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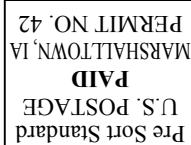


Upcoming Events

May 30: Memorial Day, Chamber office closed
June 14: 113th Chamber Annual Meeting,
5:30 p.m., Dejardin Hall, IVCE Campus
June 21: Business After Hours, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.,
Shomo-Madsen Insurance
July 4: Independence Day, Chamber office
closed

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113th Chamber Annual Meeting

The Marshalltown Area Chamber of Commerce is preparing for the 113th Chamber Annual meeting. This year's event will be held on Tuesday, June 14 at Dejardin Hall on the Iowa Valley Continuing Education Campus.

Each year the Chamber celebrates the accomplishments of the past year and looks forward to the next year at the Annual Meeting. In addition, this year's meeting will feature recognition of the Iowa Valley Leadership graduates for 2011, a program the Chamber co-sponsors with Iowa Valley Continuing Education.

"We are excited to incorporate the Iowa Valley Leadership Class this year," said Jeff Vance, Chamber Board Vice Chair of Membership Services. "It is a program we are very proud of and we're happy to celebrate the completion of this year's course during the annual meeting."

In addition to recognizing the Iowa Valley Leadership graduates, several other Chamber members will be celebrated at the Annual Meeting. The Chairman's Community Impact Award will be presented to a business, organization or individual who has made numerous contributions to change the landscape of Marshalltown. Past recipients include Emerson Process Management - Fisher Division, Marshalltown Medical & Surgical Center and Hy-Vee Food Store. The Chamber Person of the Year award will be presented to an outstanding Chamber volunteer who has shown commitment and support of the Chamber in the past year. The final award presented during the Annual Meeting will be by the Marshalltown Young Professionals. The YP of the Year award will be given to an outstanding young professional from the MYP organization.

Keynote speaker at the meeting will be Mr.



Jason Glass
State Director and Chief Learner, Iowa
Department of Education

Jason Glass, State Director and Chief Learner for the Iowa Department of Education. Mr. Glass will speak to the audience about education reform in the state and what work his agency is doing to make Iowa a top-performing state again.

Tickets are \$50 per person or \$275 for a table of six. Reservations can be made online at www.marshalltown.org/chamber/events.php. This event is open to all Chamber members.

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Orpheum Theater Center brings *The Music Man* to Marshalltown

The Orpheum Theater Center welcomes two guest artists to direct the inaugural production of the Orpheum Performance Series. The Prairie Series theme will open with Meredith Wilson's *The Music Man* being produced at the Orpheum Black Box Theater.

Directing the production is Rod Caspers, a native of Cedar Rapids who recently returned to Iowa. The Musical Director/Composer, is Dr. Rebecca Burkhardt, a native of Texas and current University of Northern Iowa Director of Orchestral Activities, Music Director of the Northern Iowa Symphony Orchestra, and Music Director for the University of Northern Iowa Opera Theatre.

Caspers and Burkhardt join Pip Gordon, Director of the Orpheum, who serves as the resident lighting and set designer for the Orpheum Center, and Chris Winnemann, the Orpheum Theater Center Technical Director.

Rod Caspers has been the Executive Director of Creative Services for the University of Texas System for five years where he and his colleagues recently received Lone Star Emmy Awards for the PBS series, *State of Tomorrow*. He has directed more than 100 productions, receiving numerous awards.

Most recently Rod directed *Slammer* for New York's Fringe Festival, *Assassins* for the University of Texas, *The Bat*, Austin Lyric Opera's new adaptation of *Die Fledermaus* and the *Music Man* for Zilker Theatre Productions. For the past two seasons he has stage-managed the Radio City Christmas Spectacular Arena Tour starring the Rockettes. Rod is a proud alumnus of the Madison Scouts Drum and Bugle Corps. He has a B.A., Illinois State University, 1976; and an M.F.A., The University of Texas at Austin, 1984.

