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



Brad Gruhot
Marshall Chamber President

The Chamber is active in volunteering for the Lyon Murray CEO program since the program started in 2022. I have served as a mentor for the program and also have facilitated a sales panel as well as a panel made up of a banker, insurance agent, attorney and an accountant. I have also taken the time of presenting on the importance of volunteering.

As I stood outside this past Sunday night at the Exit Hut at Light up the Night at Independence Park, I thought of using this platform and talk write about the importance of volunteering in our community.

When I presented to the Lyon Murray CEO program, I used the 20/80 rule when it comes to volunteering. Twenty percent does eight percent of the volunteering and Marshall is no different. The people that replaced me at 6:30 on Sunday, my wife and I volunteer with them at the Holy Redeemer Fair Stand in August and also at various church activities.

Since it's fresh in our minds, regional events like Light up the Night, The Nutcracker, the SW MN Orchestra Concert, Prairie Jam, The Fairbanks Ice Dogs coming to town and then other events throughout the year like the Lyon County Fair and Sounds of Summer cannot happen without volunteers. Sports activities cannot happen without volunteer coaches and referees. Organizations like United Community Action Partnership cannot do their good work like their food shelf and accounting services without volunteers and the list goes on and on.

Please, if you are not part of the 20 percent already maxing out your time as a volunteer, please consider helping where you can. Light Up the Night has current openings for this weekend! Call them at 507-337-0080. Salvation Army Bell Ringers are looking for more ringers. I go into Hy-Vee once a week, and bell ringers have been present only once in the times I have gone in. Go to this website to sign up: www.registertoring.com.

We have a link on our website of some other opportunities - visit the link at marshallmn.org/community/volunteeropportunities/ or you can also call me at 507-532-4484 and I can help you find somewhere to help! Let's make that 20/80 rule more like 60/40 so we can ensure important regional events happen all year long without taxing out our current volunteers! Thank you!

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!
-Brad



2024 CHAMBER ANNUAL MEETING RECAP & AWARD WINNERS



Brad Gruhot
Chamber of Commerce President
Presenting the 2024 Annual Report

Our 2024 Chamber Annual Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 20th at the EverSpring Inn & Suites in Marshall. Chamber President Brad Gruhot gave an overview of all the accomplishments over the past fiscal year, along with announcing the Annual Award winners + recognizing our outgoing Board members.



Bruce Nustad
MN Retailers Association
Event Keynote Speaker

Bruce Nustad with the MN Retailers Association joined us to give a spectacular presentation on current happenings and trends in the retail industry + predictions for this holiday shopping season. Thank you to everyone who joined us for this event, EverSpring for hosting us at their venue + catering, thank you to our outgoing Board members, and congratulations to our 2024 Annual Award winners!

OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS RECOGNIZED



Chad Drake
Bremer Bank NA
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Eric Eben
Hoffman & Brobst PLLP
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507-532-9686 | AgPlusCoop.com

NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS THIS MONTH:

- Gronke Law PLLC
- Manke Yard Services
- Spectrum PhRMA
- Keel Photography LLC
- Trust Cleaning Services LLC
- Independent Lumber of Marshall Inc.
- Woodgrain Custom Builds

CHAMBER HAPPENINGS



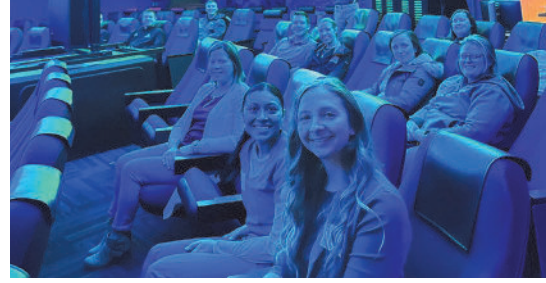
November: Chamber 101



November: Business After Hours hosted by Intentional Action LLC + Extra Innings!



November: Women's Connect
Marsha Rose - "Embracing Resilience"



November: Young Professionals
Ken Murphy - SMSU Planetarium

Thank you to everyone who attended the online event "Building Welcoming Workplaces: Southwest MN Workforce Cohorts!"



November: Town Hall Meeting with Senator Gary Dahms & Rep. Chris Swedzinski



November: Downtown Holiday Season Kickoff [MDBA] Event + Small Business Saturday

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