

CCHAMBER *Action*

April 2011
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Thank you to our TRC Volunteers for another successful year!

Thanks to Ranallo's on 3rd for hosting the 2011 TRC Celebration!



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Spring has Sprung and the sales are heating up with the weather! If you are buying or selling give me a call! I would love to help!



ankeney young professionals

After Hours Social

April 7 @ 5 pm

Uncle Buck's Fishbowl & Grill, Bass Pro Shop

Sponsored by Rock Valley Physical Therapy

Spring Chamber Wide Event

"Are you a puddle or an ocean?"

April 13 @ 11:30 am

Briarwood Club of Ankeny

Sponsored by Whitfield & Eddy

Speaker sponsor Bricks 4 Kidz

Register online at www.ankeneyyoungprofessionals.org

feeling young?

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MEET YOUR BOARD!



Casey Carlson
US Bank

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Casey Carlson is an Assistant Vice President at US Bank, US Bank is a full service bank with 15 Metro area locations and we have the products a capabilities of the 5th largest bank in the Country, all delivered locally in a Community Bank Model. Casey feels with his position at the Bank he plays a vital part in the community of Ankeny by helping businesses grow and thrive. He truly enjoys working with Business owners, learning about their companies, what their goals and passions are, and tailor fitting a financial package to meet their needs. Casey feels honored for this opportunity and it's a privilege that he does not take lightly.

Casey resides in Ankeny with his wife Jodi and their two beautiful daughters Aliza (3 1/2) and Bianca (21 Months), and they are expecting their 3rd little one in June. When he is not working with area businesses, or volunteering with the Chamber, you can find Casey either playing and spending time with his family or on the golf course.

Casey encourages you to get involved in the Chamber in any capacity, it will truly pay you back in full, and as Chairperson of the Ankeny Young Professionals, he encourages you to take a look at the AYP and how to get involved in this great sub-committee of the Ankeny Chamber. You contact Casey at casey.carlson1@usbank.com, or questions about the AYP please e-mail chairperson@ankeneyyoungprofessionals.org.



Wednesday, April 13th

11:30 - 1:00 PM

Briarwood Club of Ankeny
3405 NE Trilein Dr
Ankeny, IA

RSVP TODAY at
AnkenyYoungProfessionals.org
or Ankeny.org

ANNUAL SPRING CHAMBER-WIDE EVENT

The Ankeny Young Professionals are hosting our Annual Spring Chamber Wide Event on April 13th! This event will be held at Briarwood Club of Ankeny from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Our Speaker, Richard Rowe, Will be giving a presentation "Are you a puddle or an ocean?" This event is open to all Ankeny Chamber Members. Cost is \$10/person, which includes the seminar, lunch, and door prizes! Speaker Provided by Bricks for Kidz.



EVENT SPONSOR: **WHITFIELD
& EDDY P.L.C.**

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Join Us!

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

1st National Bank, Ankeny

THURSDAY, APRIL 14 4:00 - 6:00 PM

What banking should be. Banking should be friendly, convenient, on-line, local decision making, experienced, community focused, fast, competitive, and putting you first. Those are just some of the words that customers at First National Bank Ankeny have said about us. Banking should be about what makes sense for the customers; not be about what makes sense for the bank. At First National Bank, that principle is the foundation for all we do. The wide variety of checking, savings, loan, mortgage and trust services we offer reflect what banking should be – about you and your needs!

First National Bank Ankeny makes all our decisions fast and locally, being community-focused and making investments in and for Ankeny. First National Bank puts you first by having experienced Ankeny bankers. Tom Friedman, Amanda Petersen and Shana Lancaster are dedicated to putting their years of experience to work for Ankeny businesses and homeowners. We open our doors to you every day at 1205 N. Ankeny Blvd. Stop in and experience what banking should be.



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CHAMBER CALENDAR

Sat, Apr 2
9:00 am **Legislative Coffee**
-Neveln Center

Mon, Apr 4
Noon **Executive Board Mtg**

Tue, Apr 5
Noon **Ribbon Cutting - Quilter's Cupboard**
-706 S.W. 3rd

Thur, Apr 7
4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting - Villas at Stonewater**
-2831 S.W. Westview Lane

Mon, Apr 11
Noon **Board of Directors Mtg**

Tue, Apr 12
Noon **Ribbon Cutting - Store It America**
-5499 N.E. 14th St.

Wed, Apr 13
11:30 am **AYP Chamber-Wide Event**
-Briarwood Club of Ankeny

Thur, Apr 14
4 pm **Business After Hours**
- 1st National Bank, Ankeny
-1205 N. Ankeny Blvd.

