

CHAMBER *Action*

November 2010

210 S Ankeny Blvd
Ankeny, IA 50023
(515) 964-0685



Chamber Fall Membership Luncheon



Fall Chamber Wide Event

Re/Max Opportunities, Inc.

The tax credit may be gone....but with the lowest interest rates in years....opportunity is knocking at your front door!
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ankeny young professionals

AYP Events Committee Meeting

November 9 @ 4 pm
Wig & Pen Pizza Pub

Taste of Ankeny
November 13 @ 6 pm
Courtyard by Marriott

AYP Executive Committee Meeting

November 17 @ 3:30 pm
Wig & Pen Pizza Pub

feeling young?
www.ankenyyoungprofessionals.org

TRC 2011

The Ankeny Chamber of Commerce's Total Resource Campaign will be kicking off in January 2011!

Taking part in TRC is a great way to boost business development!

Contact the Chamber to learn more and get involved!

Training will be:
Wednesday, January 12 from 1-3 pm
Thursday, January 13 from 8:30-10:30 am
at the Chamber Office.

MEET YOUR BOARD!



Ned Skinner

U.S. Coffee & Tea Company

Owner

nlskinner@uscoffeeandtea.com

Ned Skinner has been on the Board of Directors since 2009. In 2011 Ned will be a member of the Executive Board of Directors. Ned has been a leader in the Ambassador Committee serving as Chair in 2010. Ned has also been very active in Ankeny Expo, TASTE of Ankeny and the Business to Business Forum held each year.

Chamber Committees:

Ankeny Business Expo
Ambassadors

Business Spotlight

The weather is getting cold and we naturally begin to long for warm cuddly evenings in front of the fireplace.

Everything in the Private Quarters selection provides the soft and cozy experience that supports feeling good about sleeping, working, and playing.

Great sleep prepares us to live well. From our plush sheets to our bamboo

nightwear you can experience the luxury of a far away destination right in your own private quarters at home. Maybe you are looking for extra income. We have that comfort to offer you as well. Meet Doreen Stroud, local PQ comfort consultant by watching the following link <http://www.youtube.com/user/PrivateQuarters?feature=uhum#p/u/6/Ttmw0RrKk1o>

Doreen Stroud

www.doreenstroud.privatequarters.net



PRIVATE QUARTERS
independent comfort consultant

Join Us!

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Graham Tire Co. of Ankeny



Graham Tire Co. of Ankeny
801 East First St.
Ankeny, IA 50021
515-964-5985

NOVEMBER 11 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Graham Tire came to Ankeny in November of 2007. Graham Tire Company opened its first store in Sioux Falls, South Dakota in 1951. Bill Graham, founder, opened a second location in Spencer, Iowa in 1955. Sioux Falls second outlet was opened in 1972 and Iowa's second store was opened in Storm Lake in 1975.

Bob Graham joined the company in 1965. He is responsible for the Minnesota and Iowa locations. The "East Side" includes stores in Ankeny, Des Moines (Merle Hay Store), Des Moines (Commercial Center), Fort Dodge, Mason City, Sioux City, Spencer, Storm Lake, Iowa and Fairmont, Marshall, and Worthington, Minnesota. The Graham Retread Plant is located in Spencer, Iowa. Our work force exceeds 150 employees.

We are very proud of our business and strive to live by our mission statement of providing our customers with products and service of only the highest quality. The credit for our achievement of this goes to every one of our employees. Our philosophy is:

"Honesty and Integrity, a matter of pride."

Stop by and say hello to Vikki and the entire Graham Tire Store staff. We will be serving refreshments as well as drawings for exciting door prizes!

Regional Business After Hours

November 18, 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Villas at Stonewater

An Epcon Community

Villas at Stonewater is nestled on the south side of Ankeny, Iowa. Villas at Stonewater features unique European Country style architecture, and a beautiful landscape design along with maintenance-free ranch-style townhome living!

Whether you are looking to down size or just want easy one floor living, our ranch style homes are perfect for you! On the southeast corner of 2nd Avenue and Oralabor Road, just across from Prairie trail, Villas at Stonewater offers excellent quality, award winning design features, a private clubhouse, pool and health & fitness area all for prices starting in the 190s.

