights Parish) SS 9:15; Worship 10:30; fellowship follows.
Hill City — Pastor Roger Lynn; Worship 10
McGregor* — (Northern Lights Parish) Worship 8:45; fellowship follows.
Onamia — Pastor Rick & Judy Wilder; Worship 11; fellowship 10; 2 bks north of Post Office; handicap ramp; 320-532-3150; office: 218-546-7656; cell: 218-360-1947

WESLEYAN

Emily — Pastor Ryan Fish; Worship 9; Friendship Time 10; SS 10:30; Wed. Activities 6:30 p.m.; 218-763-HOPE.

READER RIBBETS

Apology to Catholics

In my July 11th rebuttal article in the NewsHopper, I wrote that Jesus did not give the Ten Commandments, God did. In my haste to write, I had simply forgotten that Catholics and Protestants do not generally view this the same way. It was not my intent to disparage another religion's beliefs. The point of the article was simply to remind another author that the basic values of how to treat each other aren't all that complicated and that it is a shame to let politics drown that out at a time when

we need those values most. During this health crisis, we need to pull together and help one another. Instead, so many are allowing anger, divisive politics, and even religion to distract from the fact that people are dying and how simple it is to make a difference with that. Without an antidote, all we have to fight back with are masks and social distancing. That so many not only willfully disregard the dangers, but also become angry when asked to take responsibility for the part they play is disheartening to say the least.

A right not to wear a mask when in close proximity to others is, by default, a right to pass on the virus. Taking a couple of minutes to read up on what a 'right' is and where rights come from will lead to an amazing discovery - nothing in the constitution, U.S. law, or any religious texts grant the "right" to pass on a highly infectious virus - even inadvertently. In closing, I apologize if I caused any ill feelings to the Catholic members of our community. Again, that was not my intent.

Dan Stiner, Crosby

Re: "Mask-Mandates Rebuttal"

My recent letter obviously left room for misinterpretation, given the "rebuttal" in NewsHopper July 11. Thus, this clarification:

I was expressing some of my beliefs, not making "claims." (There's a difference.)

Showing respect for one another's beliefs is imperative.

Yes, I should've said God gave the Ten Commandments; but since Jesus is God, the distinction is minor unless one thinks Jesus isn't God. The Commandments certainly are not suggestions. My point was, God doesn't use force even though He expects compliance. If people disobey, God permits it, allowing them to choose sin and/or Hell.

God-fearing governments respect religious freedom, and ensure that their laws conform

to God's law. A country like ours, whose laws don't respect the dignity of human life in the womb, won't respect it after birth either. Current mask-requirements are not fully respectful of Human Dignity: they don't make allowances for conscientious-objections; they also leave people vulnerable to having to reveal personal medical information and/or being publicly shamed or discriminated against for their beliefs and/or failure to comply with popular opinion. That's what makes the mandates evil.

Most COVID-19 deaths are happening in nursing homes; my reference was to recent infection spikes, which are blamed primarily on young people congregating — often in bars.

Some people aren't adversely affected by masks; others, with respiratory sensitivity, experience what George Floyd endured: "I can't breathe." Masks can also cause flares of other serious, harmful symptoms. Many people believe it a dehumanizing assault on Human Dignity to be required to partly conceal their identity and resemble masked criminals.

Religious discrimination is illegal, as is forced revelation of private medical information.

There's much disagreement among health experts, and others, regarding both COVID-19 and other issues. Each person's challenge is to get beyond the opinions and find the objective truth.

Jessica Schumacher, Emily

OBITUARIES

RONALD KRETLOW



Ronald R. Kretlow, 77, of Ironton died at his home surrounded by his family on Sunday, June 28, 2020 from renal cell cancer and dementia.

A Memorial Service was held 1:00 p.m. Friday, July 17, 2020 at Salem Lutheran Church in Deerwood. Burial was at the Lebanon Cemetery in Apple Valley. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday. In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to the Salem Lutheran Church Outreach Program.

