

Chamber Digest

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Upcoming Events

February 11: 3rd Annual Sip. Savor. Support.
Elmwood Country Club; 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

February 18: Business After Hours
Home Federal Bank; 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

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Generations Workshop

A better understanding of each of the four generations currently employed in the workplace can resolve many problems and lead to a more productive and innovative business environment.

To help our members gain this understanding, the Chamber is hosting "The Age of Work: Generational Competencies in the Workplace" on Tuesday, January 27 from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Elmwood Country Club.

This half-day interactive workshop is designed to help bridge the gap between Traditionalists, Baby Boomers, Generation Xers and Millennials. The workshop will focus on understanding the similarities and differences among these generations, creating professional relationships within multiple generations and enhancing the working experience to lead to greater productivity.

Upon completion of this training, attendees will be able to better understand the personalities, behaviors, preferences, values and work ethics of multiple generations. Attendees will also walk away with a toolbox of specific tips and strategies to connect with the next generations and foster effective and productive working relationships.

This four-hour session is suitable for all ages and career levels. Anyone in a management position is encouraged to attend. Whether you're at a corporate, mid-level or entry-level position, or simply a volunteer with a local organization, you'll walk away with a greater understanding and appreciation of your co-workers.

The "Age of Work" seminar is open to all Chamber members. Cost is \$25 per person. Group rates are available.

Register online at www.marshalltown.org/chamber/events.php to attend.

2008-09 Area Legislative Delegation

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Chairman's Message



We have a new President and the only thing we can be sure of is things need to change. Our Congress and the new President will be working hard to try and get us out of the mess we are in. The State of Iowa is also trying to figure out what we can do to balance the budget and get the state out of trouble. We most likely will be faced with new laws and regulations all trying to deal with the recession. Your Chamber will be working to make sure as these changes happen, they do not hurt all of us who are not going to

be bailed out. We need your support.

Your Government Affairs Committee, chaired by Reed Riskedahl, has worked hard to come up with legislative priorities that we feel need our attention. The Chamber will be actively working on priority issues like property tax reform that relieves the pressure on commercial/industrial property; fighting issues that diminish Iowa's business climate like fair share and expanded collective bargaining; finding ways to invest in expanding our transportation infrastructure as examples. As the legislators come up with new ways to raise money, (more taxes) or cut the budget (less services) the chamber can be your voice at the state house. If we do not say anything we can not complain.

In this challenging economic time, I would also ask you to support Target 5 - Buy In! Choose local vendors and services for your purchasing as much as you can. Target 5 has made a big difference, but no matter how much you have switched over to a local firm is there a little more you can do? Talk to Ken or Lynn if you need some ideas.

I encourage you to actively use your Chamber membership. As an example take the time to come to the business after hours. Its a great way to network with other business people. It serves to build relationships that may lead to one more client, or you may find a local service that leads to better service and a reduced cost.

I believe things will get better, it just might take a while.

I assure you that the Chamber is working hard on your behalf. Have a great 2009.

Ric Anderson
Chairman of the Board

**Have you visited the Chamber website lately?
Go online to www.marshalltown.org for the
online directory, Chamber news and upcoming events.**

New Members

Following is a list of businesses that have invested in the greater community by joining the Marshalltown Area Chamber of Commerce.

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Thank You Reinvesting Members



The reinvesting members printed in bold type marks those with memberships in increments of five years.

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Aaron's Sales	1
Big 8 Tyre	8
Brandenberg Tax & Accounting	1
Consumer Credit Counseling	12
Enterprise Rent-a-car	12
Family Time	13
Hellbergs	14
Jiffy Convenience Store	16
KDAO	30
M & N Constrution.	1
MACS	1
Mama DiGrado's	2
Man's Best Friend	21
Mexico Antiquo	1
The Perfect Setting	4
Quality Service Corporation	5
River Oaks	10
Sears	8
Stroh Corporation	1
Tremont Grille	1
Tremont on Main	8
Ultimate Web	4

For a complete list of Chamber members, visit www.marshalltown.org.