Rebecca Burkhardt, Ph.D. has been at the University of Northern Iowa since 1988. She earned a bachelor of music degree from Southwestern University (TX), a master of music education from the University of North Texas, and her Ph. D. at the University of Texas, Austin. Dr. Burkhardt has an interest to develop new work and has written a musical, *A Scotch Verdict*, in collaboration with UNI theatre professor Cynthia Goatley. She has collaborated with Caspers and Gordon on several productions and is eager to work together again on such a dynamic program.

Dr. Burkhardt recently composed, "Fanfare For The First Lady" for Michele Obama and she led the UNI orchestra during Mrs. Obama's visit to Cedar Falls as the UNI commencement speaker. The music was featured on national ABC news. The very next day Dr. Burkhardt was in the Orpheum Black Box Theatre teaching *The Music Man* cast to sing, "Iowa Stubborn".

The Orpheum Performance Series received a major grant from the Martha-Ellen Tye Foundation that made it possible to begin the performance program this spring. *The Music Man* is the first of four plays in The Prairie Series that will celebrate all things Iowa during the first year of the program. Tryouts were held at the end of April and rehearsals are happening six days a week. Thirty-seven people auditioned and 24 actors were cast from Marshalltown, State Center, Grinnell, LeGrand, Tama, and Cedar Falls. Musicians for the production are from Marshalltown, Ames, Cedar Falls, and Waterloo. Several Orpheum Interns are assisting with *The Music*

Man production and they are earning college credit from the University of Northern Iowa, Viterbo University in Wisconsin, and Iowa State University.

The *Music Man* production dates include the opening night on June 10 and performances on June 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, and 19. The inaugural show will be presented in the round with only 100 seats available per performance. To reserve your tickets by credit card, call 641-844-5919.

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MUSICAL DIRECTION BY REBECCA BURKHARDT

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



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Business After Hours

June 14, 2011

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Shomo-Madsen Insurance
22 East Main Street

July 14, 2011

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Central Iowa Fair
1308 East Olive Street

August 2011

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September 22, 2011

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Meskwaki Bingo-Casino-Hotel
in conjunction with the Tama/
Toledo and Grinnell Chambers
1504 305th Street
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October 2011

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

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FACES & PLACES

Faces & Places is a monthly 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 six 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.

AAA offers safety booklet

A new booklet from AAA combines facts and fun to help children ages 6–10 learn about keeping themselves and others safe. Release of the free publication coincides with the warm weather months – when kids are more active, have less structured time and are at greater risk of injury.

Good Going! Adventures in Safety, blends safety information with games, stories, puzzles and vivid illustrations. The full-color, 20-page booklet addresses common injury areas for children including traffic, falls, sports injuries, water safety, fire safety and more.

Good Going! offers important information in an entertaining way. We encourage parents, grandparents and caregivers to obtain a copy for the children in their lives and to use it as a springboard for safety discussions. Copies are available for free at AAA branch offices.

MICA celebrates National Provider Appreciation Day

May 6 was National Provider Appreciation Day, and Mid-Iowa Community Action, Inc. (MICA) celebrated the local providers working with the agency's Child Care Resource and Referral program (CCR&R) with a dinner at the Fisher Community Center in Marshalltown.

"Every day, child care providers care for over 100 children under the age of 5 in the Marshall County area," says CCR&R Coordinator Karen Frohwein. "The children and parents of Marshall County depend on our child care providers. May 6 is the day to recognize the hard work and dedication of providers, and to acknowledge their commitment to high-quality care."

During the event, Karla Haigh, Jodi Riesetter, and Chris Gustafson were recognized as ChildNet certified providers as well as providers receiving Iowa's Quality Rating System (QRS) rating.

Norma Keys and Kim Smith were also honored in recognition of their national accreditation from the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC).

"It takes a special person to work in the child care field, and many providers understand the need to improve the quality of their programs in order for children to be in safe, secure, and nurturing environments," Frohwein said. "The extra time and effort needed to achieve these quality ratings shows the dedication of these women to their profession and sets an example for other providers who are also committed to providing quality child care."

