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**John W. Norris Sr. Technology Center at the Iowa Valley Community College Campus in Marshalltown. Iowa Valley Community College District Plans to Expand**

By STEPHANIE SUCKOW  
T-R Staff Writer

With approval of a \$35 million bond issue on Dec. 6, Iowa Valley Community College District (IVCCD) officials plan to expand on their contributions to and support of Central Iowa business and industry, as well as their large student populations.

While the funds will be spread out over the 10-county community college district and three campuses (Iowa Falls, Marshalltown and Grinnell), Marshalltown will be the setting for several key initiatives included in the bond. Two projects with significant impact on businesses and the community include

the addition of a welding lab and the construction of an event center on the Marshalltown Community College/Iowa Valley campus.

“Iowa Valley Community College District is an economic development engine for Central Iowa with an impact of more than \$74 million dollars annually,” said Tim Wynes, IVCCD Chancellor. “It is vitally important that IVCCD continues to be able to attract students to its campuses in Marshalltown, Iowa Falls and Grinnell.”

A welding lab was originally part of the plan when the new Construction Technology building was erected on the Marshalltown campus, but a funding shortfall forced

the community college to scale the project down and the welding lab was left off. The welding lab is expected to play a major role in recruiting and retaining businesses in Marshall County, as there is high demand for certified welder training locally and throughout the state. According to business and industry trainers, the demand is high and the new lab will be busy immediately.

With the addition of an event center on the MCC campus, IVCCD officials intend to boost tourism and economic development in Marshall County. The event center will be available for intercollegiate, K-12 and community athletic events, as well as larger-scale events and attractions that the community currently doesn’t have the space to host.

Along with these two major construction projects, the bond money will be used to upgrade and expand technology on all three Iowa Valley campuses, providing an immediate and positive benefit for students. A significant portion of the bond issue will **IVCCD cont. on page 4**

**MEDIC Hosts Recognition Event Dec. 8th**

By RYAN BRINKS  
T-R Staff Writer

Marshall Co. businesses will celebrate their economic developments and achievements when the Marshalltown Economic Development Impact Committee (MEDIC) hosts its first-ever recognition event Dec. 8.

Awards in four categories will highlight an evening that also includes an annual report, displays of start-up businesses and a speech by William Krause, CEO of Krause-Gentle Corp., which became famous in Iowa and beyond for its Kum & Go empire.

“Marshall Co. is built on a tradition of entrepreneur-ism. We’re hoping this event will help us find ways to rekindle that entrepreneurial spirit,” said Mike Miller, director of MEDIC.

Krause exhibited that type of entrepreneurial spirit in pioneering the convenience store industry over the last half-century.

“He was one of Iowa’s legendary entrepreneurs,” Miller said.

The event will be held at

the Best Western Regency Inn Dec. 8 from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

According to their strategic plan, MEDIC has done a good job of visiting businesses in the county but lacked in recognizing the accomplishments, Miller said.

“We saw the need to recognize some of those success stories and hopefully build on them,” he said.

Miller said MEDIC subcommittees in each of the four award categories have scoured the county soliciting input from people in order to determine winners for business milestones, outstanding MEDIC partners, business growth in any aspect, like sales, people or capital investment and entrepreneurial spirit.

Brand new businesses will have the chance to get their name out with booths and displays during the 2 1/2 hour event. MEDIC’s new director will likely also be introduced during the event.

And he is hopeful that the event becomes an annual report of the progress MEDIC is making.

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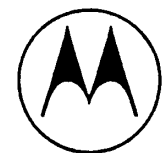
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## Polly Granzow reflects on community leadership



**Polly Granzow**  
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**Q: What is your educational background?**

A: Received my B.A. at State University of Iowa in Spanish with a teaching certificate. Received my M.A. at U.N.I. in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages.

**Q: What is your professional background?**

A: I taught Spanish in public Middle School and High School for 21 years. I was an adjunct Spanish teacher at Ellsworth Community College 2 years. I also taught adult ed.

**Q: How would you describe your leadership style?**

A: My style is to listen to all sides of an issue and come to a conclusion or decision based on the information. I

spend more time listening than talking.

**Q: What kind of qualities do you see in those you consider the best leaders?**

A: The best leaders have qualities who respect diverse opinions and work to compromise for the best of all.

**Q: How do you encourage those who work for/under you?**

A: Praise and rewards are meaningful to those working under you.