Are you ready to increase your website traffic?
 Contact Lynn at 641-753-6645 about online directory upgrades!
 Visit the Chamber website at www.marshalltown.org

Business After Hours

January 27, 2009
 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
 Elmwood Country Club
 1734 Country Club Lane

February 18, 2009
 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
 Home Federal Savings Bank
 303 West Main Street

March 19, 2009
 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
 Clapsaddle-Garber Associates
 16 East Main Street

April 2009
 Available for sponsorship

2009 dates still available - contact Lynn Olberding at the Chamber office to schedule a Business After Hours event at your business. There are also opportunities to host a Business to Business Showcase.

These events are great ways to promote your business!

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FACES & PLACES

Faces & Places is a new feature in the Chamber Digest. Each month this column will feature information about Marshalltown Area Chamber of Commerce members and volunteers. **Faces & Places** is a great way to utilize your Chamber membership.

Submissions may include grand openings, management changes, employee promotions, moves, expansions, major developments and award recognition. Submissions may include a photograph, if provided in a JPEG format.

Due to space limitations, each item for **Faces & Places** should be no more than three sentences in length. The editor reserves the right to determine what is newsworthy and included in the column. Items that will not be accepted include: email changes, seminars or special event promotions that would be better addressed through advertising venues.

To submit your news, email lolberding@marshalltown.org and put **Faces & Places** in the subject line, or mail information to **Faces & Places**, P.O. Box 1000, Marshalltown, IA 50158. Submissions must be received by the 10th of the month for inclusion in the following month's Chamber Digest.

Ruddock promoted to Vice President/General Manager



Tom Ruddock has been promoted to the position of Vice President/General Manager, Fisher and Valve Automation Asia Pacific. Tom will be replacing Frank deJong who recently took a position with the Process Systems and Solutions group in Austin, Texas.

Tom's solid operations experience, his Service Company background, his leadership driving Fisher's global project management function, and his knowledge of the Sales and Order Planning (SOP) processes division wide will assure a seamless transition for Fisher and

to Sabee Mitra's Emerson Process Asia team. In addition to the direct responsibility for Fisher operations in the region, Tom will oversee the Valve Automation organization in Asia Pacific headed up by Kevin Ho.

Tom earned his engineering degree from Texas A&M University and joined Fisher in 1984. After early years in the sales suite, Tom spent 7 years as a Service Company Manager and later a Regional Service Director, before becoming the Marshalltown Plant Manager from 1996 to 2001. Transitioning from the Global Project Management role, Tom brings proven leadership skills and a global perspective to the Asia Pacific operations.

Tom and his wife, Gina will be relocating to Singapore.

www.marshalltown.org Statistics

	Dec 08	YTD Total	Avg/Month
Unique Visitors	3,756	45,844	3,820
Number of Visits	4,573	66,773	5,564
Page Views	29,881	353,807	29,484
Hits	124,480	1,566,458	130,538

In 2008, the Chamber website received more traffic than in 2007!

1% more visitors, 1% more visits, 2% more views and 30% more page views!

Don't forget to check the chamber website for business directory information, event photos, program information and calendar of events.

Want to upgrade your online business directory listing?
Contact Lynn Olberding at the Chamber office for more information.

Evans named MCBBD Director

The Marshalltown Central Business District welcomes interim director Wanda Evans to the organization. Wanda has come out of retirement to direct the Main Street program. Floyd Harthun, former interim director completed his tenure with MCBBD on December 1. The members of the MCBBD would like to publicly thank Harthun for his endless energy and leadership to the program.

Additionally, MCBBD volunteers are exploring the reality of a SSMID (Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District) program for ongoing funding of the Main Street Program. A SSMID program is described in chapter 386 of the Iowa Code as a "tool for revitalization if a specified district." A core group is researching the project to determine its value for the downtown area.