As with any Epcon Community, privacy and lifestyle are of the utmost importance. The clubhouse and pool are the center of the community providing a gathering place for residents, an exercise facility and a peaceful setting for residents to relax, spend time with neighbors or just find a quiet corner with a good book.

In addition to these amenities, the community is within a 5 minute drive of Saylorville Lake and recreation area. Saylorville consists of over 26,000 acres complete with a boating, fishing, walking trails, biking trails, and picnic areas. Villas at Stonewater is also just a few minutes away from Ankeny's main shopping and restaurant area and also has convenient and direct access to both I-80 and I-35.

Villas at Stonewater
2831 S.W. Westview Lane
Ankeny, IA 50023
515-965-1710

*Villas
at
Stonewater*

An Epcon Community

Welcome! OUR NEW MEMBERS



Ankeny Transmissions

Dusty Beyer
314 S.W. Pleasant, Ankeny, IA 50023
Phone: (515) 964-0279

When you need experienced transmission maintenance, diagnostics, and repair, turn to Ankeny Transmission for your peace of mind. Serving Central Iowa for over 15 years, we offer regular maintenance, free diagnostics, and complete transmission repair for domestic cars and trucks, small commercial vehicles, fleets, and RVs.

Is your vehicle's "Check Engine" warning light on? Call or stop by and let Ankeny Transmission give you a FREE computer diagnostic.



Renu Your Smile

Nicole Romare
107 N. Ankeny Blvd., Ankeny, IA 50023
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www.renuyoursmile.com

Confidence starts with a Smile...

Your smile is important. It's one of the first things people notice when they meet you, and a brighter, whiter smile can help you feel better about yourself and leave a lasting impression.

ReNu Your Smile has the fastest as most effective teeth whitening system available at a convenient and relaxed environment right here in Ankeny.

Whether it's coffee, tobacco, red wine, tea or just the effects of time that have stained your teeth, our professional teeth whitening system guarantees you a whiter smile in just 15 minutes.

Our prices are very affordable; it is far less expensive than going to a dentist and far more effective than over the counter systems. Our prices start at just \$99 and go up to \$149. In just one session your teeth will be noticeably whiter. The treatment is safe, inexpensive, no sensitivity, and uses the most advanced technology.

You can learn more about teeth whitening on our website, www.renuyoursmile.com.

To make an appointment call 515-419-7124 or go online at www.renuyoursmile.com.



Smith's Body & Paint

Garry Smith
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(515) 964-1094
www.smithbody.com

You cannot get a better job anywhere. Why? Because we are family owned, so we're on your side. Stop by any time and talk with Garry, John, or Doris Smith to see the professional difference.

At Smith's Body & Paint autobody in Ankeny, IA, we are a one-stop shop. From collision repair to commercial, motorcycles to mechanical, and refinishing to restoration, we can handle all your automotive needs!

We believe an autobody shop should keep clients informed. That is why we encourage you to read the articles below. We know you've got choices in Ankeny and the Greater Des Moines area for your vehicle repairs and painting, so we work hard to earn your business.



Covenant Web Design

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www.covenantdesign.com/ankeny-iowa-website-design

We have created captivating websites since 1999 with strong roots in Ankeny. Our sites are fully editable by our clients, so you can keep your own site up to date. With our time-proven web design process, we walk you through from start to finish. The end result? A beautifully designed website that brings measurable growth to your business.

With ten years of experience, we've been around the block - search engine optimization, ecommerce, online event registration, non-profit organizations, social media and more - we provide expert guidance on how to make the most from your business' online presence.

Welcome! OUR NEW MEMBERS



Two Rivers Bank & Trust

Jeff Damman
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www.tworiversbank.com

While today's economy is unpredictable and fluid, our clients can depend on Two Rivers Bank & Trust to be here and help guide them to the right financial solutions. Our personal approach, together with a comprehensive menu of services often offered only by the mega banks, allow our clients the ability to take care of all their financial needs through one company. Our successful, experienced specialists work together to provide clients with a single source of the highest level of expertise in all areas of their financial lives.

