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Upcoming Events

May 6: 40th Annual Scholastic Banquet

May 7: Speed Networking (4 - 6pm, Tremont Sports Cafe)

May 19: Business-to-Business at Breakfast (7 - 9am, Fisher Community Center)

May 19: Presentation by Mike Ralston, ABI President (8am, Fisher Community Center)

May 25: Memorial Day - Chamber office closed

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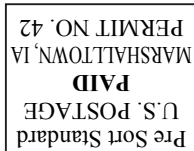
More than twenty-five community members head to Washington D.C. to meet with representatives from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Senator Charles Grassley, Senator Tom Harkin, Congressman Tom Latham and their staffs during the annual DC Summit April 27 and 28.

The delegation will carry a comprehensive community agenda including healthcare, housing, transportation, immigration, workforce, business climate and education.

Plans underway for 111th Chamber Annual Meeting

Plans are underway for the 111th Annual Meeting of the Marshalltown Area Chamber of Commerce. The event will be held in June, with more details to follow.

At last year's event, Emerson Process Management - Fisher Division was awarded the first Chairman's Community Impact Award and Kristen Monroe of Ultimate Web Design was recognized as the "Chamber Volunteer of the Year". This year's event will again feature the Chairman's Community Impact Award, given to a business who has made a significant impact on the landscape of Marshalltown and a "Chamber Person of the Year" award to someone who has demonstrated a dedication to the Chamber's mission and program of work. Nominations are currently being accepted at the Chamber office. Turn to page 2 for nomination form.



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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Nominate Chamber Person of the Year

This award recognizes an individual for his or her long term commitment to their business or organization, the Chamber, as well as the business climate and quality of life in the community.

Criteria:

- Must be a Chamber member.
- Shows commitment to the Chamber and community.
- Is an advocate for the community issues at all levels.
- Assists in the growth and success of business.
- Demonstrates initiative in assisting others.
- Demonstrates concern for community betterment.
- Demonstrates leadership skills.

Nominee: _____

Title: _____

Business/Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Nominated by: _____

Business/Organization: _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Please include a brief paragraph (100 words or less) as to why you believe the nominee should be selected as the Chamber Person of the Year.

All nominations must be received at the Chamber office by **Friday, June 5, 2009**. Nominations can be dropped off to 709 South Center Street, mailed to PO Box 1000 Marshalltown, IA 50158, faxed to 641-752-8373 or emailed to lolberding@marshalltown.org.

Nominations will be reviewed by the selection committee. The decision of the selection committee is final.

The Chamber Person of the Year will be announced at the 111th Chamber Annual Meeting, held in late June.

New Members

Following is a list of businesses that have invested in the greater community by joining the Marshalltown Area Chamber of Commerce. Please support these businesses when making purchases and business decisions.

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Thank You Reinvesting Members

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

American Workers Group	1
Binford House	5
Big Brothers Big Sisters	7
Cabinet Shoppe	5
Central Iowa Machine	4
Godfrey Motors	9
Grandview Heights	13
Iowa Telecom	6
ISU Extension	16
Larry's Towing & Tire	8
Marshall Glass	10
Mary Katherine's	9
New Hope Christian Church	5
The Optical Center	11
Pretzelmaker	12
Roger Hackman	5
State Farm - Phyllis Mazour	14
Sub City	9
Superior Cleaning	11
Svendsen Ag	10
Vaughn's Pub	5

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Business After Hours

May 19, 2009

7:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Business to Business Breakfast
Key sponsorship available
Table sponsorships available

June 24, 2009

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Iowa Hospice
2 West Main Street

July 15, 2009

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Central Iowa Fair
1308 East Olive Street

August 2009

Sponsorship still available

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.

Hospice Home to host Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting



Iowa River Hospice is celebrating the completion of the Hospice Home at 502 Plaza Heights Road in Marshalltown. Please join donors, staff and volunteers for their open house on Tuesday, May 26 from 5:00-7:00

p.m. with a ribbon cutting at 4:45 p.m. with the Chamber Ambassadors.

The Iowa River Hospice staff will provide tours of their new facility on Thursday, May 28 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. for members of the medical community. On Sunday, May 31 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., they will host a community-wide open house, with remarks at 2:00 p.m.

www.marshalltown.org Statistics

	Mar 09	YTD Total	Avg/Month
Unique Visitors	3,176	9,033	3,011
Number of Visits	4,869	13,934	4,645
Page Views	18,329	111,466	27,155
Hits	115,985	337,195	112,398

3.9% of all March visits spent 30 minutes or more on the Chamber's website. The Chamber business directory was the highest viewed page during the month of March.