Fri, Apr 15
11:30 am **Regional Affiliate Luncheon**
-Prairie Meadows Ballroom

Mon, Apr 18
Noon **Public Affairs Committee Mtg**
4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting - TCBY**
- 802 S.E. Oralabor Rd., Suite 108

Wed, Apr 20
11 am **Ambassador Mtg**
Noon **Chamber Orientation Reception**
-Chamber Board Room

Thur, Apr 21
5 pm **Regional BAH - South Des Moines Chamber**
- Blank Park Zoo

Fri, Apr 22
Noon **Ribbon Cutting - P3 Golf**
-2202 S.E. Creekview Dr.

Tue, Apr 26
4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting**
- Ankeny Family Vision Center
-311 N. Ankeny Blvd.

Wed, Apr 27
11:30 am **April Membership Lunch**
-Pinnacle Club, Otter Creek Golf Course

Thur, Apr 28
4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting - Ankeny Memorial**
-4208 N. Ankeny Blvd.

***Ambassador events**

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Windstream

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Windstream Corp. (Nasdaq: WIN), headquartered in Little Rock, Ark., is an S&P 500 communications and technology company with operations in 29 states and the District of Columbia and about \$4 billion in annual revenues. Windstream provides IP-based voice and data services, MPLS networking, data center and managed hosting services and communication systems to businesses and government agencies. The company also delivers broadband, digital phone and high-definition TV services to residential customers primarily located in rural areas and operates a local and long-haul fiber network spanning approximately 60,000 route miles. For more information about Windstream, visit www.windstream.com.



Rosa Digital Arts

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Rosa is a photography and imaging company inspired by the beauty of the visual arts. We are relentlessly pursuing moments in time that will remind you of whom you love. Our expertise goes beyond capturing images of your loved ones and those important events you want to remember. We pour our passion into your photography & imaging commission to unveil every detail that makes your image a beautiful work of art. From lighting, angles, and colors to mood and composition we explore ways to unearth an unique image you will joyfully share with family and friends. Whether you choose to display your images digitally or through traditional mediums, Rosa will design your prints, albums, greeting cards, posters, calendars, and magnets on the latest and highest quality materials available in the industry. Options include over 30 standard print sizes of professional photography paper such as traditional, fine art, card stock, pearl, linen, and metallic. Also, we have canvas, aluminum metal, and acrylic mediums to elevate your work of art as a fine art investment. Rosalia Abrego, a remarkable grandmother who breathed life into Rosa Digital Arts, believed in pouring nothing short of passion onto our daily endeavors. It is with her vision that we fuel the engine that drives Rosa Digital Arts. We invite you to indulge on our passion and discover an unique experience in photography & imaging.



Cornerstone

LOCKSMITH

Cornerstone Locksmith

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Cornerstone Locksmith, LLC of Ankeny was originally established in 2004 as Cornerstone Locksmith, Inc. in Jamestown, ND. When owner operators Chad and Neomi Nelson moved to Ankeny, just over a year ago, the business came with them. Currently the business is operated out of their home at 1417 NW Pebble Drive, just off of W 1st Street, and they are also mobile out of their bread-truck style locksmith truck. Cornerstone Locksmith will get you back in your house or vehicle if you have accidentally locked yourself out. They will also install locks, cut keys and re-pin your existing locks. Their prices are competitive at a flat rate of \$40.00 per unlock and other services start at a \$35.00 service call. Labor is \$45.00 per hour. Any hardware is an additional charge depending on the product choice of the customer. There is no need to call for service from Des Moines when Cornerstone is just minutes away. Contact them at their easy to remember phone number (515)-965-2525.

TCBY

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TCBY, The Country's Best Yogurt has been a franchise since 1981. Currently there are approximately 500 locations throughout the United States. TCBY is a division of Mrs. Field Famous Brands, with headquarters in Salt Lake City, Utah. Our store opened on February 21st and has been decorated in TCBY's new color scheme. We are set up as a "traditional" store offering a complete menu of six soft serve flavors and eight hand dipped flavors that will rotate. Yogurt is served in cups or cones; topping choices include fruit, a large choice of candies, plus hot toppings such as hot fudge and caramel. We also make sundaes, banana splits, malts, shakes, smoothies and shivers. Our Yogurt To Go case offers frozen cakes, pies, quarts and pints. All of our yogurt is 96 to 98% fat free. We also offer No Sugar Added/Fat Free flavors plus a dairy free sorbet. The store has inside seating for 16 and outside (weather permitting) for 8. We are a LLC, and family owned. The officers are Mike, Carol, Paul and Phil Mefford. Our current hours are: Monday - Thursday 11AM to 9PM; Friday & Saturday 11AM to 10PM, and Sunday 11AM to 8PM.