Our commitment extends beyond our customers. Ankeny is not just where Jeff Damman, Therese Biga and Katie Heim work, it's where they live. We have a vested interest in our community, and have chosen to expand with our newest branch at 802 SE Oralabor Road in Ankeny. This is why we strive to provide the best financial services to impact the growth and prosperity of Ankeny and beyond. Today, Two Rivers Bank & Trust offices can also be found in Burlington, Coralville, Des Moines, Iowa City, Mediapolis, Mt. Pleasant, New London, West Burlington, and West Des Moines, Iowa.

Simply put, we know what we are doing and we care about the people who trust us with their financial future. Please come in and visit with us.

Accurate Bookkeeping

Mindy Voigt
821 SE Summerbrook Ct
Ankeny, IA 50021
Phone: (515) 418-2582



Accurate Bookkeeping is dedicated to "Letting you Focus" on what you do best and "Helping you grow" your business day by day. Let go of the daily and monthly paperwork that overwhelms most small businesses. Allow the experts at Accurate Bookkeeping to process your payroll, handle your payables and receivables and manage your cash. Freeing up time you now spend on bookkeeping will allow you to focus on the areas of your business that you enjoy most and will remind you of why you love what you do. Accurate Bookkeeping is committed to working hard to help you succeed!



Waddell & Reed

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Waddell & Reed is one of the oldest asset management and financial planning firms in the country. Since 1937, Waddell & Reed has helped millions of Americans develop financial plans to help them get where they want to go in life. By building personalized plans supported with investment products and services, we enable our clients to not only identify their goals, but to take consistent action toward achieving them.

ANKENY TOWING

Ankeny Towing

Shonn Mapes
1205 S.W. Ordinance Rd., Ankeny, IA 50023
(515) 964-9816
www.ankenytowing.com

Ankeny Towing opened for business in Nov 2009 under the new ownership of Shonn Mapes. We are proud to serve Ankeny and the surrounding areas, offering 24 hour emergency towing and roadside assistance. Some of the services provided are Accident Recovery, towing with wheel lifts or flatbeds, Motorcycle Towing, Jump Starts, Lock Outs, Fuel Delivery, and Tire Change. Ankeny Towing is located on a 2 acre lot at 1205 SW Ordinance Rd. Our facility is designed for secure indoor or outdoor storage of impound vehicles or vehicles involved in traffic accidents. Call 515-964-9816 for prompt courteous service.

Ribbon Cuttings



Ankeny Towing

Shonn Mapes

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(515) 964-9816

www.ankentowing.com



Farm Bureau - Tony Murray

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Chocolaterie Stam

Hsiu-Chiao Tseng

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ABC Association of Boards of Certification

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Support Our Troops

As Iowa experiences the largest deployment of National Guard and Reserve military since WWII, Iowa employers are asked to show support for these men and women, many of whom are our employees.

Earlier this year, the Iowa Chamber of Commerce Executives (ICCE) formed a partnership with Iowa Employer Support of the Guard & Reserve (ESGR). Now, ESGR Representatives are working with local chambers to encourage employers to sign "Statements of Support". Many local businesses have already signed this pledge, but our chamber's goal is to have at least 400 of our members sign prior to Veteran's Day on November 11.

Your business does not need to employ a Guard or Reservist to participate.

CHAMBER CALENDAR

Mon, Nov 1

Noon **Executive Board Mtg**

4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting - Rosa Digital Arts**
-Chamber Board Room

Wed, Nov 3

12 pm **Ribbon Cutting - William Penn University**
-225 S.E. Oralabor Rd, Suite 7

Mon, Nov 8

Noon **Board of Directors Mtg**

Thur, Nov 11

5 pm **Business After Hours - Graham Tire Co. of Ankeny Inc.**
-801 E. 1st St.

Sat, Nov 13

6 pm **TASTE of Ankeny - Courtyard by Marriot**
-2405 S.E. Creekview Dr.