He was born on October 19, 1942 in Minneapolis to Elvin and Rosella (Mallon) Kretlow. Ron drove truck for Yellow for 25 years, retiring in

2001. He moved to Shirt Lake, after retirement, and stayed there until 2016 when a retirement home was built outside of Ironton. He loved to fish with friend "Mel" and maintain the lake home. He was a member of the Teamster Local 120, Walter Scott Erickson American Legion #557, Deerwood, the Salem Lutheran Church of Deerwood and their outreach program at Salem West. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Sandra; children: Bruce of Apple Valley, Scott (Jody) of Apple Valley, Kurt (Brenda) of Farmington, Michelle (Jon) Smallman of Burnsville; four grandchildren: Brandon, Jada, Savanna, and Hunter; and one brother, Robert (Karen) Kretlow of Coon Rapids. Preceding Ron in death are his parents. Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

Move these projects forward and get Americans back to work

By BETTE GRANDE

With more than 40 million Americans out of a job due to the coronavirus pandemic, states are scrambling to help the unemployed and laying plans to reopen the economy.

Many of the proposed measures could take time to bring relief. In at least two states, though, governors could get thousands of people back to work right away by removing obstacles to existing energy infrastructure projects. Considering the dire economic forecasts, it would be a shame not to let them move forward.

Back in 2018, regulators in Minnesota approved a plan to replace an aging oil pipeline. Line 3, as it is known, carries crude oil from Alberta to Wisconsin, but because of its condition, operates at only half capacity. Last year, Governor Tim Walz renewed a state appeal to stop the project.

A similar delay is playing out in Michigan, where, in 2018, the state approved agreements to create a tunnel under the Straits of Mackinac, the waterway between Lakes Michigan and Huron. The tunnel is designed to house oil and gas pipelines that now sit unprotected on the bottom of the Straits. Governor Gretchen Whitmer ordered state agencies to halt action on

the proposed tunnel last year. A Michigan court reversed her order, but she still faces pressure to block any forward movement on the project.

In both states, environmental concerns have played a role in holding up pipeline upgrades, but they're not well-founded. When we have less pipeline capacity, more crude oil is transported by train, and according to a recent study from the University of Alberta, greenhouse gas emissions from pipeline transportation are as much as 77 percent lower. Pipelines are also the safest way to move oil, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Enbridge, the company slated to build both the Minnesota and Michigan pipelines, had a safe-delivery record of very close to 100 percent for the decade ending in 2017.

Crucially as we head into a major recession, infrastructure projects offer a slew of economic benefits. Minnesota's Line 3 replacement would create about 6,500 local jobs over a two-year period, pay some \$167 million to local workers and generate another \$162 million in purchases at local businesses. In Michigan, Enbridge has committed to spending \$500 million on the Straits of Mackinac tunnel, including \$40 million right away.

There are also up-and-running examples of the potential economic impact, like Louisiana's

Bayou Bridge, a pipeline extension completed last year. That project paid \$71 million to local landowners, plus nearly \$35 million to Louisiana-based companies for materials used in the pipeline's construction. It also created 2,500 construction jobs.

The Dakota Access pipeline, which was similarly stalled by protestors before it was finally completed in 2017, has been a boon for the North Dakota economy. The project produced some 12,000 jobs for North Dakotans during construction, and within its first two years of operation, the pipeline generated more than \$263 million in state tax revenue.

The coronavirus is hammering America's economy. There's no need to make things even worse by stalling perfectly safe infrastructure projects.

Bette Grande is President and CEO of the Roughrider Policy Center, a think tank focused on promoting and defending liberty and free enterprise in North Dakota, as well as a research fellow for energy issues at The Heartland Institute. Ms. Grande previously served as a North Dakota state representative from 1996-2014.

Master Naturalist course offered

Big Woods Big River is an introduction to the natural history of Minnesota's deciduous forests. Classroom presentations, outdoor activities and field trips provide opportunities for participants to explore and learn about this biome that expands from central to

southeastern Minnesota. Participants work together toward completing a capstone project.

The course is designed for adult learning of skills and techniques to share knowledge or provide citizen science through Master Naturalist volunteer activities. The 40-

hour course will run Aug. 18 through Oct. 27 with weekly meetups and two full day field trips.

The course cost is \$295 and includes course manuals and supplies. To register for the course go to minnesotamaster-naturalist.org/courses/.

