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2026 Women in Business Luncheon

Please join us for an inspiring Women in Business Luncheon featuring a special presentation from Lisa Even, Have Good Ripple Effect! Enjoy lunch while connecting with fellow professionals and hearing from a nationally recognized keynote speaker who is passionate about helping leaders and organizations create meaningful impact. Lisa Even—bestselling author of Joy Is My Job and host of the Have Good Ripple Effect podcast—is on a mission to help teams build trust, lead with intentional presence, and create cultures that drive better leadership, stronger workplaces, and powerful results. Don't miss this opportunity to learn, connect, and be inspired to create your own ripple effect!

Details:

Thursday, May 14

Doors open at 11:30 a.m. for networking. Program begins at 12:00 p.m.

Iowa Valley Business & Community Solutions (3702 S Center St, Marshalltown, IA)

Cost is \$35/person or table of 6 for \$250. Registration required.

Register online- www.marshalltown.org/womeninbusiness

Presenting Sponsors: **A&M Cleaning Services; Emerson**

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New Chamber Members

The following businesses have invested in the greater community by joining the Marshalltown Area Chamber of Commerce. Please support these businesses with your patronage.

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205 S. 3rd Avenue, Marshalltown
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Facebook: Grandma's Attic

Grandma's Attic is a unique thrift and antique store that truly offers a little bit of something for everyone, from hidden treasures to timeless finds.

Whether you're searching for vintage décor, collectibles, or everyday items, you never know what you'll discover when you stop in!

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Tyler Stahlin, Agency Owner
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Locally owned by Tyler Stahlin, this trusted State Farm agency is committed to providing exceptional customer service while helping individuals, families, and businesses protect and grow their assets.

The Stahlin Agency focuses on building strong relationships within the community and making sure their clients feel confident and covered every step of the way.

www.marshalltown.org Statistics

	February '26	Avg/Month	YTD Total
Unique Visitors	15,260	15,395	30,789
Number of Visits	26,788	26,322	52,644
Page Views	178,647	195,631	391,262
Hits	654,103	671,597	1,343,193

The Marshalltown Area Chamber of Commerce's website traffic is strong. The website includes information about the Chamber's departments: government affairs/advocacy, economic development, education and workforce, membership services, and quality of life and tourism.

Chamber Bucks make great gifts!

Chamber Bucks FAQ

How do I purchase Chamber Bucks?

Chamber Bucks can be purchased at the Marshalltown Area Chamber of Commerce office located at 34 W. Main Street.

Chamber Bucks come in \$5, \$10, and \$25 increments. We accept cash, check, or credit card for payment. Need to place a large order? You can pre-order Chamber Bucks by contacting the Chamber office (office@marshalltown.org or 641-753-6645).

Where can I use my Chamber Bucks?

Chamber Bucks can be used at most businesses or organizations that are a member of the Marshalltown Area Chamber of Commerce. In addition to redeeming Chamber Bucks at retail locations, you can use them to pay a utility bill or donate to a local charity/non-profit! Contact our office for an updated copy of the Chamber Bucks Redemption list.

How do I use my Chamber Bucks?

Chamber Bucks are treated like cash. Simply hand the Chamber Bucks over to the business or organization that you are redeeming them and that's it!

I am a Chamber member business/organization.

How do I accept Chamber Bucks?

All Marshalltown Area Chamber of Commerce members can accept Chamber Bucks just like they would cash/check.

1. If the payment is more than the amount of the bill, simply give the customer change.
2. Be sure to stamp or otherwise clearly endorse the back of the check so that your organization name is clearly visible.
3. Deposit Chamber Bucks checks along with other checks and cash in your normal bank deposit. The full amount of the Chamber Bucks check will be credited to your account.

It's that simple!

Don't see your question answered here? Contact the Chamber Office for more information.

(office@marshalltown.org or 641-753-6645)



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Community Shred Day

When: Saturday, April 11
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Where: United Bank & Trust
2101 S. Center St.
Bank Parking Lot

Shredding paper not only helps the environment, but also reduces fraud and identity theft. As a service to the community, United Bank & Trust, the Marshalltown Area Chamber of Commerce and the Marshall County Landfill are sponsoring Community Shred Day. Secure Shred Solutions will be on-site to shred your documents at no cost, with a 5-box limit.