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



Lia Sophia Jewelery

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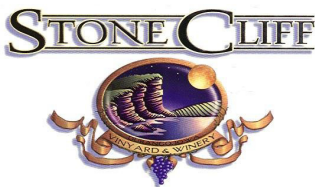
I've been working in the non profit world for several years and have a real passion for using my creativity to help others! Even so, I wasn't making ends meet and wondered if there was something else I should be doing. Then I went to a lia sophia jewelry party and found my solution! I love the jewelry and my Advisor told me the secret to having it all was doing what she was. Now, as an Advisor I get incredible incentives and deep discounts on the hottest fashion jewelry. I have reignited my passion for creative expression and helping others in getting unique jewelry at affordable prices. With such a flexible schedule I also get to continue my full time work in non profit and contribute to another great cause called Dress For Success. lia sophia gives back through this non profit that promotes the economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing professional attire, a network of support and career development. lia sophia supports Dress for Success with its Improv Necklace featured in the Spring/Summer 2011 catalog. lia sophia has something for everyone! Customers enjoy a fantastic save plan and monthly specials and every item includes a Lifetime Replacement Guarantee. Best of all, if you host a party with me, you receive tremendous benefits-selections for FREE and/or at great discounts! Hosting is simple and fun! To learn more contact me!



Cruisin' Cuisine Catering

Tracey Gardner
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(515) 965-7771

Cruisin' Cuisine Catering offers full service catering to accommodate business and personal entertainment needs. We are "Your Personal Banquet on Wheels". Whether it is breakfast, lunch, dinner, a tailgate party, hors d'oeuvre party, special social event or business meeting, we are available to provide you with one-on-one friendly service. All engagements are customized to your event expectations. Each and every menu selection is prepared in-house, offering homemade foods with "home town" flair. Crusin' Cuisine Catering, established in April of 2001, is located at 917 East First Street in Ankeny. We are locally owned, operated, licensed and insured. Specialties include grilled, lightly smoked meats, deep fried or smoked turkeys and whole hams. Crusin' Chips are made in-house and are available in four flavors; original, BBQ, ranch or spicy. Chips may be ordered by the gallon. We strive to build enduring trust and satisfaction to any catering event, supplying the highest quality meats and freshest produce, at a fair and equitable cost. NO BROWN TUBS will ever be seen on your banquet table! Timely, dependable, loyal catering is our utmost goal. Bookings are accepted for groups of 10-300. Our quality service leaves you worry free to enjoy your meeting or special event. Call 515.965.7771 to book your event.



Stone Cliff Winery

Bob Kuiper
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Stone Cliff Winery has quickly grown into one of Iowa's top producing wineries serving over 600 retail locations across the state of Iowa. Stone Cliff started bottling in 2001 in the historic Star Brewery building in the Port of Dubuque, producing classic wines such as Cabernet, Chardonnay, Riesling, White Zinfandel and Moscato to fruit wines like Sweet Cherry, Cranberry and Spiced Apple. A variety of local, California and Washington state grapes are blended to create our award winning wines. In addition to serving the retail and restaurant trade, Stone Cliff also specializes in creating wine labels for special events such as weddings, banquets and special events. Stone Cliff opened a wholesale distribution center in Ankeny last April to better serve it's Central Iowa customers more efficiently and continue to grow its base of customers. Bob Kuiper is the General Manager and can be reached at bobk@stonecliffwinery.com or 515-333-1750.

The Dana Company

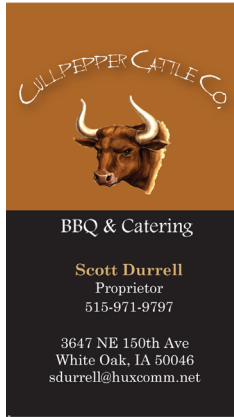
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Insurance solutions for your home, auto and business. The Dana Company Online is a locally owned Independent Insurance Agency established in 1989 and representing over 30 insurance companies. The Agency was built on personal relationships, both with our clients and our company partners which translate into personalized, consultative service for our clients in over 22 States. Our 20 experienced and professional associates are focused on providing the right coverage at a competitive price and making the insurance buying process simple and understandable. Some may say we do business the "old fashioned way", because we still answer our own phone. Give us a call and find out for yourself.

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



Cullpepper Cattle Co.

Scott Durrell
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The Cullpepper Cattle Co. is an independently, locally owned and operated catering business. We can handle all your catering needs including corporate deliveries, business luncheons, weddings, holiday parties, and more. The Cullpepper Cattle Co. can provide you with top quality

meals of all kinds; from the simplest of homemade soups and sandwiches to complicated course meals. We take pride in our award winning smoked meats as well as our homemade sauces and side dishes. Select one of our planned meal options, create a custom buffet, or plan your menu a la carte. We are flexible to meet all your catering needs.