Central Lakes College cancels fall sports

The Minnesota College Athletic Conference announced late Tuesday that fall sports have been cancelled, including football and volleyball at Central Lakes College, in light of COVID-19 and the importance of player and coach safety.

"We are wholeheartedly disappointed that our Raider athletes won't be able to compete this fall, but we have always put the health and safety of our students first," said Dr. Hara Charlier, President of Central Lakes College. "We

are so proud of each of our amazing athletes. Each student has a great deal to be proud of, both in the classroom and on the court or field. We look forward to seeing them back out there as soon as possible."

Jim Russell, CLC Athletic Director, said anytime a game or a season is canceled, it's disappointing.

"We provide such a great venue at CLC to give these students leadership and direction in life. But everything we do in athletics has always been about safety. This is, right now,

the best decision that had to be made."

Mary Sam, CLC Dean of Students, Equity and Inclusion added, "Our coaches and staff will continue to inspire, transform lives, develop leaders and support our student athletes during this unprecedented time. We strive to field champion teams and players, both on and off the field and court.

This fall will be different—there will be no games won or state titles awarded—but we are always Raider strong."

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Crosby's Graphic Packaging International business thrives | Continued from Page 1



GPI's KeelClip™ beverage packaging is safer for the environment, yet still meets the demands of its beverage company customers.

branding opportunities and consumers get cleaner can tops and packaging that is easy to carry and easy to recycle."

It clips onto the top of the cans and is glued in the center of the pack, creating a central "keel" that provides stability. The carton is made from renewable and recyclable material. Coca-Cola European Partners will use the KeelClip 1600 system to replace the plastic shrink wrap used on 30 million beverage packs each year.

The machine was developed by GPI's packaging machinery division in Atlanta and Crosby.

"The innovative carton design and glue formation, along with pack integrity and distribution tests were completed in

Bristol, United Kingdom, and Louisville, Colorado. From conception to installation, the KeelClip project team completed an equivalent of seven years' worth of work (people-hours) in under 12 months.

"It was a global effort by GPI employees in the US and the UK," Sundquist said. "More than 50 employees across multiple locations came together to make this happen. Many areas—carton design, engineering, fabrication, purchasing, assembly, sales and marketing—collaborated to design, build, and test this new system."

Demand for sustainable beverage packaging, including the clip system and packages for 24-packs, is expect-

ed to rise over the next few years. To meet initial market demand, GPI had multiple KeelClip systems in process before the first machine had even powered up.

Over the next five years, GPI expects to produce and install several KeelClip 1600 systems across the globe, starting with the UK, Poland, Ireland, Greece, France, Italy, Spain, Austria and Romania. A North American version is also in development.

"To keep up with growing demand, GPI continues to invest in new technology, better equipment, and more jobs."

Job openings now include mechanical design engineer, machinist, spare parts sales, electrical design engineer and technician.

Cuyuna Lakes Golf Tournament



First place winner of the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber of Commerce's 20th Annual Golf Tournament held on Jack's 18 Golf Course at Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge on Wednesday, July 8 were the Cuyuna Parts/Koop Insurance team with members Jason Steinke, Ted Johnston, Mike Koop and Curt Bordwell.

Over \$7,000 was raised to promote area businesses, tourism and economic growth at the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber of Commerce's 20th Annual Golf Tournament held on Jack's 18 Golf Course at Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge on Wednesday, July 8.

Seventeen teams participated and generously donated to raffles and contests. First place winners were Cuyuna Parts/Koop Insurance with its team of Jason Steinke, Ted Johnston, Mike Koop and Curt Bordwell. The second-place winning team of Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge included Marty Shonecker, Sam Sadlowsky, Mark Clasen and Gary Bilek. RE/MAX Lakes won third place with its team of Lance Nelson, Stephanie Nelson, Mark Pietig and Drew Boland. The Best Dressed was Aitkin Body Shop's team of DeeAnn Cluff, Julie Mohs, Krista Bordwell and Theresa Lashyro.

For more information on any of the Chamber's events, visit cuyunalakes.com.



The Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge team of Marty Shonecker, Sam Sadlowsky, Mark Clasen and Gary Bilek brought home second place.



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