Don't forget to check the chamber website for business directory information, event photos, program information and calendar of events. Contact Lynn Olberding at the Chamber office for more information.

JEV Wins 2 Gold Medals from Appellation America

John Ernest Vineyard and Winery of Tama was recently awarded two medals during the Appellation Evaluation program. The Best-of-Appellation™ Evaluation Program is an ongoing process of identifying the wines in each appellation that best express the character of the appellation and the quality of wine craftsmanship in the region. Appellation America salutes these producers, not only for their individual achievement, but for their contribution to building the identity and reputation of fine winegrowing appellations, such as the two cited below:

Double Gold Medal - Morning Dew
Gold Medal - Dusty Road

Congratulations to winery manager Jamie Busch-Upah and the Kopsa family for this prestigious honor.



www.everydaychampions.org

BUSINESS NEWS

40th Annual Scholastic Banquet planned

2009 marks the 40th Annual Scholastic Banquet, honoring the top five percent of graduating seniors from East Marshall, GMG, Marshalltown and West Marshall high schools. This year's event will be held on Wednesday, May 6 at the Marshalltown Public Library, with keynote address by Sharon Greer, an attorney with Cartwright, Druker & Ryden Law Firm.

The event key sponsors are Koehler Insurance and United Bank & Trust. Each student will receive a special recognition on behalf of the Chamber, key sponsors and our business partners.

Your business can help support this event by sponsoring a student or becoming a "Friend of Education". For more information, please visit the Upcoming Events page on the Chamber's website at www.marshalltown.org or contact the Chamber office.



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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:

- Set a goal of meeting seven new people and exchanging cards, at any event. This will keep you circulating.
- When you enter a room of strangers, stop and take your time. Look around for the best networking opportunities and approach them.
- Attend events with a friend or co-worker. Introduce him/her to someone you know and ask your friend to do the same.
- Introduce yourself by name when you meet people and give them your card.
- Discovering what you can do for someone else is the seminal secret of positive networking. Thinking this way takes all the pressure off.
- Follow-up with your contacts after the event. Follow-up is all about discovering what you can do for someone else and doing it. That's how you develop and form relationships.

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

May 2009

Event	Date	Location
Bingo	Tuesdays	Senior Citizens Center
Watch & Clock Auction	May 1-2	Tom Harris Auctions
Last Spring Storytime	May 1	Public Library
Horizons Open House	May 1	Horizons
First Baptist of Ivy Gap	May 1-2	Martha Ellen Tye
Garden Extravaganza	May 2	Main Street
Nature's Story Hour	May 6	GrimesFarm & Conservation
Night of Nets Sleepout	May 8	Riverview Campgrounds
Red Cross Wine Event	May 8	Elmwood Country Club
High School Rodeo	May 8-10	Central Iowa Fairgrounds
5K Walk/Run	May 9	Community Y Culture Center
Marshmallo Bike Ride	May 9	Community Y Culture Center
Mother's Day	May 10	
Cowboys in the Sky	May 16-17	Central Iowa Fairgrounds
Red Worms Vermicompost	May 19	Fisher Community Center
Nature's Story Hour	May 20	GrimesFarm & Conservation
Memorial Day	May 25	
All Fired Up	May 27-29	The Perfect Setting
Margaritaville Concert	May 29	Main Street

Post your 2009 events on the MCVB self-posting calendar at www.visitmarshalltown.com

May 2009

Date	Group	Location
May 4-8	NRCS	BWRI
May 9-10	MHS & Jr. High Rodeo	Fairgrounds
May 16-17	Cowboys in the Sky	Fairgrounds
May 20-21	Home Sponsor Conference	BWRI

Garden Extravaganza

Marshalltown's Main Street will be hosting its annual Garden Extravaganza on Saturday, May 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The annual event will feature home and garden demonstration in businesses along Main Street as well as street vendors. Vendors will be present to sell not only perennials and annuals, but wireworks, garden art, birdhouses, pottery and woodworks as well.

The Central Iowa Art Association and Iowa State Extension will be on Main Street as well with special kid's activities. Kids can enjoy making some of their own garden art, learn about planting and how to make black dirt as well as get their face painted.

Consumers Energy will also be bringing their Sensible Energy Road Show to Main Street during the Garden Extravaganza. People of all ages will enjoy learning about energy and simple ways to make their homes more energy efficient and "greener".

Start making your garden list now and don't miss the Annual Garden Extravaganza.

Time to Think About Summer and Swimming

The Marshalltown Aquatic Center will be open before we know it. The aquatic center will be open June 6 – August 23, August 29 and 30 this year.

