

May 2010

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BUSINESS AFTER HOURS 1ST NATIONAL BANK



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◆ MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ◆

Ankeny young professionals

Breakfast Social

May 7 @ 7 AM

Kaleidoscoops

Sponsored by Rock Valley Physical Therapy

Lunch & Learn

May 11 @ 11:30 AM

Wig & Pen

Sponsored by Giovanti Homes, LLC & Direct Realty Co.
Networking: Creating A Positive Impression

Tailgate

May 14 @ 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Chamber

Sponsored by Community State Bank

Free lunch, door prizes, music, games, networking and FUN!

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www.ankenyyoungprofessionals.org

AMBASSADORS' EVENTS

Presented by



Tue, May 4

4:30 PM ~ Ribbon Cutting
Simply Cheesecakes & Such
(106 E. 1st St.)

Wed, May 12

Noon ~ Ribbon Cutting ~ New York Life
(Chamber Conference Room)

Thurs, May 13

4:30 PM ~ BAH~ QA Graphics
(1605 N. Ankeny Blvd.)

Wed, May 19

4 PM ~ Ambassador Meeting
4:45 PM ~ Chamber Orientation
Reception

Thurs, May 20

Noon ~ Ribbon Cutting
Direct Realty (213 N. Ankeny Blvd.)
5 PM ~ Regional BAH
Glen Oaks Country Club
(1401 Glen Oaks Dr.)

Fri, May 21

Noon ~ Ribbon Cutting
Iowa Board of Certifications
(225 N.W. School St.)

Mon, May 24

Noon ~ Ribbon Cutting
Silver Printing & Promotions
(Chamber Conference Room)

Tue, May 25

4:30 PM ~ Ribbon Cutting
Bloyer Chiropractic & Wellness
(114 N.W. 9th St.)

MEET YOUR BOARD!



Wade Steenhoek

Iowa Leadership Academy

Owner

Wade@IowaLeadershipAcademy.com

Chamber Committees:

SummerFest

Wade has been an active Chamber member through all his business ventures. Through his development of the Iowa Leadership Academy, he has taught other members at our Chamber lunch the value of becoming a better leader to receive better results.

He has served several years on the SummerFest committee, devoting his time to help manage the vendors and see that SummerFest is a success. He also attends our Business After Hours as well as the many annual events.

Favorite Quote:

"Give the world the best you have and the best will come back to you."

- Madeline Bridges

Thank you, Wade, for your service to the Ankeny business community.

Discount Opportunities!

Go to www.ankeny.org
to see all the discounts available to you...
just for being a Chamber member.



Business Spotlight



Briarwood Club of Ankeny

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The Briarwood Club of Ankeny offers men's, women's and junior golf programs on our 18-hole championship-style golf course. Members and guests have access to a great practice facility, full-service pro shop, banquet room, and a full-service bar. We have recently completed our new swimming complex for a full 2009 season. We provide several indoor and outdoor dining options, perfect for business, a quick lunch, or a full dinner with the whole family. In addition to everyday use of the Club, our membership has access to a full calendar of social activities, pool parties, golf events, and holiday parties thrown by our friendly management and staff. If you are interested in learning more about our Club, please feel free to call us at (515) 964-4653 or email us at kleo@briarwoodclubofankeny.com. We look forward to serving the Ankeny community for many years to come."

Join Us!

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Thursday
May 13 5 - 7 PM



QA GRAPHICS



QA Graphics

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QA Graphics is a well established interactive design firm that offers a comprehensive range of creative services for businesses both locally and nationwide. The design firm provides a range of interactive solutions, including website development, 3D design and animation, interactive touchscreen design and interactive demonstrations. QA Graphics also provides solutions for the building control and green energy industries, including graphic outsourcing, drafting services and the Energy Efficiency Education Dashboard, a product that displays a building's energy efficiencies and sustainable features in a fun and easy to understand format. The QA Graphics team is a fun and innovative group that takes great pride in providing complete customer satisfaction. We provide custom solutions and affordable services to meet each client's individual needs.

FREE
drinks

Appetizers by
CHEF DON HENSLEY

DOOR PRIZES

Please join us for our Business After Hours to network and enjoy great food and drinks. Appetizers will be provided by local chef, Don Hensley. Attend and have a chance to win a number of door prizes.

Welcome! OUR NEW MEMBERS



The Girls Room, Inc.

Amber Cahill
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Welcome to The Girls Room, Iowa's premiere women's fitness facility!

