

Chamber Chatter



February 2011

Mission

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Chamber Annual Banquet "Toast of the Town" Family Honoree

The "Martz" (Martha) & Al Schiffler family were honored by the Albany Chamber of Commerce for their outstanding service to the community.

Family values, civic responsibility, positive "can do" attitude, traditional pride in your community are part of the foundation that Martha "Martz" and Al Schiffler instilled in their family.

Today we are honoring Martz and her family for their continuing service to our community and the surrounding area by the extension of her family.

Martz and Al were married in 1939. Martz Schwinghammer Schiffler grew up one mile East of Albany on the Joe Schwinghammer farm. Al grew up on the Anton Schiffler farm, which was three miles North of Albany. Both farmer families



growing up with strong family values and hard work ethics. Al started Schiffler Hauling in 1931 convincing his parents to mortgage the farm so he could buy this first truck. They agreed and the business ventures began. In 1943, Al and his brother, Henry, started Schiffler Implement. Al and Henry put a lot of sweat equity into the business. In future years, Al continued in the business and Henry moved to a milk hauling business. As Martz and Al were always very involved in church and commu-

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nity, they got the entire family involved in business and the community services. It wasn't easy for Martz to keep seven boys out of trouble!! Al served on the city council for many years, and lived next to the Chief of Police and across the alley from the Mayor, as sometimes it was beneficial with authority to be close!

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Chamber General Membership Meeting Schedule

February

Wednesday, February 16th, 2011 at NOON at Albany Chrysler Center.

Lunch will be provided by Albany Chrysler Center and a tour of TANI will take place after the General Membership Meeting.



March

Wednesday, March 16th, 2011 at NOON at the Albany Bowling Center.



“Toast of the Town” Honorees



**A “Toast” to
all of you
for
everything
you do for
your
business,
organization
or
community!**

Front row left to right:
Diane Noll, Judy Nordmann,
MaryAnn Groetsch, Pam
Fischer, Dr. Wendy Womack,
Barb Beuning, Lisa Beuning,
Bernita Hinnenkamp, Connie
Havard, Alicia Christen & baby
Savannah

Middle row left to right:
Janel Schiffler, Mike Deters,
George Reber, Clarence En-
neking, Jean Enneking,, Adam
Rafteseth & Nick Gersch.
Rebecca Bokinskie, Sarah

Christensen, Debbie
Sabrowsky, Joyce Chris-
ten, Bruce Christen, Bruce
Gerads.

Top row left to right:
Mike Kosik, Leo Skudlarek, Jim
Czajkowski, Jim Stueve, Kim
Fish & Sandy Welle.

Not pictured: Bryan Schiffler,
Martz Schiffler, Sue Overman,
Tony Kerfeld, Denise Mander-
field, Dave Dirkes, Mary Koet-
ter, Rebecca Schmidt & Ryan
Ulrich.



Chamber Annual Banquet Entertainment & Awards Ceremony

The Albany Area Schools Jazz
band provided the entertain-
ment during the Social Hour.

Thank you to our emcees, Lynn
Jenc, Albany Area Community
Education and Evelyn Budde,
Mercy Manor.



Schiffler Family continued...

So the family saw a lot of community business taking place in the backyard.

After Al passed away in 1975, Martz continued her community and church services by delivering meals on wheels, volunteering at Mother Seton store, sewing quilts, working at the church festivals and at the Sr. Community Center along with being involved in her Mission Group.

DeWayne, the oldest son continued the tradition by taking over the family business. DeWayne and his wife Geri (Klaphake) operated the business for many more years until shortly after DeWayne's death in 2003. DeWayne has three children, Karen, Nancy, and Greg with six grandchildren.

Dennis, the second oldest, has resided in Waite Park for many years and has recently retired after many years in the appliance and home furnishing business. Dennis and his wife Bernie (Lang) have four children, Mike, Diane, Michelle and Tom, with eight grandchildren.

Third oldest is Don, who also

resides in the St. Cloud area, but still tells everyone he is from Albany. Don has recently semi-retired after operating Earl's Welding and North Central Truck Equipment. Don and his wife Pattie (Hoffman) have four daughters Nicole, Karrie, Kate and Corinna and three grandchildren.

Now the only daughter Linda, but everyone refers to her as "Poor Linda" having to grow up around seven rowdy brothers. Linda and her late husband Al Studniski own Northwest Rule Die, in Avon. After Al's death in 2002, Linda and her son Mark still continue to operate the business. Linda and Al have two children Mark and Ann, with two grandchildren.

5th in line is Al Jr. (Butch) worked for years at the implement shop and then in 1992 started a bus service business in Crosby, MN. Al and his wife Barb (Silznoff) have three children Josh, Nadine and Robin with two grandchildren.

The sixth is Loren (Hippy) the jock of the family, the "gifted" athlete. Loren and Don started Northwest Industrial Services which operates in Albany.

