

Klausen celebrates new location

BY J.T. ROESLER

For Mary Klausen, everything about moving to her newest location at 626 1st Avenue feels right.

The American Family Insurance agent in Two Harbors for the past nine years, Klausen had previously been in two different locations on 7th Avenue. Now she feels like she's home.

"I love the downtown location and the view," she said.

In mid-July, Klausen purchased the building which had been vacant for two years. Before that, it housed the Prudential and Piper Jaffray businesses.

Klausen has updated the building, basically gutting the inside and starting over with a whole new interior look that's warm and inviting. She moved in on Aug. 2.

The response from her customers has been positive, she said, so to celebrate, she is having an open house on Tues. Nov. 9, from 2-4 p.m. with treats, coffee and cider.

"We want to celebrate. I enjoy the contact with my customers and providing personal service."

Plans for the future include cosmetic improvements to the facade of the building and adding a part-time customer service agent. New initiatives from American Family will also allow Klausen to offer greater discounts and options for those considering insurance.

Joining Klausen in the building is Julie Olson, a Certified Financial Planner (CFP), who has been affiliated with Money Concepts as an independent practitioner for the past year. She has worked in the financial services industry for over 10 years and has been in Two Harbors since 1999.

In addition to financial planning, Olson has recently added tax preparation services to her practice.

"Mary and I make a good team," she said. "It's a great one stop shop for taxes, investments and insurance."



Photo by J.T. Roesler

Mary Klausen, left, and Julie Olson are all smiles about their new location on 1st Avenue. The newly remodeled office building combines several services in one place including taxes, investments and insurance.

TWO HARBORS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEW MEMBERS



The Two Harbors Area Chamber of Commerce ambassadors welcome KDLH TV Channel 3 as new members recently. Accepting for the local CBS affiliate was Jessica Gassman.

LADIES NIGHT OUT



Submitted Photo

These ladies were among over 100 people attending the Lake View Memorial Foundation event last Thursday, Oct. 28 at Superior Shores Resort. Attendees enjoyed the musical comedy dinner show, Taffeta Memories, featuring the music of the 50's. By all accounts, the evening was deemed a success, with the proceeds benefiting the goals of the foundation to support the medical needs of the community. From left: Sonja Soderstrom, Joan Gunsolus, Mary Parent, Maxine Segal, Lori Keeler, Vickie Udovich and Barbara Houle-Schwanke.

Hardee's Restaurant closes in Two Harbors

BY J.T. ROESLER

The Hardee's Family Restaurant of Two Harbors closed its doors effective Sunday, Oct. 31. A simple sign on the main entrance door stated this fact, along with a thank you for the patronage.

According to Debra Cox, marketing coordinator for North Central Food Systems, Inc., a Hardee's franchisee, the decision to close the restaurant in Two Harbors was a "very difficult" one.

"We are indeed saddened by the fact it (the Two Harbors restaurant) is closed," Cox said. "In the course of business today closing and opening stores is just part of the business," she said.

Cox would not elaborate on specific reasons for the closing of the Two Harbors franchise located at 610 4th Street.

"They are always difficult decisions, and due to a variety of economic factors," she said. "Some we have no control over."

Josh Cieluch, general manager at the restaurant for just three months, also offered no further comment. Cieluch will likely return to his duties as assistant manager at one of the Duluth restaurant locations.

A small crew continues to work inside the facility, however it is unknown at this time what the future plans are for the site and building.



The Two Harbors Area Chamber of Commerce ambassadors welcome Stone Mosaics as new members recently. Accepting the certificate was Larua Stone. Mosaic Instruction and Design offers fine art classes and workshops in their Knife River Studio. Classes include drawing, garden pavers, table tops, marble and more.

Feature Chamber Member

Jackie's Hair Designers

BY NANCY OJARD

Jackie's Hair Designers is quite literally a home-grown business. Jackie Hanson, the business' owner and namesake, has always been interested in hair design.

An entrepreneur and graduate from Two Harbors High School, she remembers being drawn to cosmetology during the ninth grade career days in school. From that point on she knew this was her calling. Hanson learned the trade at Duluth Academy of Hair Design in 1986, and in 1991 she decided it was time to start her own shop. "I love being around people and this owning my own shop isn't a job for me, it's fun," she said.

Jackie Hair Designers is located at 620 1st Avenue in downtown Two Harbors. "It was hard to find a good location downtown, so when the small suite in this building became available, I took the plunge. I started with two stylists and chairs and added another chair within a year."

By 2000 Hanson had outgrown her space and added six more chairs when she moved to the remodeled suite next door. The salon experienced another

growth spurt this past June and this time she took over both suites. "Hair styling and color is a large part of our business, but over the years we've expanded our services to include pedicure, manicure, waxing and tanning. Now our salon is able to offer spa services including massage and facials in a relaxed atmosphere," she added.

Jackie's Hair Designers is a full family salon, with almost half their clients being men. "Our stylists go to two hair shows a year to learn the new trends and color techniques. It's a great way for us to mix business and pleasure," Hanson described.

Jackie's has a relaxed atmosphere and Hanson works at making it a fun place to work. Every Christmas she cooks and serves a big smorgasbord meal at her house for her staff. "Everyone has a great time. We're like a big family," she mused.

Though summers are busy with tourist walk ins and weddings, Hanson focuses her business toward those who live in the area. "We're open four evenings until 8 p.m., so people can come in after work and school."

Jackie's Hair Designers has



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Jackie Hanson works her magic on customer Lori. Since 1991, she has added a variety of services including recent additions of massages and facials.

been a member of the Two Harbors Area Chamber of Commerce since 1996. Hanson has served on the chamber's fundraising and nominating committees. "I appreciate the

referrals the chamber sends to me when people come to visit. It's important to support local business and organizations," she reflected.



The Two Harbors Area Chamber of Commerce ambassadors welcome Realty Executives as new members recently. Accepting for the full service real estate office located at 1075 Hwy 61 is Deb Barland, Katrina Wersal, and David Plowman.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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November 6 - Opening Firearm Deer Season

November 6 - Agate Bay Crafters Fall Show 9 - 4 p.m. Community Center 218-834-2005 for more information

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November 13 - "Holiday Hop" 8 - 1 p.m. For more information call 218-834-8040.