Please call United Bank & Trust at 641-753-5900 with questions.

What to Shred

- ▶ Credit Card Statements
- ▶ Documents containing social security numbers
- ▶ Paperwork containing account numbers
- ▶ Bank Statements
- ▶ Medical Records
- ▶ Pay Stubs
- ▶ Canceled Checks
- ▶ Tax Records



Thank You Reinvesting Chamber Members

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

7 Rayos Liquor Store	7	Marshalltown Community College Foundation	13
American Legion #46		Marshalltown Elks Lodge #312 (BPOE)	1
Golf Course & Lounge	10	Marshalltown Kiwanis-Matins	2
Bankers Advertising Company	8	MEMBERS1st	
Country Pine Mowers	29	Community Credit Union	10
Crosby Park of Marshalltown - MHS Properties	5	Mid-Iowa Antique Power Association	2
Fareway Stores, Inc.	62	New Hope Christian Church	6
Farm Bureau Financial Services-Agent Chris Edel	4	Optical Center	28
Farm Credit Services of America	15	Optimae LifeServices	4
Hansen Electric Inc.	4	Primary Health Care, Inc.	17
Harmony Marshalltown	30	Raymon Enterprises Inc.	1
Heart of Iowa		REM Iowa, Inc.	5
Big Brothers/Big Sisters	24	Restore Church	10
Immobiliaria Inc.	2	Sentry Plumbing LLC	4
Live On Stage - Marshalltown	12	Van Wall Equipment, Inc.	10
Marshalltown Christian School	20	Wild Spirit Counseling	3

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Economic Outlook Breakfast-April 15, 2026

PLEASE NOTE: This has been updated from the March 17th date.

Doors open at 7:30 a.m. Program begins at 8:00 a.m.

Midnight Garden (1501 S. 17th Avenue)

The event will consist of a light breakfast and presentation on the State of Iowa's economy for 2025 by Debi Durham, Director of the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) and the Iowa Finance Authority (IFA).

Event Presented By: Alliant Energy & ITC Midwest

Gold Sponsors: MARSHALLTOWN Company, M. Gervich & Sons

Cost is \$30/person or table of 8 for \$200. Registration required.

www.marshalltown.org/economic-outlook-breakfast

*Registration closes on April 8th at 10 a.m.

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3 years with
the Chamber!

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(we just have to *brag a little*)

UnityPoint Health – Marshalltown Multi-Specialty Clinic Bolsters Cardiology Team with Waterloo Providers

The Multi-Specialty Clinic at UnityPoint Health – Marshalltown is expanding its cardiology rotation by welcoming two Waterloo-based providers beginning in March.

The Multi-Specialty Clinic will offer monthly appointments with two providers from Waterloo’s cardiovascular team – Abdullah Alwahdani, MD, an interventional cardiologist, and Abbie Schaa, ARNP. Dr. Alwahdani will see patients March 9, Schaa is scheduled for March 23.

These providers will supplement the cardiology care already offered monthly from UnityPoint Health – Des Moines by Eduardo Antezano, MD, Rajeev Fernando, MD, and Craig Stark, MD.



There’s a growing need for cardiology care in the United States – especially in rural areas – given the country’s aging population and the steady increase of heart disease.

These new Waterloo providers will see patients for issues related to chest pain, coronary artery disease (CAD), valvular stenosis/sclerosis, Peripheral Vascular Disease (PVD) and Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD). In addition, they can be consulted for arrhythmias (bradycardia and afib), along with routine surveillance for carotid artery stenosis and aortic aneurysms. All testing will be done



locally when available, and all procedural cases are performed at Allen Hospital in Waterloo.

The strengthening of the cardiology rotation follows news earlier this month that UnityPoint Health – Marshalltown received a Rural Health Transformation Program grant to recruit a full-time cardiologist and oncologist. These new providers will, in turn, commit to providing in-person

patient care for at least five years.

The Multi-Specialty Clinic is located inside the Clinic Entrance at the hospital in Marshalltown. Providers make monthly visits to the clinic to offer specialty care appointments in the areas of cardiology, dermatology, endocrinology, OB/GYN, orthopedic surgery and urology. Only orthopedics surgery is performed on-site and babies are not delivered at the Marshalltown hospital.

