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



Brad Gruhot
Marshall Chamber President

Yesterday was "Support your local Chamber of Commerce Day" nationwide. I want to thank all of our readers that support the Marshall Area Chamber one way or another.

The Marshall Area Chamber has a lot going on but it couldn't function without having amazing staff and volunteers. I wanted to take the time today to recognize them.

First, I want to recognize Shelby Buchholz who helps make this page look as good as it does. Shelby started at the beginning of this year and brings a lot of knowledge to her role as marketing and communications coordinator.

Growing up in Marshall herself, she was excited to take on the big role of marketing the Chamber and our businesses. She is now on month number ten in her role and since day one in her job, she hasn't missed a beat other than having to stay home on day number one because of a darn snowstorm.

Our second staff member that I want to recognize is Bonnie Allen. Bonnie started back in the fall of 2020 back when we were still in our old building where the State Bank of Taunton is now. Bonnie brings a lot of knowledge and experience when it comes to bookkeeping and budgeting. Bonnie brings a calming presence to the office which I can appreciate as well. She has kids in the same grade as mine so it's nice to trade stories and cross reference what our kids are supposed to be doing as freshman at the Marshall High School.



Left to Right: Bonnie Allen, Shelby Buchholz, Mavi Valentine, Brad Gruhot

Mavi Valentin is our newest staff as our event coordinator. Mavi is actually in her last year of college at SMSU and she also works at the Elizabeth Lockwood SMSU Alumni Center. If you have ever met Mavi, she will greet you like you have known her for years as she has a very personable personality. She has the big job as our event staff to make sure nothing falls through the cracks which can be a bit stressful at

times. Her warm personality makes her a perfect fit for her job and for people that come through the front door.

I also want to recognize our Board of Directors. You heard from our outgoing board chair last month, Mike VanDrehle. He and I worked very well together and I appreciated all of his leadership. This year's new board chair is Ellen Griebel with Performance Food Service and her own network marketing business, Rodan & Fields. This will be the 4th year on the board for Ellen. She comes with a great background of marketing and I look forward to working closely with her over the next year.

We had two board members whose terms have now expired. I want to thank Pete Helle, CEO of North Star Mutual Insurance out of Cottonwood and Kevin Reese, Vice President and Group Project Manager at US Bank. Both of them have great business minds and I will miss seeing them on a monthly basis.

Two new board members include Charlie Ehlers, Director of Sales at US Bank and Eric McVey, Plant Manager at ADM. I look forward to working with them moving forward.

Overall, we have an amazing staff and board and I am grateful that I get to work with such talented people day in and day out at the Chamber.

-Brad



Marshall Area Chamber Board Members | Back Row: John Full, Roger Ricke, Pete Helle, Bill Mulso, Chad Drake, Mike VanDrehle, Jeremy Gossen, Eric Eben. Front Row: Debbie Streier, Ellen Griebel, Kevin Reese, Patty Alcorn, Morgan Mahoney, Gine Meulebroeck, Leslie Hart

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Thank you to those who attended Chamber 201! We hope to continue hosting more of these events for our members!

MARSHALL AREA CHAMBER

CHAMBER HAPPENINGS

A Roundtable Discussion was held to discuss current updates & issues the community is facing with the workforce. Thank you for all who attended!

Our Young Professionals in September was all about learning the art of Rolle Bolle from Nick Carrow - including playing a game! It was the perfect weather for this outdoor hands-on activity!

Taste of Marshall was record-breaking in attendance & vendors this year! Over 500 people came to the event to check out 21 food vendors. Thank you to everyone who made this event happen!

Marshall Leadership Academy explored Action Manufacturing, Runnings Warehouse & Runnings Corporate this month!

Business After Hours had a great turnout! Fuzzy's hosted this month for their 10 Year Anniversary Celebration!

Women's Connect met & watched a presentation by Beth Ritter on the new Career & Technical Institute in Marshall!

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