

ProAct honors three area employers at annual event

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ProAct honored three area employers at its annual banquet in September. Capital Safety, Norwood Promotional Products and Goodhue County were recognized at the annual event, which typically draws about 500 people.

• Jon Wilbrecht, a Minneapolis-based manufacturing consultant, has been elected a director of ProAct Inc. The organization has several sites, including Red Wing and Zumbrota, and provides employment related services and life skills for people with disabilities and other challenges.

Wilbrecht recently sold a company he led for 25 years, Wilbrecht Electronics Inc. of St. Paul, to two European companies.

• Red Wing Area

Chamber of Commerce's 2011 Business Expo and the October Business After Hours will coincide.

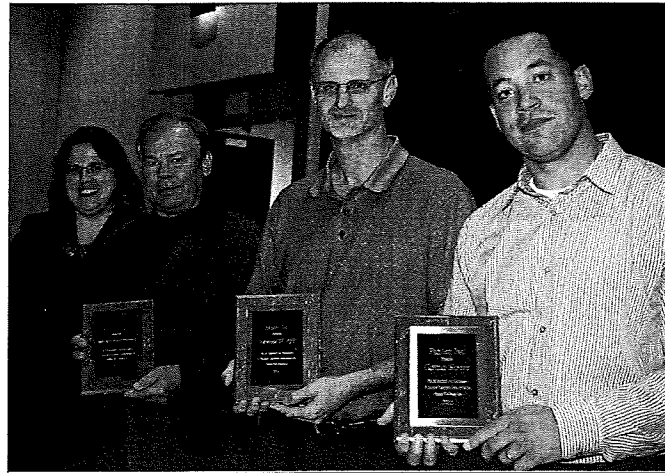
Both events will run from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday Oct. 25 at the St. James Hotel. Nearly 40 businesses have signed up, chamber President Patty Brown reports.

"We've changed it up this year where we're running them concurrently," Brown said. The expo used to lead into the networking event.

"We thought we'd make it more of a business-and-social function."

Exhibitors are chamber members, but the event is open to the public.

• Mayo Clinic Health System has launched a new Facebook page,



ProAct honored three organizations as long-term employer partners at its annual recognition banquet Friday. Pictured are Nina Arneson (left), director of Goodhue County Health and Human Services, former Social Services Director Greg Schoener, Jay VanLoon with Norwood Promotional Products and Brian Knapp of Capital Safety.

www.facebook.com/mayo-clinichealthsystem. The page combines photos, videos, events and information from more than 70 Mayo Clinic Health System sites in Wisconsin,

Minnesota and Iowa into a single presence.

The page will replace older Facebook pages from individual sites. The old pages will be retired Nov. 1.

Becoming an Apple fan for life

My first experience with an Apple product was using the second generation iPod Touch. I didn't buy it to play music though, I wanted a portable device that was like a computer and also played games.

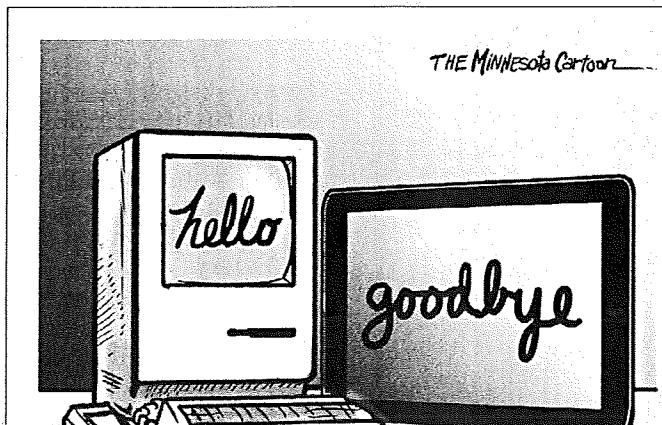
The iPod Touch runs Apple's mobile OS, iOS - an OS so intuitive that my boss's 1-year-old son can use it to play games. Apple really hit a home

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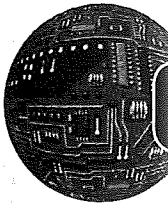
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