Annual passes are now on sale at the Marshalltown Parks and Recreation office located at 803 N 3rd Avenue. For specific pricing or questions, please call 641-754-5715 or log on to www.co.marshalltown.ia.us.



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CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

Marshalltown to Host Softball Tournaments

No one can think about summer without thinking about baseball or softball. The Marshalltown Softball Complex located on South 6th Street will be hosting various tournaments and events this summer. Marshalltown visitors and residents alike will enjoy the fun atmosphere of all of the games.

May 8-9	16" Early Bird
May 16	Dog Days of Spring-Women's Tournament
June 5-7	PEPSI COLA/Clincher Classic 16 Inch
June 25-28	Little League AAU Tournament
July 10-12	MSA 16 Inch Districts
July 17-19	MSA Women's City Tournament
July 24-26	MSA 14 Inch Districts
Sept 4-6	ASA Men's 16Inch Major National



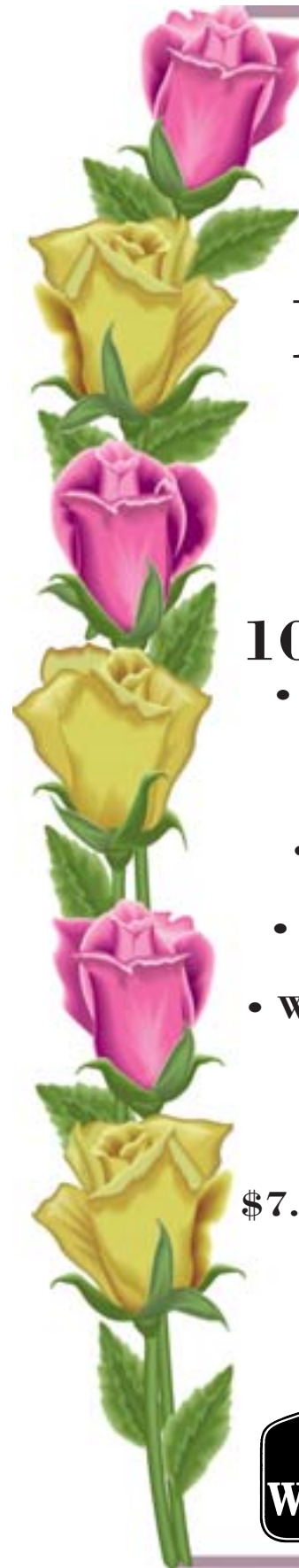
Municipal Band Concert Schedule

The Marshalltown Municipal Band delights concert goers each and every spring and summer. This year will be no exception. The Municipal Band concert schedule is:

Thursday, June 18	Courthouse Square	7:30 pm
Thursday, June 25	Courthouse Square	7:30 pm
Thursday, July 2	Courthouse Square	7:30 pm
Saturday, July 4	Central Iowa Fairgrounds	
Thursday, July 9	Courthouse Square	7:30 pm
Thursday, July 16	Central Iowa Fairgrounds	
Thursday, July 23	Courthouse Square	7:30 pm

The Municipal Band is always looking for people who would like to play in the band. If you are interested in joining the band, please call the Marshalltown Parks and Recreation office at 641-754-5715.

Marshalltown offers many options for spring and summer fun. If you are looking for something to do in Marshalltown, please log on to the Marshalltown Convention & Visitors Bureau website at www.visitmarshalltown.com and see the community calendar. Post your community event online.



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May 10, 2009

10:45 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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- Green Bean Casserole • Corn
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AMBASSADORS VISITS



Joe Weaver, President of Concrete Inc. (1710 East Main Street) celebrates the business's 45 years as a member of the Chamber with staff and the Chamber Ambassadors during a March 24 courtesy call.



The Chamber Ambassadors thanked Greg Mahurin, owner of Heartland Metals (603 South 12th Avenue) for selecting Marshalltown as the location of his expanding business with a courtesy call on March 24.



The Chamber Ambassadors visited AmericInn Motel & Suites (115 Iowa Avenue West) General Manager Liz Wilke for a courtesy call on April 14 to thank the staff for their continued support and Chamber membership.



Culver's owner Brian Smith greeted the Chamber Ambassadors on April 14 when the group stopped by for a courtesy call. Culver's is located at 16 Iowa Avenue West and is famous for their custard and butter burgers.

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.