**Q: What responsibilities, if any, do you feel leaders have to the community?**

A: Leaders need to listen to members of the community. Community members are the ones affected by leadership decisions.

**Q: Should community leaders be considered role models? If so, why?**

A: Community leaders are definitely role models. They reflect the actions and attitudes of the whole community.

**Q: What is the advantage of volunteering for projects, events, etc.?**

A: Volunteerism is a large part of making projects successful. It is satisfying to the volunteer, and there are many capable people who have a passion to make their project

successful. It may make a difference if a project can make it financially.

**Q: What advice would you have for young people who want to grow into positions of leadership?**

A: Leadership is not for everyone. It is for those who want to make a difference for a better future. Leaders must expect to deal with many diverse opinions, make decisions, have the stamina to carry through with ideas, perhaps compromise on issues, and be prepared to be the target of both praise and complaints.

## New Members

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## Renewing Members

**9 Members renewed their membership in the past month.**

Cubic Business Services (6 years)  
Farmers Savings Bank (6 years)  
Isle of Green (12 years)  
King Graphics (3 years)  
LWBJ, LLP (6 years)  
Northwestern Mutual Financial (17 years)  
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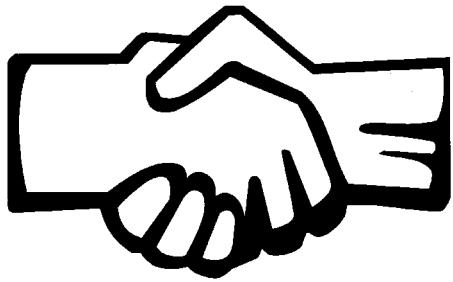
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## IVCCD Expansion Plans

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also be spent on repairs and replacements in the existing facilities, which are more than 20 years old in Marshalltown and Iowa Falls.

IVCCD's business and industry training partnerships brought nearly \$2.4 million in state training dollars to local companies in 2004-2005. During that time, Iowa Valley trained 4,441 employees at 109 area businesses.

"It's also critical that we

are able to continue to provide state-of-the-art training for local businesses and industries," Wynes said. "IVCCD has significant technology and facility needs beyond what we can finance out of our operating budget. This bond issue will enable us to meet those needs, thereby meeting the needs of our students and constituents."

Voters in Marshalltown and nine surrounding counties will decide whether to

approve the issue during a special election on Tues., Dec. 6. The bond issue would be funded through property taxes shared by the ten-county tax base that includes all school districts in the T-R circulation area except Colo-Nesco. If voters approve the bond issue, property owners with a home assessed at \$100,000 taxable value will pay an additional 17 cents per day (\$62 per year) for ten years.

## 19th Annual Holiday Business After Hours at U.S. Bank

For the 19th consecutive year, U.S. Bank will host the Holiday Business After Hours from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Wed., Dec. 14th. U.S. Bank Market President, Doug Wirth, said "This has become a holiday tradition. It is a great way for all of us at U.S. Bank to say thank you and happy holidays to our customers and friends."

The local U.S. Bank had

its beginnings going back to Aug. of 1908 as the Iowa Savings Bank. The bank today is part of a 198 billion-dollar multi-bank holding company operating 2,377 branches and 4,654 ATMs in 24 states. U.S. Bank major businesses include consumer banking, payment services, commercial banking, corporate banking, merchant services as well as trust and as-

set management. This allows the strength and resources of a large regional bank to be delivered at the community bank level.

US Bank maintains a strong commitment to a community banking philosophy that relies on local management and a local board of directors who know best how to serve our communities.

## Economic Statistics

Employment	Sept. 2005	YTD
Marshall Co. Residents in labor Force	21,220	20,910
Percent Unemployed	4.5%	5.4%
Total Employment (residents)	20,260	19,790
Marshalltown Construction	Oct. 2005	YTD
Building Permits	17	148
Residential Dwelling Units	3	20
New Residential Construction Value	\$483,000	\$3,452,000
Residential Addition/Remodeling Valuation	\$113,000	\$2,068,600
New Commercial/Industrial Permits	0	14
New Commercial/Industrial Valuation	\$ 0	\$4,513,000
Remodeling Commercial/Industrial Valuation	\$904,000	\$17,304,000
Housing	Sept. 2005	YTD
Home Sales, Single Family Dwelling	44	456
Average Sale Price	\$95,765	\$110,138
Median Sale Price	\$84,000	\$87,500

Visit [www.marshalltownworks.com](http://www.marshalltownworks.com) for additional statistics



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## CIRSI helps support local people and the local economy

Central Iowa Residential Services, Inc. (CIRSI) was established in Marshalltown by a group of parents in 1974. CIRSI's mission is to provide individualized services to children and adults who have developmental disabilities, helping them achieve greater independence in the community through *living, learning and doing*.