Now Loren and his wife Diane (Blenker) continue to operate the business out of Albany. They have three children Alicia, Danielle and Cole and have one grandchild.

"Lucky #7" Jim was the "you've got to be kidding, I can't be pregnant child". Jim is the president of St. Cloud Industrial Products. Jim and his wife Carrie (Bach) reside in St. Cloud. They have three children Simon, Eric and Marina.

Now we're in real shock because they never thought another one would come after Jim. The baby or as everyone refers to him as "the spoiled one" Bryan, operates TANI Division with his sister, Linda. Bryan and his wife Lynn (Heurung) also operate Albany Chrysler Center. They have three children Nicholas, Amy and Alexandra.

Martz thought she was done guiding the family, but she is always making sure we are all doing our part, especially her baby who still needs some help, so she continues to help Bryan deliver meals on wheels every month.



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trouble!!*

"Thank You" Chamber Annual Banquet Committee

Thank you to the Chamber Annual Banquet Committee who worked hard to make this event such a huge success.

Back left to right:

Renee Thelen, Albany Area Hospital & Medical Center; Lynn Pennie, State Farm Insurance Agency; Kathleen Magel, Lake Country Veterinary Services; Mary Sauerer, Apollo Insurance Agency.

Front left to right: Lynn Jenc,

Albany Area Community Education; Kim Fish, Albany Chamber of Commerce; Janine Kutter, Kutter Insurance Agency; Evelyn Budde, Mercy Manor.

Not Pictured: Melissa Gerads and Pam Evens, Central Minnesota Credit Union; Kitty Eickhoff, Albany Country Floral & Gifts, Doris Ramler, Ramler Trucking.





Proceeds made from the event go directly back to Albany Area!

Albany Lions 9th Annual Sweetheart Dinner Show

Buffet serving Prime Rib, Shrimp, Chicken breast, Vegetable, Salad, Bread & Wine will be served.

Social Hour 6:00p.m. *Serving begins at 7:00 p.m.

C. Willi Myles—Comedian

Following Dinner

PAUL'S PAR-A-DICE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2011

\$30 Single Ticket

Sweetheart Raffle Tickets available for \$20 Per Ticket

1st Prize—\$1,000

17 Cash Prizes to be given away!

Only 400 Tickets Sold—I in 20 Odds to Win!

Funds going towards

Albany Area School projects

Friday, February 11, 2011

Drawing at 10 p.m.

Besides having a great meal and entertainment, proceeds made from event go directly back to Albany Area School projects. The following is what had been done with previous year's

proceeds:

2003 Track Improvements

2004 New Concession Stand

Contribution

2005 New School Pool Scoreboard

2006 Security Cameras for Parking Lot

2007 Repair Gym Audio System

2008 New Choir Gowns

2009 Solar Crosswalk Light

“Thank You” To Those Who Have Renewed Their 2011 Chamber Membership!

“Small opportunities are often the beginning of great enterprises.”
- Demosthenes

A & W
Albany Antique Center
Albany Apothecary
Albany Area Community Education
Albany Area Hospital & Medical Center
Albany Area Schools
Albany Bowling Center
Albany Chrysler Center
Albany Contractor Service
Albany Dairy Queen
Albany Eye Clinic
Albany Family Dentistry, P.A.
Albany Fire Department
Albany Fleet Supply
Albany Golf Club
Albany Home Bakery
Albany Manufacturing, Inc.
Albany Mutual Insurance
Albany Mutual Telephone Association
Albany Oil Company, Inc.
Albany Police Department
Albany Recycling Center
Albany Sod Service
Albany Tesoro
All Surface Professionals, Inc.
Amby's Supermarket
American Family Insurance
AMPS/Radio Shack

Apollo Insurance Agency
Avon Electric Services, Inc.
Blattner Energy, Inc.
Bueckers Environmental Services
CenterPoint Energy
Central Livestock
Central Minnesota Credit Union
Christine R. Panek, CPA
City of Albany
Don's I-94
Edward Jones Investments
Franklin Outdoor Advertising
Freeway Liquors
Gas Service Company
General Rental of Albany
Grand Casino
Hillcrest Family Restaurant
Holy Family School
Interstate Monument
J T Electric Service, Inc
KASM
Kozy Transport Services
Kutter Insurance Agency
Lake Country Veterinary Services
Ludwig Photography
Marco Business Products, Inc.
Master Mark Plastics
Medelberg Family Chiropractic

Mercy Manor II
Miller-Carlin Funeral Home
Mother of Mercy Campus of Care
Naturally You Photography
New Vision Alliance
Pack 'N Go Travel
Ramler Truck and Trailer Repair Inc.
Ramler Trucking Inc.
Rookies Sports Bar
Sanitation Services
Schiffler Insurance Agency
Schlenner Wenner & Co.
State Farm Insurance Agency
Stearns Bank, NA
Stearns County Pioneer Club
Stearns Morrison Enterprise
Stearns Finance
Stearns Insurance Services, Albany
Subway
Tani Division
The Junction
Thelen Service Center
Top Choice Home Solutions, Inc.
Total Agri-Business Service, Inc.
Wedel Electric
Wells Concrete
Weishair Custom Software

Pack 'N Go Travel Joins \$50 Million TravelQuest Network

Mary Richter announced she is now an independent contractor with Travel Quest, one of the nation's leading host travel agencies. Mary is excited to bring her clients increased value, exclusive availability and the power of the world-wide Travel Leaders network.