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Sunday Mornings

6:30 am on 99.5 KDAO FM

7:30 am on 1190 KDAO AM

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BUSINESS NEWS

Des Moines Summit



Nearly 50 delegates from Marshalltown, including Iowa Valley Leadership class members attended the 13th Annual Des Moines Summit and Legislative Day on Thursday, April 2. In the photo above, attendees heard from Senate Majority Leader Mike Gronstal and Speaker of the House Pat Murphy. Below, Dave Roederer from the Iowa Chamber Alliance and Nicole Molt of the Iowa Association of Business and Industry (ABI) talk to the Marshalltown delegation about business climate issues.



A special thank you to the Des Moines Summit & Legislative Day sponsors:

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Statistics

February	2009	2008
Employment – Marshall County		
Labor Force	20,160	20,150
Unemployed	1,410	1,010
Percent Unemployed	7	5
Total employment	18,740	19,140
Marshalltown Construction		
Building permits	1	4
Residential dwelling units	1	4
New residential construction value	\$110,000	\$578,000
Residential addition/remodeling value	\$5,000	0
New commercial/industrial permits	1	0
New commercial/industrial value	\$50,000	0
Remodeling commercial/indust. value	\$1,457,000	\$1,234,000
Marshall County Construction		
Building permits	0	
Housing		
Single Family Home Sales	14	33
Average Sale Price	\$67,986	\$90,292
Median Sale Price	\$73,500	\$81,700



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

Top location factors: Highways and Labor

The announcement that the construction of four-lane Highway 30 between Highway 330 and Colo will begin and should be completed by 2010 is good news for Marshalltown and the Central Iowa area. For the fifth year in a row, highway accessibility has topped the list of site location factors for companies considering new facilities. The results were recently published by Area Development Magazine based upon its 23rd annual corporate survey that was taken last fall.

According to Area Development Magazine, “Highway accessibility was rated as ‘very important’ or ‘important’ by 95.4 percent of the 2008 Corporate Survey respondents. Obviously, sites that cannot satisfy a company’s transportation infrastructure needs for receiving supplies, getting products to market, and giving employees and others access to the site will not make the cut.”

Labor costs factors were ranked second and rated “very important” or “important” by over 91 percent of the 2008 Corporate Survey respondents. The magazine says labor costs are a top concern when companies make location decisions and with profit margins shrinking in these tough economic times, these recurring costs take on even greater significance.

Tax exemptions and a low union profile each grew in importance since the last survey. Tax exemptions rose from 10th to 4th in importance and low union profile rose from 13th to 9th in importance.

Quality of life factors are traditionally ranked separately from other site selection factors and throughout the history of the corporate survey, low crime rate has been ranked the most desirable factor in a community.

This year healthcare facilities jumped from fifth place to second place and showed the largest increase overall among the survey factors. According to Area Development Magazine, “Each year business’ costs for employer-sponsored healthcare have risen; thus, this factor has become a more important location determinant. Decision-makers must consider which states and communities offer the lowest healthcare costs and least risk to employers, while providing ample quality coverage.”

The lowest-ranked quality-of-life factors for 2008 were recreational opportunities and cultural opportunities which may indicate that tough economic times have resulted in leisure time activities being given low priority.

2008 Site Location Factors (in order of importance)

1. Highway accessibility	13. Right-to-work state	Quality of Life Factors
2. Labor costs	14. Environmental regulations	1. Low crime rate
3. Occupancy or construction costs	15. Expediated permitting	2. Healthcare facilities
4. Tax exemptions	16. Proximity to suppliers	3. Housing costs
5. Energy availability and costs	17. Availability of long-term financing	4. Housing availability
6. Availability of skilled labor	18. Availability of unskilled labor	5. Ratings of public schools
7. State and local incentives	19. Training programs	6. Climate
8. Corporate tax rate	20. Raw materials availability	7. Colleges and universities in area
9. Low union profile		8. Recreational opportunities
10. Available land		9. Cultural opportunities
11. Availability of buildings		
12. Proximity to major markets		



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BUSINESS NEWS

Job Fair 2009 has largest attendance ever

More than 700 people attended Job Fair 2009 on April 1, on the Marshalltown Community College campus. With 60 employers in one location and many workshops, attendees took advantage of the many opportunities available to improve their job-seeking abilities, including about 45 who had résumés critiqued and standing room only for the Employer Panel.

Every spring MCC hosts a job fair that brings exhibitors who are anxious to hire our community college students, community members, and graduates. Employers who participated liked the layout in the new Student Activity Center and appreciated the quality of the résumés they received. One employer said he wondered if it was worth coming, but was very pleased with the number of interested job seekers.