CIRSI is a private not-for-profit organization which is not affiliated with any city, county, state or federal government entity. The agency is overseen by a volunteer board of directors.

The need for CIRSI's services has grown throughout the years from that single home back in 1974, to the current fifteen homes. Today, CIRSI provides supports to 170 people with developmental disabilities such as mental retardation, autism and epi-

lepsy. Supports range from the teaching of personal hygiene skills and meal preparation to medication management and budgeting. In addition to the homes, CIRSI provides an hourly service for children and adults living with family or in their own home/apartment.

CIRSI also operates an adult day program for adults who have significant disabilities. Participants are able to engage in physical, social and recreational activities. This program is designed for people who are not able to participate in sheltered employment or work activity settings. Respite care for families is also an available service. It gives families temporary, periodic relief from the day-to-day care of their child.

Finally, CIRSI coordinates year round opportunities for

health, fitness and Special Olympics activities. Executive Director Jeff Vance stated, "CIRSI would not be where it is today without the wonderful support that we've received from the community and it's resources over the years."

There is another aspect of CIRSI that many people don't think about. That is, the economic impact the agency has on our community. CIRSI employs about 110 people full time and 55 part time. All full time employees are eligible for a comprehensive benefit package which includes healthcare. Only 38% of CIRSI's revenue comes from the county, the majority (62%) comes back to our community from the taxes we've previously paid to the federal government. What that means is that CIRSI injects

two-thirds more dollars into our community's economy than it takes out. This is in addition to the local spending that is generated by the people CIRSI serves. Vance states, "It's a definite win,

win, win situation. It's good for people with disabilities, their families and our local economy as a whole. CIRSI is not only a valuable service; it's a great investment in our community."



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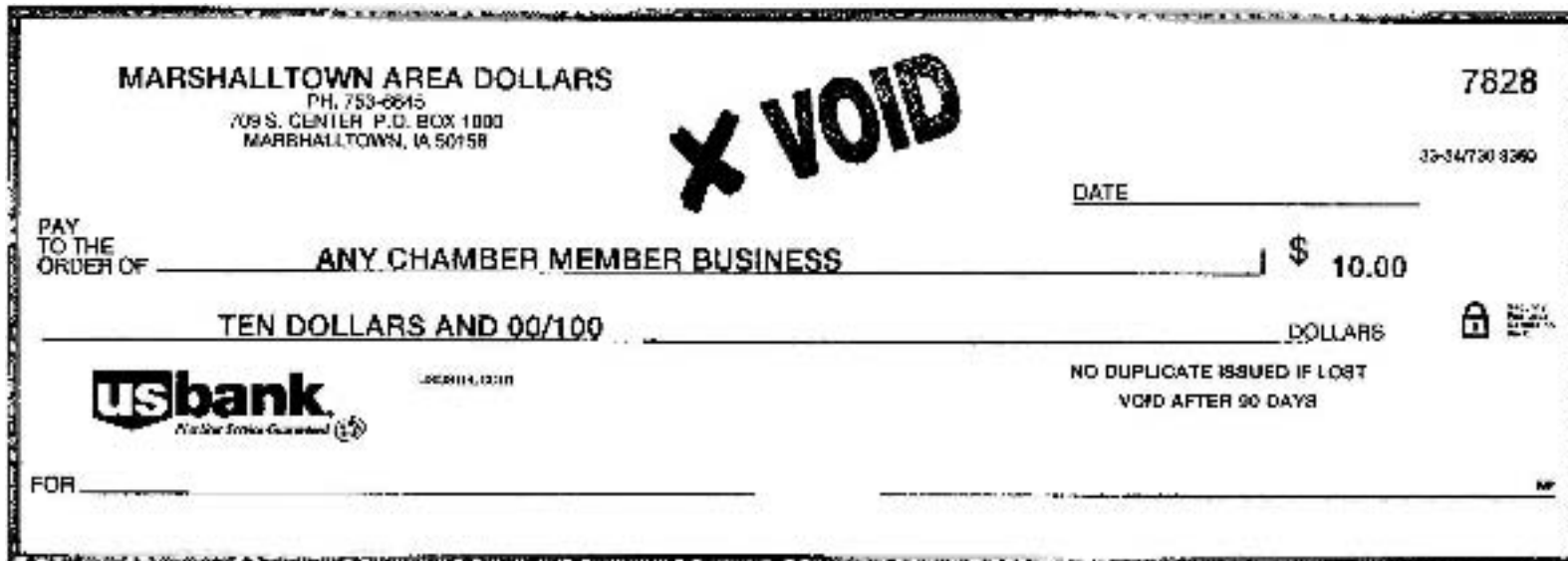
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## Dennis Buffington – Hotelier of the Year



