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MARSHALL COMMUNITY PROVIDES A SAFE CELEBRATION FOR 2006 GRADS

Marshall High School Project Graduation set for May 21.

Marshall, Mo. (May 16, 2006)—Missouri Valley College will host the 2006 Marshall High School graduates for *Project Graduation* on May 21 from 10 p.m. until 4 a.m. in the Burns Gymnasium on the MVC campus.

According to *Project Graduation* co-chair Pam Urtz, the purpose is to provide a drug and alcohol free celebration for seniors on graduation night. Parents of graduating seniors, members of the Marshall community, MHS faculty and staff members, and MHS supporters sponsor the event.

"It takes around \$20,000 to pull this activity off as we have around 204 seniors plus their guests," Urtz said. "We couldn't have done this without the city of Marshall, and all of our wonderful senior parents."

Seniors pay 10 dollars to attend the event, a price that Urtz said is minimal.

"It [10 dollars] is a small price to pay when compared to a possible accident involving a student," Urtz said.

MVC President Bonnie Humphrey is glad to be one of the sponsors of the event.

"Project Graduation is such a positive event for graduating seniors," Humphrey said. "I am glad that Missouri Valley can be a part of such a wonderful evening that will create so many memories for graduates and their guests."

The theme of the evening is "western" and some of the entertainment includes inflatable and electronic games, a hypnotist, photo booth, and *Texas Hold 'em* card games.

MHS' graduation ceremonies take place at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 21 at the MHS Sports Complex.

ABOUT MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE

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