



# CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

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## Palmer Memorial Foundation's Fall Fund Fest!

Please join Palmer Memorial Foundation on Thursday, October 17th from 5:00 to 8:00 pm at the Dance Pavilion on the Fayette County Fairgrounds for their annual "Fall Fund Fest"!

The event will feature their famous silent basket auction as well as live entertainment by The Buck Hollow Band, wonderful hors d'oeuvres and desserts! A live auction begins at 6:30 pm and includes many fabulous items such as an autographed Chicago Cubs baseball, UNI Football tickets, a handmade ladder shelf, an autographed Packers football and more!

Don't miss this opportunity to support a great organization and enjoy a wonderful evening out!

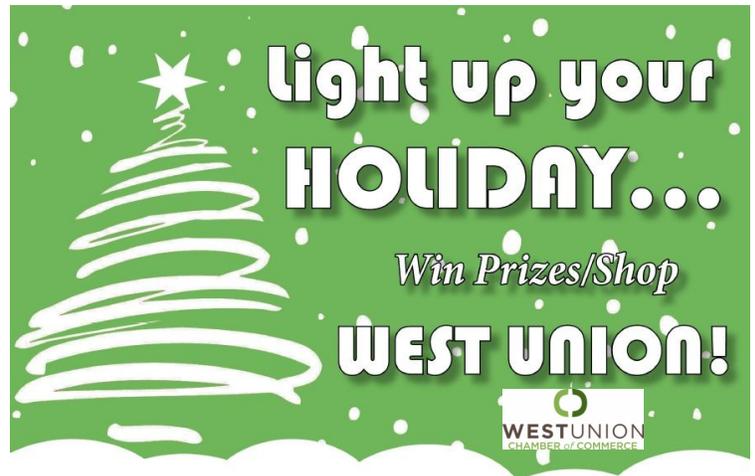


## HOLIDAY PUNCH CARD TIME!

Seems like Autumn just got here.... Like it or not the Holidays are right around the corner and so is your opportunity to participate in this year's Annual Punch Card Promotion! The West Union Chamber of Commerce Retail Committee chose "Light up your HOLIDAY" as the theme. We think it's a perfect way to help get the community motivated to do some holiday shopping right here in West Union!

Last year's promotion saw \$652,050 in completed punch cards turned in to the office! The winners of the weekly gift certificate drawings and the scrip money grand prizes were all thrilled and very appreciative. If your business would like to participate, please fill out the forms and drop them off at the Chamber office with your check and gift certificate no later than **October 18th**. If you need additional forms, contact me and I can get them to you. Remember, this is a great low cost, group advertising event and the more participants we have, the more advertising we can do!

Also, if your business would like to help sponsor the scrip money prizes, please contact the Chamber office. We would like to give away even more prizes this year to help encourage people to shop locally!



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**GREEN PILOT UPDATE**

**DISTRICT GEOTHERMAL SYSTEM:**

The City of West Union will be reviewing the lease for the geothermal system at their council meeting on October 7<sup>th</sup>. The West Union Energy District LLC continues to meet and is working on their agreement with the third party operator.

**MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING PROJECT:**

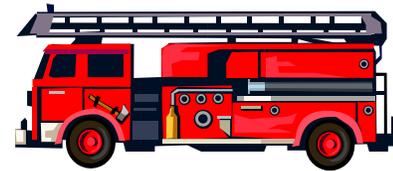
Construction is underway with Matt Construction of Sumner serving as the general contractor. Demo work has taken place in all three buildings with structural issues, plumbing, and concrete work taking place in September. The project is set to be complete by June 1, 2013 and will provide 12 new apartments in the downtown area.

**FAÇADE MASTER PLAN UPDATE:**

Low bid of \$797,000 was received from Renaissance Restoration of Galena for this project which will provide façade work on 10 downtown buildings. Work is already underway and will also be completed by June 1, 2013. The majority of work includes masonry work, new windows, and doors, and painting.

**FILM DOCUMENTARY PROJECT:**

Final filming for the documentary film project that is telling West Union’s story of being a Green Pilot community took place during the Block Party in September. Final edits and musical selections are being worked on currently. Meetings with IPTV have been held to discuss a possible air date and discussion of a local premier of the film later this fall here in West Union has begun. Stay tuned for details once they are finalized.



**West Union Fire Department Open House**

The West Union Fire Department will host its annual Fire Prevention Week Open House on Wednesday, October 9th. This year's theme is "Prevent Kitchen Fires." Cookies, refreshments and fire truck rides will be available from 6 to 8 pm.



**TRICK-OR-TREATING**

West Union Trick-or-Treating will be held on **Wednesday, October 31st from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm**. If you would like the ghouls and goblins to stop, residents are reminded to turn their front or porch lights on. Have a fun and safe Halloween!



**Lion’s Club Pancake Brunch**

**Sunday, October 20th**

**at the NFV Cafeteria**

**8:30am to 12:30pm**

Have some spare time on October 12th and 13th? The Festival of Lights Committee is in need of some great volunteers to help hang lights beginning at 1:00 pm both days. Come out and help make another awesome display for the community to enjoy!



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**The Good Samaritan Society**, in conjunction with Southwest Minnesota State University and Minnesota West Community and Technical College in Marshall, Minn., offers courses taught by college-level instructors to seniors living in West Union and surrounding communities. The courses are **FREE** of charge, tests and grades.

Beginning October 3rd, seniors can take part in courses offered through the Senior College program at Cedar Court Apartments at 111 Lilac Ave, West Union, IA.

Senior College is an opportunity for seniors to learn about a wide array of topics in a relaxed, non-competitive atmosphere, where socialization is an important aspect of the program.

The courses offered during the Fall 2013 term will be:

***Our Life Through Music; starts Thursday, October 3 - November 7, 1:30-2:30 pm***

6-hour course with Glenn Henriksen, pianist, and Steve Lang, vocalist. This course will explore sing-along favorites that apply to many different audiences. Start out at the concert hall, proceed to the wedding ceremony, enjoy classic country, patriotic and gospel favorites, and finish up with some of Glenn's favorite tunes. Sure to be a favorite of all who attend.

***Birding: Am I a Birder or a Birdwatcher? Starts Thursday, November 14 – February 20, 1:30-2:30 pm***

12-hour course with Allen Batt, storyteller and humorist. Mr. Allen Batt has become a favorite Senior College instructor. This term he shares why birding is extremely popular. Find out why as you learn to appreciate avifauna. Class topics include: Why we like birds; Bird feeding; Birding basics; Birding books and other resources.

For more information, or to sign up for either class contact:

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