

# CHAMBER CONNECTION

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



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Youth entrepreneurship is certainly a hot topic in the Marshall Area recently, isn't it?

You saw on the front page of the Marshall Independent last Wednesday, three of the Lyon & Murray County Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities (CEO) students giving the Marshall School Board an update on their progress this year. Do you know what's exciting about this program? If all 18 students in this program commit to their businesses long term, that is potentially 18 new businesses in this area if they stay in this area or relocate back to this area after their post high school career. What's more exciting? This program isn't going away so this program is a pipeline for future entrepreneurship in this region! Thank you to the CEO Facilitator, Shanda Walker and the CEO Board for their leadership over the school year. Also, thank you to the Marshall High School, Tracy High Schools and Murray County Central School districts and the many business investors for making this happen. For more info on the program, go to [www.lyonandmurraycountyceo.com](http://www.lyonandmurraycountyceo.com).

Similarly, Dr. George Taylor out at SMSU is on the same pathway. He is the director for the Center of Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIE). He is leading college students to start up their own businesses as well and is encouraging them to

stay in the Marshall area! Dr. Taylor is in nearing the end of his second year with his young professionals and once again, this program isn't going away.

I've had the opportunity to present to both of these groups and I am elated to see youth entrepreneurship peeking out the way it has.

Two events to put on your radar to help support these youth leaders. Next Friday, the 2nd Annual CEO & CIE SW Student Entrepreneurship Conference will be on Campus at SMSU. The local CEO and CIE along with other CEO chapters will be on hand working on their business pitches. We are looking for current business leaders and any previous business leaders to be on hand to hear the student business pitches. For more info, go to [www.marshallmn.org](http://www.marshallmn.org) and scroll to events and then find the details on March 24th. Call me with questions.

The second event is the 2nd Annual Spring Kindlmarkt to be held at the Marshall Area YMCA on Saturday, April 22nd from 9:00-12:00. No, I didn't spell market wrong. The name originated from the German Christkindmarkts which mean Christ Child Market. Many of these same CEO students will be on hand as well as students as young as 1st to 2nd grade! Come support our young business people and know you will walk away feeling good that you did and with some great items for your home, closet, dresser drawer or your sweet tooth!

### AMBASSADOR VISITS



Marshall Area YMCA  
Progress Award for renovations to their pool area!  
MarshallAreaYMCA.org  
507-532-9622  
200 S A St, Marshall, MN



Holy Redeemer Catholic School  
Progress Award for improvements including new seating in the auditorium!  
HolyRedeemerSchools.com  
507-532-6642  
501 S Whitney, Marshall, MN



New Horizons Crisis Center  
Progress Award for moving to their new location!  
NewHorizonsCrisisCenter.org  
507-532-5764  
349 W Main St, Suite 3, Marshall, MN



AgPlus Cooperative: Cenex C-Store  
Progress Award for renovations on their current location!  
AgPlusCoOp.com  
507-532-9686  
1100 E Main St, Marshall, MN

#### NEW MEMBERS THIS MONTH

- John DeCramer
- American Cancer Society
- Endeavor Massage

### CHAMBER HAPPENINGS



Our Young Professionals group learned all about E-Sports at the February 28th event!



Ben Nwachukwu did a Microsoft Excel Deep Dive - teaching us tips & tricks for the program.



Business After Hours at Well Suite in Marshall; guests toured the building & learned what they have to offer!



State of the City 2023 was held on March 8th as Mayor Bob Byrnes & City Administrator Sharon Hanson reviewed 2022 & what is on the horizon for 2023! Thank you to all who attended!



Due to weather, the Women's Connect turned into a networking lunch for those who were still able to attend!

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