To learn more about MICA's CCR&R program, Provider Appreciation Day, or for ideas on how you can thank your child care provider, contact Ruth Hurd, Child Care Resource and Referral provider specialist, at 641-752-7162, ext. 161 or rhurd@micaonline.org.

Thank You Reinvesting Members

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Mid Iowa Workshop (MIW)	27	Sun Daze Salon & Tanning	5
New Hope Christian Church	7	Super Shine Car Wash	1
Nikkel & Associates, Inc.	7	Svensden Ag Co.	12
NW Mutual - Krough & Leth	22	Taco John's	35
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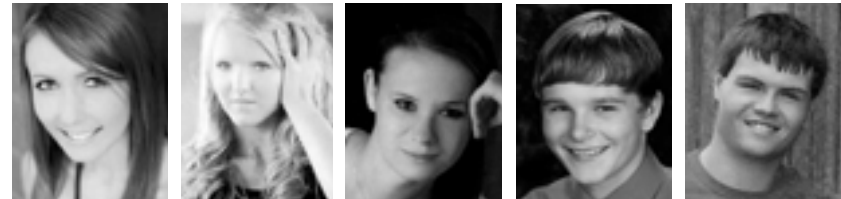
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42nd Annual Scholastic Banquet

Congratulations to the seniors who were recognized on May 4 at the Chamber's 42nd Annual Scholastic Banquet for their scholastic achievements. The Scholastic Banquet honors the top 5% of graduating seniors from East Marshall, GMG, Marshalltown and West Marshall high schools.

East Marshall



Hilary Fehrmann, Alissa Harem, Rachel Rice, Jeremy Roberts and Luke Wilson

GMG



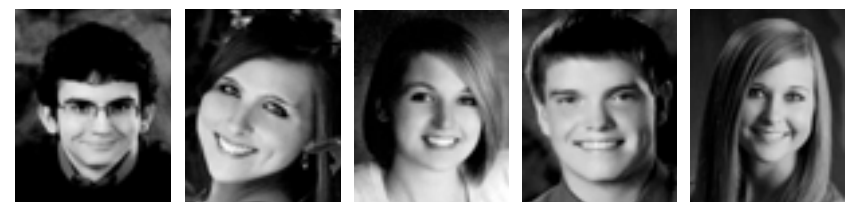
Michael Burt and Sharice Clough.

West Marshall

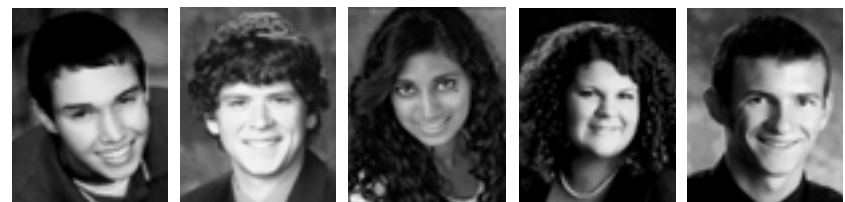


Katie Davis and Toni Proescholdt.

Marshalltown



Matthew Anzis, Zoe Harris, Elizabeth Heying, Joel Ingram and Kaylee Kacmarynski.



Brady Lawler, James Lindgren, Swati Panchal, Danielle Propst, Timothy Schwartzburg.



Leah Stahlin, Alexandria Stewart, Amy Stiehl and Alicia Wieland.

Home School



Watson Mulder

Not pictured are Jessica Sotyn from Marshalltown High School and Cameron Johnston from West Marshall High School.

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CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