Activity continues at the Orpheum Theater Project. The inside fixtures in the Orpheum building have been removed and renovation will begin in late January.

Grandview Heights to dedicate Comfort Suite

You are invited to attend the dedication ceremony of the new Comfort Suite at Grandview Heights on Wednesday, January 28. An open house will be held from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., with the dedication ceremony of the new suite at 4:30 p.m.

The Comfort Suite is designed for hospice patients and families who seek privacy and comfort the end of life. Iowa River Hospice and Iowa Hospice will be involved in the dedication ceremony.

Grandview Heights is located at 910 East Olive Street in Marshalltown.

Chamber members are invited to attend.

BUSINESS NEWS

Increase your online visability

The Chamber's website statistics on page 2 show the power and popularity of this online resource. In 2008 alone, the Chamber's website received over 1.5 million hits!

Research shows that over half of professionals search the web when looking to relocate or find a business. The Chamber's website's most viewed pages are the Online Business Directory, where all Chamber members are listed, and the relocation information. As a Chamber member, you receive a "Basic" listing on the Business Directory. That means your business is listed under one category (i.e. Electrical Contractor) with your complete business information: phone number, fax number, address and business representatives.

For as little as \$120 per year, your business can upgrade your online listing to include multiple categories, searchable key words, web link and email links. Being connected to a strong website like the Chamber's gives your website more power when online visitors search for your business on a search engine like Google.

This is a great time to increase your online visability and promote your business. Let the Chamber help! Contact Lynn Olberding at the Chamber office for more information and discuss options at 641-753-6645.

Tips for Networking

Now more than ever, it's important to network and create business connections that will help your business through this tough economic time. Plan to attend upcoming Chamber Business After Hours and utilize some of these tips to get the most from your networking:

- Establish eye contact and smile.
- Bring your business cards and hand them out. Giving out your business card serves the purpose of telling people who you are!
- If you don't understand or hear a person's name immediately, ask the person to repeat it. "Fess up" immediately.
- Be proactive - be the first to extend your hand and introduce yourself to someone you don't know.
- Ask questions, engage in the process.
- Don't be afraid to travel in pairs - if the invitation to an event says "Bring a friend", do so.
- Don't judge a book by its cover, you'll be surprised who you might meet and what connections you might make.

Information collected from "Work the Pond" by Darcy Rezac.

For a list of upcoming After Hours events, turn to page 3.

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CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

Marshalltown hosts large meetings and conventions

The Practical Farmers of Iowa held their annual meeting on January 9 and 10 at Iowa Valley Continuing Education and Marshalltown Community College. The event was attended by more than 300 people. Convention planners said that Marshalltown was very welcoming to their group and the facilities were wonderful. MCVB provided a welcome reception for the attendees on Friday night serving Iowa cheeses, cider and John Ernest Wine. In addition, the MCVB provided welcome bags for all attendees.

Many people in our community belong to an association or club. If your club holds a quarterly or annual meeting, the Marshalltown Convention & Visitors Bureau would love to put together a proposal for them to hold their meeting in Marshalltown.

The Marshalltown Convention & Visitors Bureau provides many complementary services to lure potential meetings and events to town. Below is a listing of services that we can provide.

- Marshalltown Site Visit and Community Tour – MCVB personnel will accompany your club or association on a community tour and site visit to help you prepare your event agenda, logistics, and extra-curricular activities.

- Welcome Bags – These complimentary plastic bags are available upon request. They are perfect for distributing registration materials to each delegate. The MCVB will provide a Visitor Guide and other MCVB “goodies”.

- Marshalltown Visitor Guides – This comprehensive community brochure provides information on hotels, restaurants, shopping, recreation, as well as a map. One brochure for each registered delegate is available at no charge.

- Nametags – Your group will receive complimentary peel-and-stick nametags upon request.

