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**Club's Rotarian of the Year lives Service Above Self motto**

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A lifelong resident of Faribault with a passion for community service, Laura Bock was recently named the Faribault Rotary Club's Rotarian of the Year for 2021.

The award is presented annually by the club to one of its members who displays the ideals of Rotary in service to the community, has demonstrated leadership to the club and has provided outstanding contributions to one or more Rotary activities.

The award's announcement was made earlier this month by club President Todd Sesker and it was presented to Bock by Rotary Club Treasurer Eric Craig.

"There is no one more deserving of this award than Laura Bock," said David Connelly, who serves along with Bock as a co-chair for the Rotary Club's Community Service Committee. "The motto that Rotarians have is 'Service Above Self,' and in our club being the Community Service Chair, who sets up basically all of our community service, Laura has been that person for years.

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Earlier this month, a surprised Laura Bock, center, was named Faribault Rotarian of the Year. Also pictured are Eric Craig and Jess Amundson. (Suzanne Rook/southernminn.com)

**No newspaper on Thanksgiving; stay up to date online**

The Faribault Daily News will not have a Thursday, Nov. 25 print edition due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Friday e-edition will come out online as usual (find it at faribault.com). The online site will continue to be updated with the latest stories, as usual. Print editions will resume Saturday, Nov. 26 as normal.

HOLIDAYS



Tim Wunderlich and Travis McColley take the first round of turkeys out of the oven Tuesday afternoon. A total of 21 turkeys are being cooked for this year's community dinner. (Michelle Vlasak/southernminn.com)

**COME TOGETHER**

The Faribault Community Thanksgiving Dinner welcomes any and all guests to share in a free homemade meal from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 25 at the Fraternal Order of Eagles, 2027 Grant St., Faribault. Meals will be served until supplies run out.

Guests may give free-will offerings or bring non-perishable food items to donate to the local food shelf. Make checks payable to Faribault Foundation.

Volunteers interested in helping peel/chop potatoes, prepare vegetables, debone turkey and set up the Club are asked to arrive at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24. On Thanksgiving Day, volunteer opportunities are available from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., from meal preparation, delivery, serving and clean up.

Volunteers are welcome help as long as they wish before and during the meal.

**BACK TO TRADITION**

**Volunteers gear up for annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner**

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Thanksgiving is a day many Faribault residents look forward to, and it's not just for the turkey and all the trimmings.

For volunteers like Laura McColley, the organizer of this year's Faribault Community Thanksgiving Dinner, it's all about being with the community.

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potato peeling/chopping and turkey bone removing.

McColley says they generally serve anywhere from 900 to 1,200 people, and that's just the amount they prepare for. That equates to 600 pounds of turkey (21 turkeys), 300 pounds of potatoes, 90 pumpkin pies and countless rolls. Stuffing and a vegetable are also included in the meal.

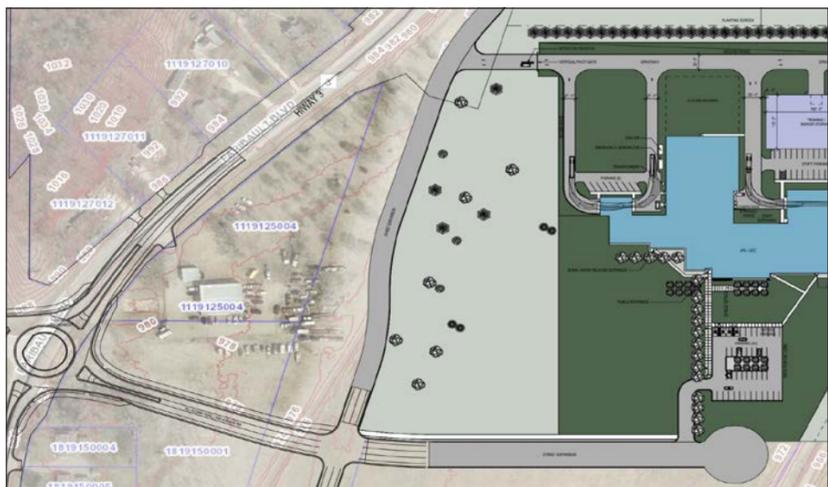
Traditionally an annual event, organizers canceled last year's dinner due to the pandemic. McColley is excited to get back to tradition this year, and says though mask wearing is not required, it is highly recommended when not eating due to the high rate of transmission in Rice County. She urges those to come only if they feel comfortable doing so.



Laura McColley wheels a group of eight fully cooked turkeys into the refrigerator. (Michelle Vlasak/southernminn.com)

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**With new neighbor encroaching on its land, county looks for a solution**



This illustration, presented last week to the Rice County Board of Commissioners, shows property lines in blue. Borchert Motors, shown here on the northeast side of the planned roundabout, has a concrete pad that sits on property the county is buying. (Image courtesy of Rice County)

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Rice County commissioners, in closed session Tuesday, talked less about acquiring another piece of property and more about how to work with a new neighbor who's doing business on what will be county land.

While the discussions weren't open to the public, County Administrator Sara Folsted said that Borchert Motors on Hwy. 3 near 30th Street not only has vehicles on what will soon be county property, a portion of a concrete pad also sits a few feet over its south property line.

Technically, it's called encroachment, and the county wants to work with the business owners to determine how to move for-

ward.

"There are a lot of options to explore," Folsted said following the meeting.

The auto repair shop abouts 109 acres of property the county agreed to pay \$1.65 million for in September. That property is expected to house a new law enforcement center. Some of it will likely be sold off for other projects, including a road the city of Faribault is planning known as East View Drive. The road is expected to connect with 14th Street near the Cannon River-STEM School on the north side of town.

Folsted said the Board of



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Commissioners decided to hold off on any decisions until after it completes the purchase of the 109 acres.

According to plans shown the board last week, the law enforcement center would be east of the auto repair shop site. An access road will likely run along the shop's eastern property line and around the rear of the law enforcement center where inmates can be brought to or picked up from the jail, and deputies can park their squad cars when their shift is over.

The new center, which is set for completion in 2023, was shown facing East View Drive, which may be stubbed out on its eastern end until city leaders are ready for build out.

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