Our Hotelier of the Year started his career in the industry nearly 18 years ago. Dennis Buffington of Marshalltown oversees the daily operation of the Best Western Regency Inn, Comfort Inn and the Super 8.

Buff, as his friends call him, grew up in Marshalltown and operated a popular establishment called “Buff’s billiards” until the building was

sold in the mid 1980’s.

Pat Schade, President of Inns of Iowa is thankful that the building was sold and Dennis came to work for the company.

“Buff” has been involved in many hospitality groups over the years.

1) Two terms on the Marshalltown Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of Directors.

2) Task force member for Marshalltown’s hotel/motel referendum.

3) Served as Past President of the Iowa Hospitality (Restaurant) Association.

4) Serves on the ILA Board

of Directors.

Just recently he received the State of Iowa Small Employer Award by the Iowa Division of Persons with Disabilities for enhancing employment opportunities for persons with disabilities.

Dennis is married to Sondra and has four grown children. His nomination was submitted by his fellow workers and the ownership of the corporation for a job well done.

Please welcome Dennis Buffington, the 2005 STAR Award winner for the Hotelier of the Year.

## Thanksgiving Day Buffett

Best Western Regency Inn  
Thursday, November 24, 2005  
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The Holiday Stroll drew hundreds of families to downtown Marshalltown on Nov. 18th to enjoy the sights and sounds of the holiday season. Retailers rolled out the red carpet and invited shoppers to check off their holiday gift list in Marshalltown.



The Marshalltown Convention and Visitors Bureau is dedicated to promoting the Marshalltown area as a destination for meetings, conventions, groups tours, and recreational activities, with an emphasis on overnight business.

## Nov 19 Date of Community Y of Marshalltown's Holiday Bazaar

November 19 was the date of the Holiday Art & Craft Market sponsored annually by the Community Y of Marshalltown. The event attracts crafters and artisans from across Iowa, as well as Nebraska, Minnesota, Illinois and Missouri. This year the bazaar took place in the Y's Cultural Center. The previous location was the community college. According to Mary Carol Fish, Executive Director of the Y, "It's time to bring the event back to the Y. Now with the new Horne-Henry Center, our members can still use the Y facility without having to be displaced, as had been the case in previous years."

Pictured is a sample of the items that are being hand-

crafted for the bazaar by the members of the Community Y's Hobby-Craft Club. Barb Collins, president of the club holds a tree skirt that was made by Roberta Batesole (picture at the right). The tree skirt is a Bucilla kit that was donated by Billie Huston specifically to be made and sold with the proceeds going to the Y's annual Partner With Youth Campaign. The kit consists of hundreds of minuscule felt pieces and thousands of sequins that were all hand sewn by Mrs. Batesole. Mrs. Batesole said her grandmother taught her to sew and embroider at the age of 10. She started embroidering pillowcases and tea towels. Over the years, she made her own clothes as well as clothes

for her daughter and granddaughter. She also enjoys quilting. In her own words, Roberta says, "I am happiest with a needle and thread in my hands."

Items were handmade, homemade, collectible and included catalog and home-based businesses such as Tastefully Simple, Creative Memories, Home Interiors, Southern Living at Home, Lia-Sophia Jewelry, Pampered Chef, Home & Garden Party, Close to My Heart, Big Yellow Box, Arbonne, and At Home America. Please contact Carolyn Anderson at 641/352-5030 for an application and for more information on next year's event.