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

June 2011 Calendar of Events

Event	Date	Location
Senior Citizen's Dance	Monday	Senior Citizens Center
Bingo	Tuesdays	Senior Citizens Center
Storytime	Tues/Fri	Public Library
Duplicate Bridge	Wednesdays	Senior Citizens Center
Farmer's Market	Wed/Sat	108 North 2nd Avenue
Main Street Farmers Market	Thursdays	Courthouse Square
Tubers Edge	Saturdays	River's Edge
Nature Story Hour	June 1	GrimesFarm & Conservation
Artist Reception & Exhibit	June 3	Fisher Community Center
"The Love Bug"	June 3-5	Orpheum Theater
Aquatic Center Opens	June 4	Aquatic Center
Latino Festival	June 4	Main Street
Sweet Adeline Guest Night	June 6	Fisher Community Center
Bingo	June 9	Central IA Fairgrounds
"American Graffiti"	June 10-12	Orpheum Theater
"The Music Man"	June 10-12	Orpheum Theater
Flag Day	June 14	
Nature Story Hour	June 15	GrimesFarm & Conservation
Book Club	June 16	Community Center
Log Cabin Fun & Facts	June 16	1482 Mormon Ridge Rd.
Municipal Band Concert	June 16	Courthouse Square
State Center Rose Festival	June 16-19	State Center
"The Music Man"	June 16-19	Orpheum Theater
"Homeward Bound"	June 17-19	Orpheum Theater
UWF Pro Wrestling	June 18	Veterans Coliseum
Father's Day	June 19	
Municipal Band Concert	June 23	Courthouse Square
IA State BBQ Championship	June 24-25	Riverview Park
"The Quiet Man"	June 24-26	Orpheum Theater
"The Shining"	June 24	Orpheum Theater
Civil War Era 9-Patch Quilt	June 25	Historical Museum
Skatepark Festival	June 26	Skatepark
Municipal Band Concerts	June 30	Courthouse Square

June 2011 Meetings & Conventions

Group	Date	Location
Shooters Horse Event	June 4-5	Central IA Fairgrounds
Ex Prisoners of War	June 8-9	Best Western Regency Inn
Community College	June 9-10	BW Regency Inn & IVCE
Iowa State Button Society	June 9-11	Best Western Regency Inn
State Hershey Track & Field	June 11	Marshalltown H.S.
Luisa Rodeo	June 12	Central IA Fairgrounds
Iowa Medicaid Training	June 22-23	IA Valley Cont. Education

13th Annual Iowa State Barbeque Championships

The 13th Annual Iowa State Barbeque Championships are slated for June 24-25, 2011, at Riverview Park in Marshalltown, Iowa.

Events kick off Friday afternoon with a classic car show, BBQ samples for sale, and kids inflatables, games and other entertainment. Bill Dewey and The Dynamics, Matt Woods and The Thunderbolts and Loose Neutral will all take the stage throughout Friday evening.

Saturday features the Iron Skillet Competition/Big Green Egg Scramble. This contest is open anyone – the first six teams to sign up are in! Each team receives a mystery protein, fruit and vegetable on the day of the contest with two hours to create a dish using the food provided. All teams will cook on a Big Green Egg, with first prize being an Iron Skillet, \$100 gift certificate and a Big Green Egg. Contest entry forms are available at www.marshalltownbbq.com.


Saturday's entertainment will feature the band Endless Summer. New this year will be a BAGGO Tournament from 10 to 3. Saturday afternoon the BBQ contest officially begins. Winners will be announced at 4 p.m.

Throughout the two-day event patrons will be able to sample amazing BBQ from the best cooks around.

The Championships will end with the MS150 Cruise the Cornfields Finish Line Celebration from 4:30 to 8 p.m. The MS 150 is a two day, 150-mile bike ride and fundraiser for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. It begins in Des Moines with an over-night stay in Marshalltown.

The Iowa State Barbeque Championships are sponsored by the Iowa Barbeque Society. Visit www.iabbq.org/marshalltown for more information.






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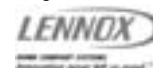