- Grant Program – This is possibly one the most competitive advantages of hosting an event in Marshalltown. The grant program is designed to help your club or association with promoting your event in Marshalltown, aiding you with transportation issues, or assistance to bid on large conventions.

- Welcome Reception – Groups hosting a multiple day convention in Marshalltown, with more than 75 attendees, may qualify for our complimentary welcome reception. This reception is hosted from either 5-5:30 p.m. or from 5:30-6 p.m. on a weeknight of the event. The MCVB and Chamber Ambassadors will host this reception and greet attendees.

- Registration Assistance – Not only do we help with registration by providing complimentary nametags, but we can also provide a volunteer to help your club or association in your registration process.

- Welcome Address – We are pleased to arrange an official ‘welcome’ to our community by a local dignitary or community ambassador.

- Tour Options – Marshalltown has many tour options available for your group. Contact the MCVB to obtain a listing of the many attractions, eateries and historic places your club or association can visit during their stay.

- Media Assistance – Press Releases and Contact Information – The

MCVB will help your club or association get the word out in the area by providing you with media contact information.

If you would like more information on our services or have questions, please call the MCVB office at 641-753-6645 or log onto our website at www.visitmarshalltown.com.

For the time and a description of the events below, log on to the MCVB website's Calendar of Events at www.VisitMarshalltown.com

February 2009

Date	Event	Location
Bingo	Tuesdays	Senior Citizens Center
StoryTime	Tues. & Fri.	Public Library
Downtown Tot-Town	Tues, Thurs. & Fri	Veterans Coliseum
Nature's Story Hour	Feb 4	GrimesFarm & Conservation
Waffle Brunch	Feb 7	Knights of Columbus Hall
Wedding Expo	Feb 8	Best Western Regency Inn
Local Foods program	Feb 17	Fisher Community Center
Nature's Story Hour	Feb 18	GrimesFarm & Conservation
Wholly Brass	Feb 22	MHS/Community Auditorium
<i>Romantic Comedy</i>	Feb 27-28	Martha Ellen Tye

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February 2009

Date	Group	Location
Feb. 14	IA Boys State Swim Meet	Community Y

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MCVB exhibits at Legislative Showcase

Each year, the Travel Federation of Iowa sponsors a Legislative Showcase to share the legislative priorities of the federation and its members. This year's event will be held at the Paul R. Knapp Animal Learning Center at the Iowa State Fairgrounds on February 3rd and the Marshalltown Conventions and Visitors Bureau will be an exhibitor. Each year TFI with the input of travel related businesses creates a list of legislative priorities for the upcoming legislative session. The priorities are presented to legislators by tourist destinations and industry partners. The day starts with a luncheon and overview of the legislative priorities. The priorities for the 2009 session are;

- Bring the Iowa Tourism Office budget to the Midwest Regional average of \$10.2 million.
- Enforce the current school start date.
- Continue to support TIME 21 Funding to repair and improve Iowa's road system.

Every legislator is invited to the showcase where tourism partners discuss the importance of the priorities and the impact tourism has on the State of Iowa. The MCVB is proud to be exhibiting at the showcase and being given the opportunity to visit with our legislators.



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AMBASSADORS VISITS



Kellie Hala, Executive Director of the Animal Rescue League (1921 Taylor Avenue) gave the Chamber Ambassadors a tour of the facility on January 13, during a courtesy call. The ARL celebrated 60 years of serving the Marshalltown area in late 2008.



The Chamber Ambassadors stopped by Ken Wise Buick-GMC-Honda (1000 North 3rd Avenue) on January 13 to celebrate the dealership's nearly 50 years as a Chamber member. Jon and Tom Wise shared the history of the Ken Wise dealerships with the Ambassadors during the courtesy call.

Request a Ribbon Cutting or Courtesy Call at your location.

The Ambassadors are the goodwill arm of the Chamber.

Their scheduled time for courtesy calls and ribbon cuttings are at

4:30 p.m. and 4:45 p.m. on the second and fourth
Tuesday of the month.