We provide women only alternative dance and fitness classes in a safe and encouraging atmosphere where you can be as sassy or as subtle as you like. Our classes are designed for the everyday woman no matter what size, age or fitness level. Our dynamic and innovative instructors are available to facilitate you in your fitness journey.

At The Girls Room, you will have the opportunity to

discover the fabulous benefits of pole dancing. It will tone your entire body while helping you feel more confident, sexy and empowered. You'll also find a wide range of group fitness classes to help you achieve all of your fitness goals. Drop in to any of our fabulous classes whenever you can or enjoy all of the benefits The Girls Room has to offer with a monthly membership. Whether you want to get fit or just try something different with your friends, The Girls Room is the perfect place! You will benefit not only from improved fitness and a toned body shape, but you also enhance your self-confidence. Are you ready to get hooked?



Blood Center of Iowa

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For more than 45 years, The Blood Center of Iowa has been committed to serving the needs of Iowans by saving lives through volunteer blood donation. The Blood Center provides blood and blood products to 46 hospitals in 44 Iowa counties and collects more than 100,000 units of blood each year to serve the needs of local hospital patients. Eligible blood donors must be at least 16 years of age, be in general good health and weigh at least 120 pounds. To learn more about The Blood Center of Iowa or to schedule an appointment to donate, call 800.287.4903 or visit www.bloodcenterofiowa.org.



South Story Bank & Trust

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South Story Bank & Trust was established in 1954 to provide financial services to local residents. It is a full service bank offering a wide variety of products and services; consumer and commercial accounts and loans, mortgages and home equity loans, CD's and IRA's, Discount Broker Services and credit and debit cards. President Kevin Brooks is getting ready to launch many new products yet this year. The South Story Bank and Trust team takes pride in being "A Community Bank with Community Values" and will continue providing personalized friendly service along with their competitive rates and products. For more information please feel free to stop into one of our two convenient locations in Huxley or Slater, visit our website at www.southstorybank.com, or call Huxley at 515-597-2992 or Slater at 515-228-3566.



Lovely Nails

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Lovely Nails is owned and operated by Thuy Nguyen and has been in business in Ankeny since 2003. The salon is a newly remodeled full service nail salon offering acrylic nails, gel nails, manicures, pedicures and friendly service with competitive pricing. Lovely Nails exceeds customer expectations with their ongoing attention to detail. The salon offers a two for one special (manicure & pedicure) on Monday and Tuesday of each week. Come and see us and experience Ankeny's premier nail salon! Lovely Nails "Exceeds Guest Expectations" by appointment or walk-ins welcome.

Welcome! OUR NEW MEMBERS



Best Buy

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Hello, my name is Jeff Clark. I am the General Manager of the brand new Ankeny Best Buy. My Team and I are here to help you! Please contact me directly at jeff.clark@bestbuy.com with any comments you have. We look forward to your feedback and hope you enjoy shopping in our new store!

It might surprise some of you that so far we haven't mentioned consumer electronics (although, we just did) because Best Buy is associated so strongly with technology. And don't get us wrong; we love the stuff. It's just that we think technology should serve people, and not the other way around. You might say that we love technology, but we're not in love with technology. Technology makes a lot of promises, and we're here to make it live it up to those promises. For people.



Ronald McDonald House Des Moines

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The Des Moines Ronald McDonald House is a "home away from home" for families with seriously-ill or injured children in area hospitals. Families are here because the medical resources needed to treat and manage their children's illness is not available in their home communities.

We depend on contributions and our special events to help us operate and maintain our large 12-bedroom facility. Run for Ronald 5k/10k Run-Walk event, The Miracle Field, on Saturday, May 15, 2010. Golf Outing Auction at Beaver Creek, Wednesday, June 2, 2010. Sporting Clay Event, New Pioneer Gun Club, Saturday, September 24, 2010. Fall Gala, The Meadows Convention Center, Saturday, November 13, 2010.

To find out how you can attend an event, donate an item to be used in our auction, or to be a sponsor, just visit our website or call us.



JY Design, LLC

Julie Youngblade
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How does your interior space make you feel? Do you have a "to do" list a mile long? I can help to get the process started, organize your needs with a Design Plan, and prioritize your spending.

JY Design is an Interior Design business focusing on both residential and commercial projects. Julie Youngblade has been practicing interior design for the past 6 years, first with a design firm in Urbandale and then in May of 2009 she started JY Design. Julie specializes in lighting, with 11 years past experience in that field, and also custom window treatments and blinds. Other services she offers are space planning, color consultations, home furnishings, home staging, artwork and accessories.

