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Marshall Area Chamber of Commerce Connection to Local Business, Public Policy, Economic Development and Community Events



Brad Gruhot
Marshall Chamber President

I'd like to take this month's column to introduce two of our newer staff members.

First, I'd like to introduce Desiree Petrich. Desiree is no stranger to the community.

She has worked in the area for the past 10 years, and has been very active in the community. Desiree, originally from Clarkfield, has been active in the Sunrise Rotary Club, the Marshall Area YMCA as a group exercise instructor and was the chair of the Marshall Area Young Professionals (MAYP) before joining the Chamber as a staff member early last fall. Now she oversees everything events related at the Chamber including Young Professionals, Women's Connect, Let's Connect, AgriBusiness, Business After Hours, Speaker Series and our Lunch and Learns, she also facilitates the Marshall Downtown Business Association



Desiree Petrich
Events Coordinator

Meetings. Desiree just finished up our nine-month Marshall Leadership Academy program in May. Desiree is married to James, who along with his brother, Spencer owns Petrich Brothers LLC, in Marshall. Desiree and James have two kids, Brenna who is two and a half years old and Owen who was just born in February.

Our newest team member is Maddy Torve who joined the Chamber staff in March this year as our new Marketing & Communications Coordinator. Maddy grew up in Loretto, MN, but comes to Marshall from Saint Cloud State University where she recently graduated. There she played volleyball for 5 years including the extra COVID year that all NCAA athletes were given. Last fall, Maddy was named All-American as a setter at St. Cloud but was also



Maddy Torve
Marketing Coordinator

an Academic All-American student athlete.

Maddy was very active as a volunteer while at St. Cloud. She was active with the St. Cloud State Athletics in Action

program on campus as well as being a volleyball instructor in her free time. Prior to starting with the Chamber, she interned with UpFrame Creative which is based out of Marshall and Brookings.

From my viewpoint, we are lucky to have these two on staff. They come to the table with fresh ideas which is important with the ever evolving business climate.

I encourage you to stop on in and say hi when you can. While you are here, pick up a Live Local summer calendar or buy your coupon book if you haven't already.



Also, meet our new summer intern Leah Schaefer! She is wearing one of our new Live Local t-shirts. Stop by the office to buy one today!



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Thanks to Ken Noyes for speaking at our Young Professionals luncheon at Runnings Headquarters about work/life balance!



Thanks to everyone who came out to Business After Hours hosted by Balanced Health Chiropractic, Bursch Travel, Minnesota Lands and Homes Real Estate & Betsy Lavin Design.



Thanks to everyone who came out to Business After Hours at the new State Bank of Taunton location!



We had a great Women's Connect event this month learning how to deal with difficult personalities. A special thank you to Denise VanKeulen and Lisa Haen for speaking!

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