Marshalltown Community College, Buena Vista University, Iowa Valley Continuing Education, the Marshalltown Area Chamber of Commerce, Iowa Workforce Development, KDAO, and KFJB/KXIA radio stations jointly sponsor the annual Job Fair each year and thank all who participated.



Job Fair 2009 was held in the Marshalltown Community College Student Activity Center and drew more than 700 job seekers.

Iowa Hospice Open House

The community is invited to tour the newly remodeled and expanded Iowa Hospice (2 West Main Street) on Tuesday, April 28 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres and desserts will be served and those in attendance will have an opportunity to meet the Iowa Hospice staff.

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.

Imagine
7 big ideas by 2011

Community Conversations

The Marshalltown Community School District invites you to take part in shaping the future of our schools. As part of the strategic planning process, the District will host Community Conversations:

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

7:00-8:00 a.m. Rogers Elementary School, Family Learning Center

12:00-1:00 p.m. Marshalltown Public Library, Meeting Room A

6:30-7:30 p.m. Marshalltown Public Library, Meeting Room A

Thursday, May 7, 2009

7:00-8:00 a.m. Hoglan Elementary School, Media Center

12:00-1:00 p.m. Marshalltown Public Library, Meeting Room A

6:30-7:30 p.m. Marshalltown Public Library, Meeting Room A

Free childcare and refreshments will be provided.

This is an opportunity to discuss the goals for our

District and what kind of education you want for your children. Please come for a conversation at any one of the six designated times.

For more information, please contact the Marshalltown Community School District.



IRAs - WHICH TYPE IS APPROPRIATE FOR YOU?

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YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Marshalltown Young Professionals featured in YPIowa newsletter



MYP was recently featured in the April edition of the YPIowa newsletter. The article on the group gave details about how the group was started, history of social and professional development events, as well as a brief description of the membership make-up.

"Our group is getting some state-wide attention," said Denise Kemp, MYP President. "We have become more involved in YPIowa and are building some relationships with other young professionals' groups in the area."

Young Professionals of Iowa (YPIowa) is an organization created by young professionals for young professionals. The organization's mission is "To help young professionals in Iowa take responsibility for the growth of their communities to ensure the long term advancement of the State of Iowa." For more information, visit www.ypiowa.com.

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 \$45!



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

Upcoming MYP Events

The Marshalltown Young Professionals have an exciting spring and summer planned with social and professional development events.

If you or your employee could benefit from being involved with the Marshalltown Young Professionals, please contact Lynn Olberding at the Chamber at 641-753-6645 or by email at info@marshalltownyp.com.

May

6	MYP Social Breakfast	Hy-Vee	7:30am
8	MYP Exec Committee Retreat	IVH	Noon
13	MYP Social/Prof. Dev. Meeting	Fisher Comm. Cnt.	Noon
20	Lunch & Learn	Mechdyne	Noon
29	Family BBQ	Kiwanis Park	5:30pm

June

3	MYP Social Lunch	Mexico Antiquo	Noon
10	YP Connect Committee Meeting	Fisher Comm. Cnt.	Noon
26	YPIowa YP Leaders Academy	Ames	

July

1	MYP Social Lunch	TBD	Noon
8	MYP Social/Prof. Dev. Meeting	Fisher Comm. Cnt.	Noon
15	MYP Lunch & Learn	TBD	Noon



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BUSINESS NEWS

Promote your business at the Business-to-Business Breakfast

Participate in the May 19 Business-to-Business Breakfast at the Fisher Community Center. For a \$50 investment, your business will have a chance to create business-to-business relationships during this revamped version of the popular Chamber Business After Hours and Business-to-Business Showcase.

The event will take place from 7:00 - 9:00 a.m. in the Fisher Community Center auditorium. Up to 15 table sponsorships are available. This is a great way to promote your business to other Chamber members.

A special feature of this event will be a presentation by Mike Ralston, President of the Iowa Association of Business and Industry (ABI) about Iowa's business climate at 8:00 a.m.



Mark your calendars for Speed Networking

The Chamber is looking for interested persons to participate in Speed Networking on Thursday, May 7 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the Tremont Sports Cafe. Speed Networking offers participants an opportunity to meet a large number of people in a small amount of time. This event is open to all employees of Chamber member businesses. Space is limited. Information on how to sign up for this event will be emailed to Chamber members in the near future.

Annual Chamber Ambassadors Golf Outing scheduled



It's time to tee up for the Annual Chamber Ambassadors Golf Outing. This year's event will be held on Thursday, August 20 at Elmwood Country Club.

If your business is interested in being the title sponsor for this event, please contact the Chamber Office.



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