There is a misconception out there that interior design services are only for those that have a certain level of income. Actually what I can do for most people is save them time and money. I bring the ideas right to your door. Through hourly rates or economical package programs, I will customize my fees to your best advantage.



Dreyer Hauling Service LLC

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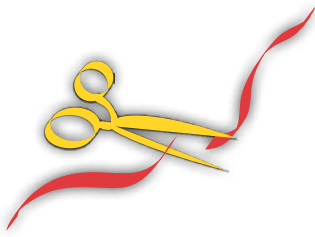
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- Judy Collison

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Ribbon Cuttings



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Game Truck of Iowa

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Briarwood Club of Ankeny

Wednesday, June 16

Morning: 7:30 AM Afternoon: 1:30 PM

Rain Date ~ June 23

Register Online Today!

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CHAMBER CALENDAR

Mon, May 3

Noon **Executive Board Meeting**

Tue, May 4

Noon **Golf Committee Meeting**

4:30pm **Ribbon Cutting - Simply Cheescakes & Such** - 106 E. 1st St.

5:30pm **SummerFest Committee Meeting**

Wed, May 5

Noon **Financial Solutions for Business Owners Seminar** - Chamber

Fri, May 7

7am **Ankeny Young Professionals - Breakfast Social**
- Kaleidoscoops - 123 N. Ankeny Blvd.

Sat, May 8

4:30pm **Chamber Night at the Iowa Barnstormers**

Mon, May 10

Noon **Board of Directors Meeting**
4pm **Education Committee Meeting**

Tue, May 11

11:30pm **Ankeny Young Professionals - Lunch & Learn** - Wig and Pen
5pm **Ankeny Economic Development - Salute to Industry**

Wed, May 12

Noon **Ribbon Cutting - New York Life**
- Chamber Conference Room

Thur, May 13

5pm **Business After Hours - QA Graphics**
- 1605 N. Ankeny Blvd.

Fri, May 14

11:30am **Ankeny Young Professionals - Spring Membership Tailgate** - Chamber

Mon, May 17

Noon **Public Affairs Committee Meeting**

Tues, May 18

5:30pm **SummerFest Committee Meeting**

Wed, May 19

4pm **Ambassador Meeting**
4:45pm **Chamber Orientation Reception**

Thurs, May 20

11:30am **Business Connect Committee Meeting**
Noon **Ribbon Cutting ~ Direct Realty**
- 213 N. Ankeny Blvd.
5pm **Regional BAH ~ Glen Oaks Country Club**
- 1401 Glen Oaks Dr., WDSM
5pm **Ankeny Emerging Leaders Institute**
- White Oak Vineyards

Fri, May 21

Noon **Ribbon Cutting ~ Iowa Board of Certifications**
- 225 N.W. School St.

Mon, May 24

Noon **Ribbon Cutting ~ Silver Printing & Promotions**
- Chamber

Tue, May 25

4:30pm **Ribbon Cutting ~ Bloyer Chiropractic & Wellness**
- 114 N.W. 9th St.

Chamber Scholarships

High school seniors and post secondary applicants may apply for a \$500 scholarship to be awarded at the Annual Dinner in February 2011. In order to qualify, you or a parent/spouse must work for an Ankeny Area Chamber member. Applications can be found on the home page of the website: www.ankeny.org. Please fill out an application and mail it to :
Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce

210 S. Ankeny Blvd.
Ankeny, IA 50023

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Contributing Sponsor ~ **Huntington Learning Center**

**Deadline
June 1, 2010**

Summer Fest Bands



The Rumbles

Midwest cover band formed in 1963

Thursday, July 8, from 7:30 PM to 11:00 PM; last call 10:45 PM

The Nadas

The popular Des Moines rock group

*Friday, July 9, from 8:30 PM to 11:45 PM;
last call 11:30 PM*

David Haack Trio

...s and Rock sandwich, served with a side of s

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

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Standing Hampton

Iowa's premiere 70s/80s rock band

*Saturday, July 10, from 8:00 PM to 11:45 PM;
last call 11:30 PM*

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Langer-Hayes

Plays most of your favorites from the 60's to current music

*Sunday, July 11, from 7:00 PM to Fireworks;
last call 10:45 PM*

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Have an upcoming event?

Submit an event for our Community Calendar on our website. It will also be included in "The Connection" email.

Please submit at www.ankeny.org



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