To schedule an appointment with any of the visiting cardiologists, contact the appropriate clinic. Call UnityPoint Health – Waterloo cardiology at (319) 236-1911 or UnityPoint Health – Des Moines cardiology at (515) 241-5700.

Visit unitypoint.org/locations/unitypoint-health---marshalltown-multi-specialty to learn more about Marshalltown’s Multi-Specialty Clinic.



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[Check out the Chamber volunteer page on our website:
business.marshalltown.org/volunteer-opportunities](http://business.marshalltown.org/volunteer-opportunities)



CHAMBER AMBASSADORS VISITS



On March 10th we celebrated **NuCara Home Medical** in Marshalltown joining the Chamber! NuCara is your trusted local provider of home medical equipment, offering personalized care backed by over 150 years of combined experience. NuCara Home Medical provides compassionate support and a full range of services to keep you healthy, independent and comfortable at home!



Ryde LLC cut a ribbon on March 10th to celebrate joining the Chamber! Ryde LLC is an established business that recently moved to Marshalltown. They are your go-to transportation service for all occasions! Ryde offers reliable wheelchair medical transportation, flexible one-way trips, round trips, hourly rates or hire them for the day! Call today for an estimate: 515-570-0480



On March 10th we celebrated **Grounded!** Grounded officially opened in November 2025. Locally owned and operated by Olivia Ogston, Grounded specializes in baked goods and coffee. Their rotating pastry menu includes items like cookies, scones, cinnamon rolls, and sometimes they offer gluten friendly treats as well. Their space includes a fun kids' area, large table to gather for a meeting and many cozy nooks to enjoy your coffee! Stop in and check it out today!

Looking to volunteer?
Check out the Chamber volunteer page on our website:
business.marshalltown.org/volunteer-opportunities

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**Thank you to this incredible group of volunteers:
our Chamber Ambassadors!**

Each month, the following individuals give their own time to visit Chamber member businesses and organizations to say “thank you”. We’d like to take this opportunity to thank them!

Doug Beals Cindy Brodin Heidi Drager Amy Feisel Pat Gulbranson Joe Hannam Denny Hass
Andrea Jordan Julie Lynch Jaymee Mann Jenny Meling Dan Moellers Kris Naughton
Michelle Roseburrugh Mary Rund Gary Schaudt Roger Schoell Andy Schwandt Sandy Short
Brittany Titcomb Kevin Vaughn Tom Wahl

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February 2026 Business After Hours at Alerus



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A message from the ISU Small Business Development Center:

Let's talk about the Internal Revenue Service.

If you are like me, the thought of estimating and paying federal income tax for the business can be overwhelming. Who wants to be in the crosshairs of this federal taxing body, simply because of what we didn't know? Positively, Marshalltown is home to many knowledgeable tax accountants, ready and willing to help navigate the federal tax code. Seek them out early and often!

I, also, recognize there are times when we are determined to traverse federal taxes on our own. In these instances, it is helpful to know that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) offers online resources that are fairly simple to navigate and understand. This link opens up a robust portal of answers to small business owner questions. (www.irs.gov/businesses/small-businesses-self-employed)

Are you contemplating hiring an employee, but are not certain whether to categorize the role as a W-2 employee or an independent contractor? This is what the IRS says (www.irs.gov/businesses/small-businesses-self-employed/independent-contractor-self-employed-or-employee). Perhaps, you are uncertain about when quarterly income tax remittances are due. Did you know the IRS can send you calendar reminders? Check it out! (www.irs.gov/businesses/small-businesses-self-employed/tax-calendar) Finally, the Iowa Center for Economic Success offers small business tax services. Learn more here (theiowacenter.org/small-business-tax-services/)

The next time that you are working on your business (as opposed to in your business), why not use some of that time to learn more about the IRS. The more we know the less overwhelming the entity becomes.

ISU SBDC is here to work with you. Our services are without cost and confidential. How can we help? Let's get a conversation going. We can be reached through a click or a call. The fastest method to connect with us is to visit iowasbdc.org, select the request counseling button, complete the electronic form and choose Iowa State as your center of choice. Call us at 515-296-7828 or, ask a Chamber official how to reach us and they will point you in our direction.