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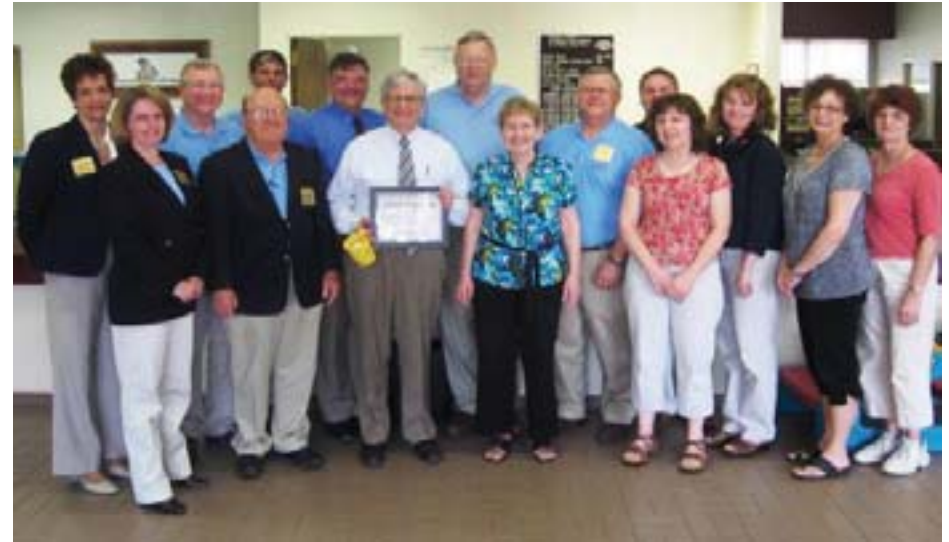
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AMBASSADORS VISITS



Rich Byers, President/CEO of Mid-Iowa Workshop, Inc (MIW) poses with the Chamber Ambassadors who visited MIW (909 South 14th Avenue) on April 26 for a courtesy call.



The Chamber Ambassadors stopped by Lennox Employees Credit Union on May 10 for a courtesy call. The credit union is located at 1004 East Main Street in Marshalltown.

Contact lolberding@marshalltown.org to schedule a courtesy call or ribbon cutting at your business.

See pictures of past Ambassadors ribbon cuttings and courtesy calls on the Chamber website at www.marshalltown.org.



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Janet Miller ★ G. Ward Miller
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Phil Henning ★ Moises Garcia
Joan Johnson ★ Robin Runge
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BUSINESS NEWS



JBS Swift recently made a \$100,000 contribution to the Marshalltown Education Partnership (MEP). MEP is a unique public/private partnership that targets first generation college attendees with MCC scholarship support if they fulfill a “commitment to excellence” contract during their Marshalltown High School career. MEP, chaired by Terry Buzbee, Emerson Process Management – Fisher Division President, is in its sixth year. The JBS Swift contribution provides significant support for the campaign to raise \$1 million to fund the program until 2020.

Chamber to unveil Spanish relocation packet

In early June, the Chamber will unveil a project nearly a year in the making: a Spanish version of the community relocation packet. The packets are used by the Chamber, local realtors and employers to share information about Marshalltown with new residents.

April Bryant and the Spanish V class at the Marshalltown High School worked for months on translating the Chamber’s information to make this resource available for Spanish speakers. Watch next month’s issue of the Chamber Digest for more information!

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IVCCD's Orpheum Theater Center Coffee Shop is celebrating its one year anniversary by extending hours and offering great specials all summer long. Beginning Tuesday, May 31, the Orpheum Coffee Shop will extend its hours and be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. daily, Monday through Saturday. In addition, to kick off its newly extended hours, the Coffee Shop will celebrate its official First Year Anniversary on June 1, by offering numerous specials, a live radio broadcast, and free mini ice cream cones.



The Orpheum Coffee Shop, 220 East Main, has updated its menu for summer to include great salad options and super Kick'en Chicken Nachos. In addition, the coffee shop will begin private rental of its patio space. With table seating for 36 people, summer rental of this space is available from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. daily, Monday through Saturday. The Orpheum provides the grill but leaves the rest up to you. Bring your hot dogs, potato salad, your mother-in-law, and all your party favorites in food and beverage (no kegs), or purchase whatever you need in the Coffee Shop. Then, kick back and enjoy a lazy downtown summer evening at the Orpheum. Call 641-844-5919 for reservations and availability. The rental fee is \$30 an hour.



On Wednesday, June 1, 11 am to 1 pm, Energy 106.7 will provide a live broadcast at the Orpheum Coffee Shop. There will be free mini-ice cream cones while supplies last.