Barb Collins, president of the club, holds a tree skirt that was made by Roberta Batesole

The Marshalltown Convention and Visitors Bureau will be closed on the following days for the Holidays, Dec. 23 at Noon; Dec. 26 all day; Dec. 30 at Noon and Jan. 2 all day.

### December

| Event                           | Date       | Location                                                                                          |
|---------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Visits with Santa               | Dec. 1-24  | Marshall Town Center                                                                              |
| Christmas Theater 2005          | Dec. 1-4   | New Hope Christian Church                                                                         |
| Santa Saturday                  | Dec. 3     | The Promise Center                                                                                |
| Charity Ball                    | Dec. 3     | Elmwood Country Club                                                                              |
| Holiday Tour of Homes           | Dec. 3     | 106 N. 7 <sup>th</sup> St., 8 N. 9 <sup>th</sup> St., 902 Benjamin Dr. and 1717 Country Club Lane |
| Christmas Traditions in Conrad  | Dec. 3     | Downtown Conrad                                                                                   |
| Festival of Trees               | Dec. 3     | Conrad City Hall                                                                                  |
| Handel's Messiah                | Dec. 4     | First United Methodist Church                                                                     |
| Nature Story Hour               | Dec. 7     | GrimesFarm                                                                                        |
| Old-Fashioned Christmas on Main | Dec. 9     | State Center Main Street                                                                          |
| Tour de Lights                  | Dec. 10    | Fisher Comm. Center, Room A                                                                       |
| MHS Holiday Concert             | Dec. 11    | MHS/Community Auditorium                                                                          |
| The Nutcracker Ballet           | Dec. 17-18 | MHS/Community Auditorium                                                                          |

For the time and a description of the events above, log on to the MCVB website's Calendar of Events...[www.VisitMarshalltown.com](http://www.VisitMarshalltown.com)



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# CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

## It's Officially "Holiday Time" in Downtown Marshalltown

The Marshalltown Central Business District officially kicked off the holiday season on Nov. 18th with the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Stroll celebration. The evening began with a wonderful parade, lighting of the holiday lights on the courthouse square and an official welcome to our new MCBBD Director, Marie Steenlage. Fisher Controls, a Snowflake sponsor of the event, and in recognition of their 125<sup>th</sup> year anniversary in Marshalltown, was honored by having a member of their management team deliver the message to "throw

the switch" which illuminated the tree lights on the Courthouse square. This time honored tradition is eagerly anticipated by the entire community. Again this year, the installation of the Courthouse tree lights was a project completed by the Noon Optimist Club of Marshalltown.

Holiday Stroll Committee Chairs Marla Knight and Vicki Bogner thank all the volunteers who helped make this event another success. New volunteers to the committee this year included Claudia Koch, Erin McGregor, Stacey Heil, Eric

Boone and the Venture Crew, Robin Angstrom, members of the Lennox Management Team, Lonnie Hogeland, Margy Joslin, Megan Miller, and all the returning committee members who's countless hours of volunteerism do not go unnoticed...a huge thank you to all.



## 4th Annual Adopt a Veteran Tradition Continues

In addition to the weekend Santa activities, the Marshalltown Central Business District will focus on making a memorable holiday season for approximately 90 veterans from the Iowa Veterans Home who have no family. The MCBBD has obtained "wish lists" from these individuals and we invite the public to be a part of this project. Simply stop by any of the 12 downtown stores displaying large yellow stars in their windows; select a star from the tree, purchase the gift listed from a downtown

merchant and wrap in a gift bag. Return the gift to the store where you picked up your star by Dec 9th. On Sun., Dec. 11th these gifts will be presented to the residents at a holiday party in Malloy Hall at the IVH at 6:30. Musical entertainment will be provided by Linda and Verne Johnson. A sing along will be part of the program with Arlene Selby accompanying on the piano. Refreshments will be served and the public is encouraged to attend.

## 4th Annual Santa Claus Saturday Scheduled

The Marshalltown Central Business District continues the Santa Claus Saturday's again this year with an invitation to all children ages 2-8 to have breakfast with Santa. Mark your calendars for 9 am Sat., Dec. 3, 2005, as Santa Claus will be at The Promise Center beginning at 9 am for a pancake and sausage breakfast. After breakfast, sit on Santa's lap, whisper your Holiday wish list in Santa's ear and have your photo



taken with Santa. A modest fee of \$5 covers the cost of breakfast and your photo. In addition to breakfast, kids and parents are invited to stay and create several different crafts, decorate a cookie to bring home, and receive a special gift from Santa Claus. This event runs from 9 am to noon. The Promise Center is located next to Pentz Appliance across from the Courthouse Square. For more information, please contact Alyce Quastad at 754-5534.