The partnership allows Richter's clients access to blocked group space, negotiated rates, and the clout of the \$50 million TravelQuest agency. "I'm proud to align Pack N Go Travel with such a well-known and reputable host agency.

The trainings and tools provided are only going to make my agency stronger and my

customers will benefit on many different levels," stated the 15 year travel veteran.

"We are pleased to welcome an agent such as Mary Richter into the TravelQuest family.

As one of our carefully screened independently owned and operated affiliates, we are confident her knowledge and amazing customer service will be an amazing asset and help to strengthen and grow

TravelQuest. We are excited to have her on board with us," said Bonnie Lee, CEO of the Minnesota-based host agency.

All affiliates are required to pass a background check to ensure only the highest caliber

of agent is accepted into the program.

"As an independent affiliate of TravelQuest, I am able to offer the same excellent customer support and service that Pack 'N Go Travel is known for while also giving my clients the benefits of partnering with an industry powerhouse," said Richter. "I'm very excited for the new opportunity."

Customers who would like to book their next trip with **Pack 'N Go Travel** can reach Mary Richter at 320-845-7123 or

country@albanytel.com



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Building or Rental Space Available thru Chamber Businesses:

Existing space at 115 4th St., Albany

1,500 sq. ft. available in basement

Nice newly remodeled with hardwood floor

High traffic area with great visibility

Call Bryan or Linda
(320) 845-4733

Office and Warehouse Suites Available Immediately

In Albany along the southwest side of I-94
1500-5000 sq. ft.

12x14' overhead doors
In-floor heat
Call Terry 320-980-0022

Albany Business & Industrial Park

Lots ranging in size from 1/2 to 12 acres (larger parcels available)

City service available
C2 and M2 zoning

Call:
Warnert Real Estate
Shelia DeVine

1203 33rd St. South
St. Cloud, MN 56301
320-492-3230

Existing building at 34659 225th Ave, Albany

Cold Storage/Warehouse - 50' x 150' (7500 sq. ft)

Great location - Just off I-94
Interstate Exposure

Asphalt Driveway and Parking
City Services - Natural Gas

Power Overhead Doors
Next door to Albany Chrysler-

Dodge-Jeep store
High traffic and visibility

Call Bryan or Linda
(320) 845-4733

"Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any one thing."

- Abraham Lincoln

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2011 Chamber Board

President: Kathleen Magel, Lake Country Veterinary Services, 845-6930

Vice President: Melissa Gerads, Central Minnesota Credit Union, 845-4784

Interim Treasurer: Laura Reitmeier, Schlenner Wenner & Company, 845-2940

Executive Secretary: Kim Fish, Chamber of Commerce, 845-7777

Board Members:

Mary Sauerer, Apollo Insurance Agency, 845-7070

Dean Goebel, Central Minnesota Credit Union, 888-330-8482

Janine Kutter, Kutter Insurance Agency, 320-248-5000

***Benefits for Chamber Members Only!**

***FREE Radio Spot for Chamber Members!**

As a Chamber member you have the opportunity to "get the word out" about you business with FREE air time on KASM. The spot available is on Mondays at 1:10 P.M.

For more information and to schedule a time, call Brad at 845-2184.



Interview can take place at the station or over the phone.

***FREE listing on the Albany Chamber web page.**

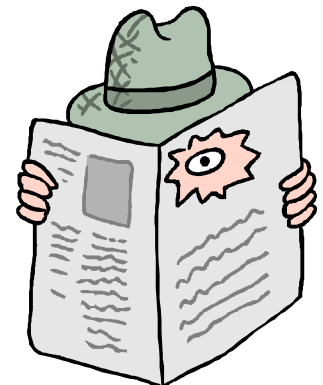
***FREE web link to your own website.**

***A number of Chamber sponsored events that ONLY Chamber members may participate in.**

***Get the word out through the Chamber Chatter Newsletter. It's FREE for Chamber members.**

***New Resident folder packets with information and listings that will be useful for new families moving into Albany. Only Chamber businesses listed.**

***FREE picture an article in the Albany Enterprise and Chamber Newsletter welcoming you and your business to the Chamber of Commerce.**



***Discount advertising in the Albany Community Resource Guide and a FREE colored listing.**