Please contact the Chamber office if you would like to schedule a visit at your business.

Contact 641-753-6645 or lolberding@marshalltown.org.



The Chamber Ambassadors, community members, Library staff, volunteers, Santa and Mrs. Claus celebrate the grand opening of the new Marshalltown Public Library (105 West Boone Street) on December 22. Those in attendance got the first look at the new building, the first LEED certified public library in the state. A portion of the funding for the library was made possible through a bond issue passed in 2006. For information on the library, visit www.marshalltownlibrary.org.

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BUSINESS NEWS

Government Affairs luncheon held

Iowa Chamber Alliance Executive Director David Roederer and U. S. Chamber of Commerce Regional Vice President Doug Loon presented up-to-date information about the upcoming state legislature and the new congress during the Chamber's Government Affairs luncheon on Wednesday, January 14.

At the state level, Roederer noted that two things will dominate the session - budget challenges and disaster relief. He highlighted the Alliance legislative agenda that included property tax reform, setting education standards, maintaining and improving Iowa's business climate, and improving the State's highway infrastructure.

Loon reported that Federal transportation authorization bill expires in 2009, healthcare access and costs, taxes and what the stimulus package includes are all factors as Congress works with the new administration.



Business leaders gather at the Fisher Community Center to hear about upcoming state and federal legislative issues.

Des Moines Summit and Legislative Day scheduled

The date for the Chamber's 12th Annual Des Moines Summit and Legislative Day has been moved to Thursday, April 2 (formerly scheduled for April 1). This year's summit will begin at 5:30 a.m. on April 2 with a pre-



summit meeting at the Fisher Community Center. To review the Chamber's 2009 Legislative priorities, visit www.marshalltown.org/chamber/government.php and click on the Chamber 2009 Legislative Priorities link.

Watch for more information coming soon.

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Online tool helps MEDIC obtain accurate data

Marshalltown's year-end economic indicators appear to be holding steady and even stronger than ever in some areas tracked by the Marshall Economic Development Impact Committee.

Marshalltown building permit valuations for new construction and remodeling for commercial/industrial projects in Marshalltown totaled nearly \$39 million in 2008. This represents an \$11 million increase over the 2007 total. New commercial/industrial valuation amounted to over \$11 million, which is a 25% increase over 2007 figures and the valuation of the remodeling of existing commercial/industrial buildings was over \$25.5 million, a 26% increase over 2007 figures.

Housing permits show an increase from 61 permits in 2007 to 69 permits in 2008, and the valuation comparison shows a nearly equal amount for each year at just over \$10 million.

The Marshall County Treasurer's office reported record vehicle sales of \$68,965,703 in 2008. This total is \$2.9 million more than 2007.

The 2008 November YTD Marshall County unemployment rate edged up to 4.8 percent. The 2007 unemployment rate was 4.0 percent. According to Iowa Workforce Development, the state's unemployment rate for 2008 was 4.0 percent; however, these rates are substantially below the comparable 2008 U.S. unemployment rate of 7.2 percent.

Marshalltown Commercial/Industrial Building Permits Comparison			
Year	New Commercial/Industrial Permits	New Commercial/Industrial Valuation	Remodeling Commercial/Industrial Valuation
2008	15	\$11,497,800	\$27,432,000
2007	13	\$8,747,000	\$19,094,000
2006	12	\$1,258,000	\$8,092,500

Economic Statistics

Employment – Marshall County	Nov 2008	YTD
Labor Force	20,620	20,570
Unemployed	1,200	980
Percent Unemployed	5.8	4.8
Total employment	19,420	19,590

Marshalltown Construction	Nov 2008	YTD
Building permits	18	163
Residential Dwelling Units	3	69
New residential construction value	\$502,000	\$9,538,000
Residential addition/remodel value	\$174,500	\$91,085,900
New commercial/industrial permits	1,2	14
New commercial/industrial value	\$2,833,800	\$11,417,800
Remodeling commercial/industrial value	\$159,000	\$25,855,000

Marshall County Construction	Nov 2008
Building permits	3
Residential Dwelling Units	0
New residential construction value	\$0
Residential addition/remodel value	\$21,760
New commercial/industrial permits	1
New commercial/industrial value	\$110,000
Remodeling commercial/industrial value	\$0

For additional economic development information, please visit www.marshalltownworks.com.