Mon, Nov 15

Noon **Public Affairs Committee Mtg**

Tue, Nov 16

11:30 am **Regional Joint Legislative Luncheon -
FFA Enrichment Center** - 1055 SW Prairie Trail Parkway

Wed, Nov 17

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

Thur, Nov 18

5 pm **Regional Business After Hours - Villas at Stonewater**
-2831 S.W. Westview, Ankeny

Fri, Nov 19

Noon **Ribbon Cutting - Expressions by Em**
- Chamber Office

Mon, Nov 22

4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting - Koch Brothers**
- 325 Grand Ave., Des Moines

Tue, Nov 30

4:30 **Ribbon Cutting - Senior Care Concerns**
- Chamber Board Room

*Ambassador events
presented by



save the date

Christmas Luncheon

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Eleven in the morning to One in the afternoon

Our Lady's Immaculate Heart
Catholic Church

**Nomination Forms
and Ballots are now
available for:**

**2010 Small Business/Small Business
Person of the Year**

2010 Outstanding Citizen of the Year

2011 Board of Directors Election

**The nomination forms and ballots
are enclosed with this newsletter.**



TASTE *of* Ankeny

Saturday, November 13
6:00 - 9:00 PM
Courtyard by Marriott, Ankeny

Tickets on sale now.

Tickets (\$15 Advanced) (\$20 at the door - limited availability)

Sold at the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce or Online

210 S. Ankeny Blvd. Ankeny, IA 50023

www.ankeny.org

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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

2010 Small Business/ Small Business Person of the Year

Nominations are being accepted for the Small Business / Small Business Person of the Year Award presented by the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce to recognize the achievements of our community's businesses.

This award is to recognize a business person making a significant contribution in business and community involvement.

Qualifications:

- A Chamber member with at least 20 percent ownership in the business and an active involvement in the management of the business.
- Demonstrated an active involvement in community betterment

It is important to note that this criteria is only a guideline subject to the interpretation of the selection committee. This award is selected by a Chamber committee consisting of representatives from the Chamber and previous award recipients.

NOMINEE: _____ TITLE: _____

BUSINESS: _____ BUSINESS PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ HOME PHONE: _____

Why is the nominee qualified for this award?

NOMINATED BY _____ PHONE _____

The Small Business Person of the Year Award will be presented at the
Chamber's Annual Dinner on February 10, 2011.

Submit nomination to Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 488, Ankeny, Iowa 50021, or fax to 964-0487.

NOMINATION DEADLINE: December 17, 2010

NOMINATION FORM

2010 OUTSTANDING CITIZEN

Nominations are being accepted for the 2010 Outstanding Citizen Award presented by the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce. This award is to recognize an individual who has made a significant contribution to the improvement of the entire community outside his/her chosen trade or profession.

Ankeny's outstanding citizen is selected by a Chamber committee consisting of representatives from the Chamber and previous award recipients.

NOMINATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 17, 2010

NOMINEE: _____ TITLE: _____

BUSINESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

Why is this nominee qualified for this award?

NOMINATED BY _____ PHONE _____

*SUBMIT nomination to the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce,
PO Box 488, Ankeny, Iowa 50021, or fax to 964-0487.*

The Outstanding Citizen of the Year will be presented at the
Chamber's Annual Dinner Celebration on February 10, 2011.

**2011
ANNUAL ELECTION OF
DIRECTORS
Single – Slate**

The nominating committee has selected the following candidates for election to the Board of Directors of the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce.

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
Vote for Six**

- Casey Carlson – U.S. Bank
- Matt Dougan – Perishable Distributors of Iowa
- Wes Snook – Hy-Vee Food Store
- Jennifer Walter – Walnut Street Gallery
- Dirk Westercamp – Woodruff Design Construction
- Jeremy Zinn – Briarwood Private Golf Course

Write in:

According to the By-Laws regarding the election of Board of Directors: “Of the twelve elected members, one-third shall be elected...annually to serve for three (3) years...A nominating committee of five members shall be appointed to nominate from the membership of the Chamber a number of members to be candidates for membership on the Board of Directors equivalent to the number of vacancies on the Board to be filled...All voting shall be by ballot...”

Return to the Chamber at Box 488, Ankeny, Iowa 50021 or fax to 515-964-0487.

**Ballots are due by
January 28, 2011**