

Carlton couple renovates historic Cloquet building

By Brielle Bredsten
For the Pine Journal

CLOQUET — After working as general contractors for 25 years, Louise and Clyde Sherman, of Carlton, started their own development company in February 2020.

“We did a lot of projects for others, and it was a dream to do our own. We jumped in!” Louise said.

Through research of the area, the couple discovered a need for single- and multi-family unit housing. They began working with the Cloquet Economic Development Authority with a goal to help solve the housing dilemma.

While shopping for commercial properties, the Shermans came across the historic building at 1403 Avenue C in downtown Cloquet. It was the site of the former Labor Temple—a meeting place for area unions that was originally built in 1953.

Louise is a self-described visionary, but admitted she wasn’t enthusiastic about the project at first. However, Clyde recognized a diamond in the rough; an opportunity to mix commercial space with residential.

“When you look beyond the façade, you can see the structure,” Clyde said. “Coming from a construction background, I knew it was a structurally-sound building.”

They had an opportunity to



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Owners Clyde and Louise Sherman relax in the lobby of Union Lofts, 1403 Ave. C, Cloquet. The couple purchased the property and are in the process of finishing renovations on it. When complete, the building will feature 10 apartments and three commercial office spaces.

take a 3-D tour of the building prior to purchasing the property in June 2020.

Then the Shermans began their largest project to date. In the demolition stage, they peeled away the layers of the interior to reveal its evolution over three past major renova-

tions. “There used to be a bar on the main floor, a barber shop, offices for unions, and upstairs was a huge banquet hall,” Clyde said.

Certain elements such as the original brick and steel support beams were left exposed

and incorporated into the building’s overall design. Inspired by the history of the building, the couple named it Union Lofts.

Once complete, the building will offer 10 executive style high-end apartment units—including a vacation rental—

as well as three commercial office spaces. By June 1, the couple anticipates four units will be finished. Promoting Me LLC, and Lathrop Agency, representing American National, are two local business tenants that call the professional office suites home.

Union Lofts is currently leasing for May. Leases include property taxes, building maintenance, water and garbage removal. Rent for the studio apartments is \$1,150 per month and \$1,500 per month for one-bedroom apartments.

The studio and one-bedroom apartments are designed for people with active lifestyles and include modern comforts, the Shermans said. Each loft comes fully equipped with high-end, luxury finishes and an industrial design. There is also an option to lease fully-furnished lofts, or combine multiple suites to create one larger one based on availability, they said.

The Shermans have three children, ages 16, 15 and 4. When they’re not working, they like to renovate their home or spend quality family time fishing on their boat. Louise and Clyde were raised in small towns, and said they naturally fell in love with Cloquet.

“It’s a great community. I think it’s underappreciated,” Clyde said.

Who gets the ‘hero pay?’

And how Minnesota’s unemployment tax hike will be returned to businesses

By Christopher Magan
St. Paul Pioneer Press

ST. PAUL — Everyone from doctors to janitors who worked on the pandemic front line will get \$750 of “hero pay” and an unpopular unemployment insurance tax hike was reversed under last week’s deal at the Minnesota Legislature.

About 667,000 workers are eligible to apply for hero pay, and businesses will get a credit or refund of a roughly 30 percent increase in unemployment taxes that were due April 30. Gov. Tim Walz signed the bipartisan bill immediately after it was sent to him April 28 by the Legislature.

The agreement takes about \$3.3 million from the state’s \$9.25 billion budget surplus and \$1.2 billion in unspent federal coronavirus aid. Here’s where the money goes:

Bonuses for workers

Frontline workers will share \$500 million in hero pay — double what lawmakers agreed upon last year. They’ll have 45 days to apply for \$750 checks once the state Department of Labor and Industry launches a website.

► **Who is eligible:** Health, long-term, home and child care workers; government work-



Chris Flynn / The Forum

Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz visited the campus of Minnesota State University Moorhead on April 12 to discuss a proposed \$2 billion direct relief plan to Minnesotans through what he called “Walz Checks.”

ers and first responders; educators; manufacturers; food, grocery and retail employees; delivery drivers and transit workers; security, maintenance and housing personnel are all listed in the legislation.

► **Hour requirements:** Applicants in eligible categories must have worked at least 120 hours between March 15, 2020, and June 30, 2021. They must have worked in proximity to people outside their household and cannot have received more than 20 weeks’ worth of unemployment.

► **Income limits:** Medical workers who cared for COVID-19 patients and who earn less than \$175,000 a year, \$350,000 for couples,

can apply. Other workers must have an annual income under \$85,000, or less than \$185,000 for joint filers.

► **How to apply:** Once the state Department of Labor and Industry launches its website, workers have 45 days to apply. There are 15 days to appeal denied claims.

► **When will checks arrive:** The \$750 should be distributed by summer. Checks could be larger, as much as \$1,500, if fewer people apply.

Tax breaks for businesses

The legislation repays the state’s \$1.4 billion unemployment insurance trust fund debt and adds \$1.3 billion to bring the account back to near pre-pandemic levels. Unemployment tax hikes as high as 30% are erased under the plan.

► **Returned funds:** The

first round of increased unemployment taxes were due April 30. Businesses that paid the higher rate can ask for a refund or there will be an automatic credit from the state Department of Employment and Economic Development.

► **Recalculated rates:** State officials are working to recalculate unemployment tax rates for 130,000 employers. New rates will be listed on employers’ online unemployment insurance accounts.

► **Other changes:** The bill lowers the base unemployment insurance tax rate from 0.5% to 0.1%. It eliminates 2022 special assessments and federal interest charges.

The legislation did not include House Democrats’ request to make certain hourly school employees eligible for unemployment insurance.

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Hopes are fading that Northeastern Minnesota’s slumping taconite industry might show signs of improvement later this year, as U.S. steel production remains slow and mine layoffs continue or worsen. Taconite production on the Iron Range has been down since 1980.

The May 15 Minnesota fishing opener will be delayed in eight Northeastern Minnesota areas, the Department of Natural Resources announced yesterday. The postponed openings are meant to protect concentrations of spawning walleyes, and the DNR will post those areas.

News Tribune, May 9, 1922

Duluthian Walter Hoover, American singles sculling champion, will compete for the world’s title in the famous English Henley Regatta on June 30 and July 1. The announcement was made at the annual meeting of the Duluth Boat Club last night.

The Gary Community Center was formally opened last night with a program of speeches and music. The center is funded by local Methodists churches, and Miss Florence Resor, pastor of the Church of All Nations, is in charge of the building and its activities.

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