Mercy North Ambulatory

Surgery Center

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Mercy North Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) has been providing the Ankeny community with a same-day surgery option since January 2005. It is the only facility in the Ankeny area to offer the convenient service so patients aren't required to travel far from home or navigate through the traffic in Des Moines and West Des Moines.

The Ankeny location is an extension of the surgical services provided at Mercy Medical Center-Des Moines. The staff at Mercy North ASC has many years of experience in the operating room, as well as admitting-recovery-discharge.

Common procedures offered at Mercy North ASC include: ENT (i.e., pediatric ear tubes, removal of tonsils and adenoids and adult sinus surgery); podiatry (i.e., bunion removal, fracture repair and corrective surgeries); orthopaedic (i.e., joint scopes and repairs); general surgeries (i.e., breast biopsies, laparoscopic hernia repair and laparoscopic gallbladder removal); plastic surgery; minor gynecological procedures; and endoscopy (i.e., screening colonoscopy and gastroscopy).

Mercy North ASC is open Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 3p.m., or later if needed. Appointments must be made by a referring physician's office; however, patients can request to have their procedure scheduled at Mercy North. For more information, please call (515) 643-7600.

Tupperware

Director Krista Tolly
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Tupperware, bowls, knives, and spices WOW!! Please contact me if you would like to have a Tupperware Catalog to order or visit my website my.tupperware.com/kristatolly. I also hold Tupperware Parties and I am hiring FT and PT; feel free to call me 515-210-6841.



Barefoot Chic

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Quaintly located in the heart of north Ankeny, Barefoot Chic Boutique offers women's contemporary and designer apparel. Barefoot provides clothing with a casual yet elegant feel. Barefoot Chic combines timeless, classic pieces and "funky & fresh" separates at great values. Barefoot Chic is not a drab, "big-box" store, it's a colorful, island influenced experience. Barefoot's warm inviting atmosphere is both relaxed and "flip flop" friendly. Let Barefoot Chic take you back in time by providing high levels of customer care, individual service for every occasion. Barefoot prides itself on offering a unique, personalized shopping experience. Barefoot Chic is locally owned and operated by Traci Houghton who has lived in Ankeny for nine years along with her husband Steve and three children. With an entrepreneurial passion (from her Dad) and 15 years of marketing and start-ups, Traci has fulfilled her longing to own her own business. She has a love for people, design and conversation, which is exactly what you will find at Barefoot Chic. Barefoot Chic's complimentary wine, private appointments and event parties are also a welcomed delight. Barefoot Chic Boutique - for the charm and elegance you seek.

Hours: Tuesday-Saturday – 10-5, Thursday – 11-7, Sunday and Monday – closed.

Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting - May 17th: Barefoot Chic Boutique is proud to be a new member of the Ankeny Chamber and would like to announce their Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening Celebration for Tuesday, May 17th from 4pm until 9pm. Please join us for fashion, friends and fun. Complimentary refreshments and live entertainment with Decoy provided, hope to see you there!

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



Ballard Golf & Country Club

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Ballard Golf and Country Club is a private, very well maintained, 9-hole course located north of Huxley on Highway 69. With a tradition that was started in 1975 and built with the recreational golfer in mind, our course lends itself to any golfer of any style and skill level. Our clubhouse restaurant and bar is a great place to hang out after a round or just come meet friends. The restaurant is open to the public for lunch and dinner and provides a great menu selection at a very reasonable price. We also have two reception rooms that are available for banquets and other special occasions.

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Ramada Tropics

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The Ramada Tropics Resort & Conference Center recently completed a renovation and addition this past year. As Des Moines' only water park hotel, Ramada Tropics Resort and Conference Center offers guests a comforting tropical décor, indoor waterslide, and a relaxing atmosphere, providing you with one of Iowa's most unique experiences.

Our family-owned full service property features 150 guest rooms and 16 suites along with nearly 8,000 square feet of meeting space. Combining comfort with functionality, the Ramada Tropics Resort & Conference Center will provide the perfect environment for any event.

Our 5,200-square-foot Ballroom accommodates up to 400 guests and can be divided into three sections. We also have 10,000 square feet of flexible breakout space to suit your needs.



Cullen & Associates

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April Chamber Membership Luncheon

Spring and Summer Happenings in Ankeny!

Speaker: Todd Redenius, Ankeny Parks and Recreation

Wednesday, April 27
Pinnacle Club, Otter Creek Golf Club

Presenting Sponsor: AAA Minnesota/Iowa
Gold Sponsor: Fiscus Diamond Jewelers

11:30 AM - Networking
11:45 AM - Lunch/Program

Register online at www.ankeny.org

Cost - \$20

This event is open to all Chamber Members and their staff.
Payment may be made by cash, check or credit card.
All reservations not kept will be billed.



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