It is a great resource for current demographic information about Marshalltown, Marshall County and the state of Iowa.

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BUSINESS NEWS

Small Business Survival

We recognize that many of our chamber members face challenges on many fronts, including lower consumer spending, rising unemployment and tightening credit. The Chamber is joining forces with the local S.C.O.R.E chapter to help Marshalltown businesses act quickly and decisively, to protect their business as we look to 2009.

The Central Iowa S.C.O.R.E. Chapter and the Chamber have teamed up to offer members a free business review and planning session. The volunteer experts of S.C.O.R.E. have experience in a wide range of business areas including cash flow management, financial assessments, and business mentoring. The Small Business Administration offers five small business survival tips:

1. Don't panic - Be calm and realistic as you review your business and focus on the fundamentals.
2. Consult with mentors - Get feedback from informal advisors you trust.
3. Look for local funding - Look locally for credit and funding needs and make sure your business plan is solid.
4. Find ways to cut costs - Inventory, accounts receivable and cash flow are critical.
5. Continue your marketing - This is the time you need marketing the most.

The Chamber and the Central Iowa S.C.O.R.E chapter are ready to assist you. Call 641-753-7672 or 641-753-6645 to get more information or set up a counseling session.

Help shape Marshalltown's future and make this an even better place to live, work and raise a family!

For more information on the Imagine 2011 7 Big Ideas, visit www.imagine2011.com.



Iowa Legislature General Assembly 2009 Legislative Session Timetable

January 12	First day of session
February 20	Final day for individual legislator requests for bill drafts
March 13	Final date for Senate bills to be reported out of Senate committees Final date for House bills to be reported out of House committees
March 23 – 27	Senate considers only Senate bills and unfinished business House considers only House bills and unfinished business
Mar 30 – Apr 30	Debate not limited by rule
April 10	Final date for House bills to be reported out of Senate committees Final date for Senate bills to be reported out of House committees
April 13 – 17	Senate considers only House bills and unfinished business House considers only Senate bills and unfinished business
April 20	Amendments needs not be filed on the day preceding floor debate Only the following bills are eligible for consideration by Joint Rule 20 unless otherwise indicated: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appropriations Bills• Ways and Means Bills• Government Oversight Bills• Legalizing Acts• Bills co-sponsored by Majority and Minority Leaders of one House• Companion bills sponsored by Senate and House Majority Leaders• Conference Committee reports• Concurrent or Simple Resolutions• Bills passed by both Houses in different forms• Bills on the Veto Calendar• Administrative Rules Review Committee Bills• Committee Bills related to delayed Administrative Rules• Joint Resolutions nullifying Administrative Rules• Unfinished Businesses
May 1	110th calendar day of the session

For more information, visit www.legis.state.ia.us.

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YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

MYP member participate in the Live Healthy Iowa Challenge

Members of the Marshalltown Young Professionals are participating in the 100 day Live Healthy Iowa challenge. The Live Healthy Iowa challenge is a team-based weight loss and physical activity program that helps participants make positive changes that lead to a healthier lifestyle through increased physical activity and improved nutrition.



“Team members have joined this challenge for a number of reasons,” said Team Captain Lynn Olberding. “Some want to lose weight, some want to train for a marathon, some just want support in improving their health. We are also competing in the state-wide young professionals challenge with the help of YPIowa. Eighteen teams of YP members from across the state have signed up for the program to get more active.”

The challenge started on January 14 and runs through April 23.