Also, specials include one cinnamon roll or scone and one small coffee for \$1.67; or two small coffees for \$1.67. Also, Spin the Prize Wheel to win tickets to Adventureland, The Blank Park Zoo, free movie passes, preview tickets to The Music Man, free coffee, and more. And be sure to register for The Ultimate Energy Pick-Me-Up: one regular coffee per week – for a year, and get a custom Energy and Orpheum cup.

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 Sunday Mornings 6:30 am on 99.5 KDAO FM and 7:30 am on 1190 KDAO AM

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Jobs being created, but at a sluggish pace

Through the first quarter of 2011 the pace of job creation in the US accelerated, spread out over a range of sectors. While health care continued to lead the way with job growth, other sectors have shown progress recently. During the recent recession health care services such as physical and occupational therapy, nursing, speech pathology, radiation technology and cardiology technology added about 500,000 jobs while the rest of the economy shed over 8 million. And health care services promise to grow with an aging population.

The first quarter also saw job growth in financial services. Accountants, bookkeepers and managers are finding employment. Business and professional services are hiring consultants, lawyers, executive secretaries, office managers and other administrative support personnel. Sales and marketing positions are also seeing hiring occur. Restaurants and other service sector occupations are seeing hiring increases.

After numerous quarters of job loss, manufacturing is finally beginning to hire. Some plants are adding back shifts that were curtailed during the recession. Some manufacturing managers are finding it difficult to find experienced machinists and engineers.

While job growth is occurring, overall it is happening at a slow rate as employers continue to hold down costs and wring more production from the existing workforce. As an example, manufacturing production is up 12% since hitting the bottom of the recession, but hiring is only up 2%. Construction jobs will continue to lag for many years. Only 36,000 jobs have been added since January and two million have been lost since the recession began.

Not only has job creation been sluggish, but wage hikes are smaller. Wage hikes are expected to match inflation at 2.5% this year. Without larger pay checks, consumer spending will remain lower than desired for continued recovery.

Currently there are about 13.5 million people unemployed, with about 30% of them without a job for over a year. Of this number about 2.5 million, while able to work, have given up trying to find a job for at least the past month. When you add an additional 8.4 million people who are working part time but would like full time work, the picture is somewhat bleak.

Economic Statistics

March	2011	2010
Employment – Marshall County		
Labor force	20,690	20,420
Unemployed	1,640	1,730
Percent unemployed	7.9	8.5
Total employment	19,060	18,690
Marshalltown Construction		
Building permits	8	6
Residential dwelling units	1	0
New residential construction valuation	\$277,000	\$0
Residential addition/remodeling valuation	\$0	\$53,000
New commercial/industrial permits	7	0
New commercial/industrial valuation	\$0	\$0
Remodeling commercial/industrial	\$12,474,000	\$0
Marshall County Construction		
Building permits	0	6
New Residential Dwelling Units	0	1
New Residential Construction Value	\$0	\$356,000
Residential addition/remodeling valuation	\$0	\$6,000
New commercial/industrial permits	0	3
New commercial/industrial valuation	\$0	\$267,800
Housing		
Single family home sales	22	28
Average sale price	\$76,800	\$110,618
Median sale price	\$77,500	\$92,750

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BUSINESS NEWS

Legislative Priorities Report

State Government Budget and Finances

We support a reduction in state spending of at least 15% as was suggested by Governor Branstad as an important step in getting the State's fiscal house in order. Status: The Legislature has not adjourned well past its 110 day session due to a fiscal battle over budget levels. The actual spending reductions are yet to be determined as the Legislature and Governor continue to negotiate the final state budget amount.

Research Activities Tax Credit

We support the continuance of this tax credit as an important economic development incentive. Status: The tax credit was continued. Additional important tax credit programs that were renewed include the historic tax credit and the endow Iowa tax credit program.

Business Climate

We support keeping Iowa's Right to Work status, and we opposed open-scope bargaining, employee choice of doctor, prevailing wage and increased health insurance mandates. Status: None of these various anti-business proposals came before the legislature this session.

