

## Nominees sought for hospitality awards

**MANKATO** — The Greater Mankato Convention and Visitors Bureau is accepting nominations to recognize outstanding service that Mankato hospitality industry personnel provide daily, in observance of National Travel and Tourism Week, May 7-13.

“ Travel and tourism is one of the most reliable generators of jobs at all levels of the American economy, including right here in Greater Mankato,” said Anna Thill, president of the Greater Mankato Convention and Visitors Bureau.

“ Twenty-five hundred residents in our community depend on travelers for their jobs and livelihoods.”

Employers, guests and colleagues are invited to nominate people in the following categories: attraction, hotel, restaurant, or retail/shopping. There is also a category for “A Friend of Tourism.” This is for a business or individual who may not work in the industry, but is a supporter and advocate for hospitality and tourism in the area.

The nomination deadline is Monday. A link to the nomination form can be found online at [www.visitgreatermankato.com](http://www.visitgreatermankato.com).

In 1983 Congress passed a resolution designating the first week in May to be National Travel and Tourism week in America.

Each award recipient will be surprised during a different day of the week.

Each will receive a giftpackage prize and certificate.