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- Dec. 6 6pm**  
Marshalltown Pizzazz
- Dec. 13 11am**  
Franklin 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus
- Dec. 16 11:30am**  
Rogers 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus
- Dec. 17 11am**  
East Marshall H.S. Jazz Band
- Dec. 17 2pm**  
Kimi Kups Dancers
- Dec. 18 2pm**  
Vineyard Church Worship Team
- Dec. 19 11:30am**  
Woodbury 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus
- Dec. 19 12:30pm**  
BCLUW 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus
- Dec. 20 7pm**  
Lynn Olberding's Piano Students
- Dec. 21 12:15pm**  
Anson Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus

### Holiday Hours

- Nov. 20 – 23**  
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Mon. – Wed.: 10am – 9pm
- Thurs., Nov. 24**  
Closed for Thanksgiving
- Fri., Nov. 25**  
7am – 9pm
- Nov. 26 – Dec. 3**  
Mon. – Fri.: 10am – 9pm  
Sat.: 9am – 8pm  
Sun.: Noon – 6pm
- Dec. 4 – Dec. 16**  
Mon. – Fri.: 10am – 9pm  
Sat.: 9am – 9pm  
Sun.: 11am – 6pm
- Sat., Dec. 17**  
8am – 9pm
- Sun., Dec. 18**  
11am – 7pm
- Dec. 19 – 23**  
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- Sat., Dec. 24**  
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- Sun., Dec. 25**  
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On Oct. 20th there was a ribbon cutting ceremony for Ken Wise Chrysler Dodge Jeep introducing the new 2007 Jeep Commander at their location of 1000 N. 3rd Ave (right) and on Nov. 4th Ken Anderson of the Marshalltown Chamber of Commerce, Bettie Bolar of IVCE, Dan Steen of the IVH, Senator Charles Grassley, and Dr. Chris Lidgren of the IVH were at the recent ribbon cutting for the new Medical Clinic at the Iowa Veterans Home at their location of 1301 Summit St. (lower right).



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## CURBSIDE CONVERSATIONS – A New Chamber Initiative!

Listening to members and other Marshalltown businesses is the objective of a new Chamber initiative called “CURBSIDE CONVERSATIONS.”

During the course of the next few months the staff and leadership of the Chamber will be conducting a series of meetings that will be hosted by a Chamber member business at that member’s business location. Neighboring businesses are being invited in to have a conversation about what is going on in their business neighborhood; what are their business concerns; what are their legislative con-

cerns.

“We want to hear from our businesses firsthand. We want to better understand our businesses concerns, which will help the Chamber reshape its program to better meet the needs of Marshalltown businesses,” said Chamber president Ken Anderson.

John and Tom Wise, owners of Ken Wise Buick – GMC – Honda hosted the first “CURBSIDE CONVERSATION” on November 8 at their dealership. Roger Chase from Chase Insurance will host the second “conversation” on November 22.

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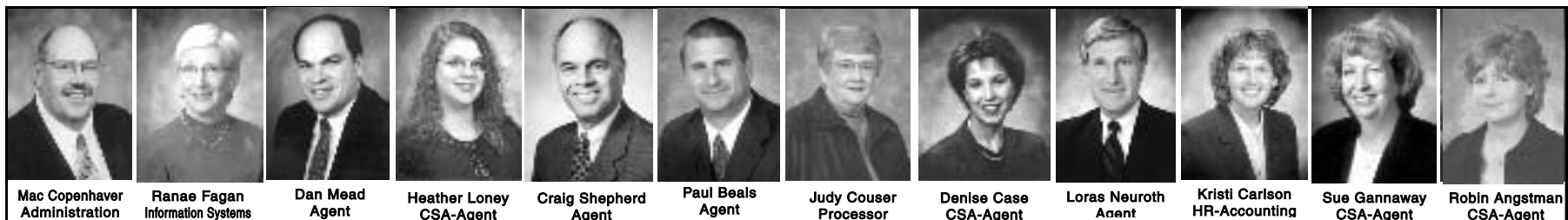
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