Property Tax

We support a reduction in commercial/industrial property tax. Status: The Senate passed one version of commercial property tax reduction targeted at small business, and the House passed a different more comprehensive commercial/industrial property tax reduction plan. At this point how a compromise of these two plans will look is not clear. The outcome of getting commercial/industrial property tax reduced is part of the overall budget negotiations.

Transportation

We support making sure revenues intended for road/highway infrastructure goes to its intended purpose, and we support increasing revenue to meet the increased cost of maintaining and building our highway system. Status: No legislation was considered during this session however, the Governor has appointed a special transportation committee to work during interim to develop a transportation plan with funding recommendations prior to the 2012 session.

Economic Development

We support the restructuring of the Iowa Department of Economic Development to a public/private partnership. Status: Restructuring legislation has been approved by the House and is pending in the Senate. It's fate has become part of the overall budget negotiations.

Education

We support an assortment of proposals that would improve Iowa's education system. Status: Funding levels for pre-school and community colleges, and allowable growth levels for K-12 are part of the overall budget negotiations. There were very few other education policy issues considered during this session. The Governor is sponsoring a high-level education summit in July. If any significant policy proposals come from this summit, then there is a chance that he will call a special session of the Legislature to enact those proposals.



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YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Upcoming MYP Events

June		
1	MYP Networking Breakfast at Hy-Vee	7:30am
15	MYP Lunch & Learn: TBD	Noon
21	MYP Picnic Lunch at MEGA-10 Park	Noon
July		
8	MYP Networking Lunch at Legends	Noon
21	MYP Lunch & Learn: TBD	Noon
August		
9	MYP Networking Lunch at Mama DiGrado's	Noon
24	MYP Lunch & Learn: TBD	Noon
September		
7	MYP Networking Breakfast at Haven	7:30am
20	MYP Lunch & Learn: TBD	Noon

Please note: All dates/times/topics are subject to change.

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!

Now is a great time to get involved! You won't want to miss all of the great events planned for 2011.

For more information, please contact Lynn Olberding at the Chamber office, 641-753-6645



MYP Member Spotlight: Amanda Thill

Name: Amanda Kaylene (English) Thill

Employer: Iowa Veterans Home

Family: Husband Joel, Children Ethan-12, Emma-10, Averie-3

Hometown: Marshalltown, IA

What does your job entail? Registered Nurse/Nurse Supervisor 1. I am responsible for the supervision of 30+ staff; assisting and providing direct care to the residents and their spouses.

How long have you been employed at your current employer? 13 years

What was your first job? My first job was working as a paper carrier for the Pennysaver. When I was 14, I started working at Hy-Vee and worked there for 7 years.

What's the last book you read? "The Last Song" by Nicolas Sparks

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Why are you involved in MYP? Mostly for networking in the Marshalltown community and for the opportunities for professional growth.

What other community organization are you involved in? I am involved at my church, Trinity Lutheran serving as a Assisting Minister as well as other various duties periodically during weekend church services.

What's the best part about living/working in Marshalltown? Marshalltown is a average-sized community with many opportunities. If you aren't finding what fulfills your needs in Marshalltown, you haven't looked in the right spot. There is something for everyone in this town.

What's something about you most people don't know? I was born in Australia. I lived there til I was 18 months old then moved back to Iowa.

Favorite vacation spot: I loved Australia when I visited in 2002 and would love to go back.

If you could have any other job than the one you have, what would it be and why? I would love to try out Forensic Nursing. I think it would be rewarding to help gather evidence and be of assistance to law enforcement and the criminal justice system to help solve a crime and bring closure to victims and their families.

Why should other young professionals join MYP? MYP is a great way to meet new people, make new friends, build business relationships and have fun doing it. A very good friend I have now I met through MYP.



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BUSINESS NEWS

Five Star Real Estate Group hosts Business After Hours



Thank you to Five Star Real Estate Group for hosting the May Business After Hours event. If your business is interested in hosting one of these events, please contact Lynn Olberding at the Chamber Office.

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