If you are interested in getting a team together there is still time to sign up for the Live Healthy Iowa program. Visit www.livehealthyiowa.org for program details.



Live Healthy Iowa Team MYP Rocks members pictured (L to R): Denise Kemp, Shannon Espenscheid, Lynn Olberding, Jason Olberding, Matt Kennedy. Unavailable for the photo: Amanda Thill and Brook Otto.

Do you know a young professional in the community that may be interested in the Marshalltown Young Professionals? Employees of Chamber member businesses can join MYP now for just \$25!



Please contact Lynn Olberding at the Chamber, 641-753-6645, for more information.

3rd Annual Sip. Savor. Support. Wine Tasting Event planned

The Marshalltown Young Professionals invite you to the 3rd Annual Sip. Savor. Support. Wine Tasting and Silent Auction on Wednesday, February 11 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Elmwood Country Club.

The event will feature wines from John Ernest Vineyard & Winery, live music and a silent auction. A portion of the proceeds for the event benefit the Community Y's Partner with Youth campaign.

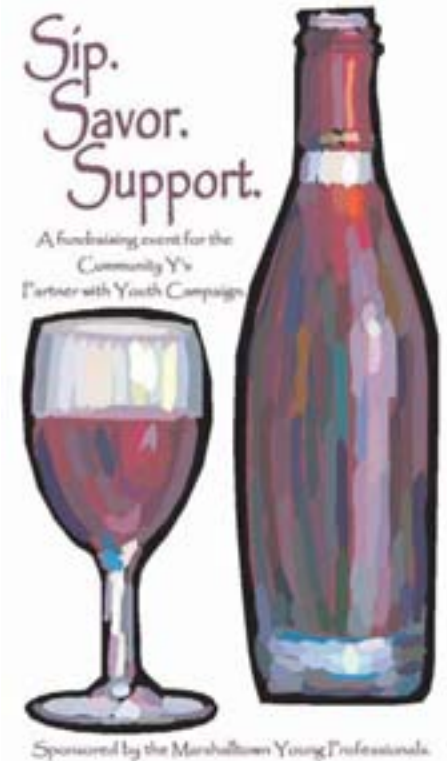
“We have been able to donate \$3,500 towards the Partner with Youth campaign from funds raised during the first two wine tasting events,” said Denise Kemp, MYP President. “We feel this is a great event and it comes just in time for Valentine’s Day.”

Tickets are available at the Community Y, Chamber Office or from any MYP member. You can also request tickets online at www.marshalltownyp.com. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door.

“Ticket sales are going well,” said Kemp, “but we would like to have our largest crowd yet for this year’s event. We are excited about some of the changes for the 3rd Annual event, like live music, and hope these changes encourage more people to get February 11 on their calendars.”

A complete list of silent auction items will be available on the Marshalltown Young Professionals website beginning February 4. If your business would like to donate a item for the silent auction, please contact Lynn Olberding at the Chamber office.

For more information, visit www.marshalltownyp.com



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BUSINESS NEWS

Chamber prepares for annual Spring Home & Garden Show

If the cold weather and snow-covered ground have you looking forward to spring, mark your calendars and plan to attend the Spring Home & Garden Show March 13 – 15, hosted by the Marshalltown Area Chamber of Commerce.

The Spring Home & Garden Show is a three-day event featuring home-related products and services any homeowner will need to get started on those spring and summer projects.

Booth space is still available and is reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you would like to display at the show, contact Lynn Olberding at the Chamber office at 641-753-6645 or download registration materials online at www.marshalltown.org.



Chamber's Spring Home & Garden Show

March 13 - 15, 2009

Show hours:

Fri., March 15: 5 - 9 p.m.

Sat., March 16: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sun., March 17: Noon - 5 p.m.

Saturday - Don't miss the Iowa Speedway pace car and display. Plus, stop by for a chance to win tickets to an upcoming race!

On Sunday, stop by the show for a display by the Central Iowa Art Association, face painting for kids and much more!



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