Enjoy today-Sheri Benson, CBA, CGBP, ISU SBDC business counselor

**Need an employee? Looking for an employer?
Check out the Chamber's
Marshalltown Job Postings
at www.marshalltown.org.**



**March 2026 Business After Hours at
Karl of Marshalltown**



March was about State Championships and a State Award

March was a big month for the Marshalltown YMCA-YWCA, as it welcomed two major State of Iowa championship events, bringing athletes and families from across the state into the community.

The Iowa YMCA State Swimming Championships kicked things off, filling the facility with energy as swimmers competed for state titles and best costumes. The Y was packed with laughter, joy, shouting, and high fives. No one hosts a swimming event better than our Y.

Later in March, the spotlight shifted to the court for the Iowa AAU 6th Grade State Volleyball Championships. The great event brought teams from all corners of Iowa. The success of these back-to-back championships reflects the dedication of staff, volunteers, coaches, and organizers.

To top it off, “Meet in Marshalltown” received an award at the Travel Iowa State Tourism Conference. We were awarded for our innovative marketing work with the MCC Esports Team Jerseys. Meet in Marshalltown’s logo is featured on every jersey, with new recruits promoting the jersey at their National Letter of Intent signings.



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business.marshalltown.org/community-events

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 weekly events newsletter**

To sign up for the newsletter contact the Chamber office at office@marshalltown.org

Leadership Marshalltown February Class

The Leadership Marshalltown class spent their February session at the incredible Iowa Veterans Home, where participants dove into their third round of Edge Groups. These small groups of four meet four times throughout the program, following a structured approach of connecting, reflecting, and encouraging one another as they navigate real-life leadership challenges.

The class also heard from a panel of local healthcare professionals. Thank you to our panelists: Ron Eberline – LMSW, Mental Health Therapist at Center Associates, Kelley Oetker – Quality Director/Licensed Nursing Home Administrator at the Iowa Veterans Home, Deb Wollam – Executive Director at McFarland Clinic, and Ron C. Alston – Interim Hospital Administrator with UnityPoint Health - Marshalltown.

During the healthcare panel, as concerns and aspirations were shared, Ron Alston offered a powerful reminder: “Unarticulated expectations are seeds that lead to future resentment.” This quote helped the class reflect on both their personal and professional lives as we work to build stronger relationships and remove barriers while tackling adaptive challenges.

We also learned some impressive facts about the Iowa Veterans Home during our wonderful tour:

- 380 residents
- Over 700 employees
- 1,300 meals served daily
- Over 20,000 pieces of pie served each year!

Residents have access to incredible services and amenities including on-site doctor and therapy services, sewing, ceramics, a library, laundry services, gym, and so much more — truly a community dedicated to care and connection.

Interested in giving back? The Iowa Veterans Home is always looking for volunteers. Contact them today at 641-753-4406 to learn more about how you can get involved!





Economic Statistics

Employment – Marshall County - December	2025	2024
<i>(Source: Iowa Workforce Development)</i>		
Labor force	20,230	17,190
Unemployed	1,450	1,110
Percent unemployed	7.2	6.4
Total employment	18,790	16,090

Marshall County Construction - January	2026	2025
<i>(Source: Marshalltown Building Department)</i>		
Building permits	5	7
New Residential Construction	\$10,145	\$0
Residential Addition/Remodeling	\$14,961	\$132,831
New Commercial/Industrial Const.	\$0	\$0
Commercial/Industrial Remodeling	\$31,239	\$6,150

Housing Sales Data - January	2026	2025
<i>(Source: Mid-Iowa Regional Board of Realtors)</i>		
Single family home sales	16	16
Median sale price	\$153,000	\$167,450

Upcoming Chamber Events

April 15 - 7:30 - 10:00 AM

Economic Outlook Breakfast

Register online at www.marshalltown.org/economic-outlook-breakfast

April 16 - 7:30 - 9:00 AM

Caffeinated Conversations at the Binford House

April 30 - 4:00 - 7:00 PM

Ladies Night Out

To sign up your business to participate email

Brittany at bsichra@marshalltown.org

May 14 - 12:00 PM

Women in Business Luncheon

Register online at www.marshalltown.org/womeninbusiness



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