

# CHAMBER *Action*

January 2012

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## *Christmas Luncheon*



Bonnie Christensen  
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Bonnie Christensen  
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# ankeny young professionals

## Lunch and Learn

January 12 @ Noon

Simpson College

Sponsored by Simpson College

## AYP Kickoff Event

January 26 @ 6 pm

Ankeny Golf & Country Club

Sponsored by Sun Tan City

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# CHAMBER CALENDAR

**Thur, January 5**

Noon **Ribbon Cutting**

- **Anytime Fitness - Prairie Trail**

-2505 S.W. White Birch Dr. Suite F

**Mon, January 9**

Noon **Executive Board Meeting**

5 pm **Legislative Reception**

- World Food Prize, 909 Robert D. Day Dr., Des Moines

**Wed, January 11**

4:30 PM **Ribbon Cutting - Sun Tan City**

- 109 N. Ankeny Blvd.

**Thur, January 12**

4 PM **Business After Hours - Veridian Credit Union**

- 1201 S. Ankeny Blvd.

**Sat, January 14**

9 am **Legislative Coffee**

-Neveln Center

**Mon, January 16**

11:45 AM **Board of Directors Meeting**

**Tue, January 17**

Noon **TRC Training**

-Chamber Board Room

**Wed, January 18**

8 am **TRC Training**

-Chamber Board Room

4 pm **Ambassador Meeting**

-Chamber Board Room

4:45 pm **Chamber Orientation Reception**

-Chamber Board Room

**Thur, January 19**

4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting**

- **Central Iowa Orthodontics**

-1255 N. Ankeny Blvd., Suite 104

**Mon, January 23**

Noon **Public Affairs Committee Meeting**

**Tue, January 24**

Noon **Ribbon Cutting - Forest Septic Tank Service**

- Chamber Board Room

**Thur, January 26**

9 AM **Business 2 Business Forum**

-Pinnacle Club, Otter Creek

6 PM **AYP Kick-Off Event**

-Ankeny Golf & Country Club

**Tue, January 31**

4:30 PM **Ribbon Cutting**

- **Moeller Engineering, LLC**

-109 N.W. 9th St., Suite 1

# MEET YOUR BOARD!



**Kim Schaaf**

**Monsanto**

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Kim Schaaf is Site Lead for Monsanto Company. Monsanto is a leading provider of agricultural solutions to growers worldwide and produces Roundup®, the world's best-selling herbicide, and other crop-protection chemicals. Monsanto also produces leading seed brands, including DEKALB® and Asgrow®, and offers seeds improved through biotechnology with one or more traits. Kim directs all aspects of operational and preventative maintenance of all structure and facility equipment and leads adherence to company sponsored safety and security initiatives. Kim is active in the community and sits on the Executive Board and the Board of Directors for the Ankeny Chamber of Commerce, is a member of the City of Ankeny Economic Development Council, and will chair the 2011 Ankeny SummerFest event. Kim lives in Ankeny with her husband Scott and their two daughters, Christie a freshman at Iowa State University and Allison a junior at Ankeny High School.

Kim enjoys being a part of the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce and encourages large companies in Ankeny to get involved in the Chamber and your community!

# Business 2 Business Forum

Thursday, January 26, 2012

-Pinnacle Club, Otter Creek-

8:30 AM Registration / 9 AM Forum / 11:45 AM Lunch

Cost - \$30/Person ~ Bring Your Business Cards

Please Register By January 24, [www.ankeny.org](http://www.ankeny.org) or 964-0685

# Join Us!

## BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12 4:00 - 6:00 PM

### Veridian Credit Union

Michele Starkenburg  
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[www.veridiancu.org](http://www.veridiancu.org)

artshare '12



you're invited

Attend the Ankeny Chamber's  
January Business After Hours event,  
hosted by Veridian Credit Union®.

This event is held in conjunction with Veridian's  
annual ArtShare Premiere, which showcases original  
art created by Ankeny High School students.

Thursday, January 12 | 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
Veridian Credit Union  
1201 S. Ankeny Blvd., Ankeny

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515.289.1822 | [www.veridiancu.org](http://www.veridiancu.org)

# Business Spotlight

## Take Shape for Life - Medifast

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# WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

## Anytime Fitness



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www.anytimefitness.com

Anytime Fitness is the innovator of the 24-hour, key card access fitness club. At Anytime Fitness of North Ankeny, we offer the convenience and affordability many people are seeking today—and so much more! Inside our club, you will find topnotch strength-training and cardiovascular equipment—the best the market has to offer. Our club atmosphere is upscale and inviting, with an expertly designed workout area. Plus, we offer round-the-clock tanning and we have private and secure restrooms and changing areas.

Our ultimate goal at Anytime Fitness North Ankeny is to help you achieve your fitness goals and that will always be our number one priority! Our staff is supportive and encouraging, and we are passionate about what we do! We have full-time trainers on staff that can help meet your goals through one-on-one or group training. Now offering free classes with membership! Cardio Circuit, Body Sculpt, Yoga-Pilates, & Cardio Kickboxing. Plus offering Zumba Classes!!

To sign up or find out more about the club call 515-965-8844 or visit [www.anytimefitness.com](http://www.anytimefitness.com) for more details!

## Word of Mouth Carpet Cleaning

Chris Pardekooper  
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Word of Mouth Carpet Cleaning is a full carpet and upholstery cleaning company. We provide service to the Ankeny, Des Moines, and surrounding areas. Our company has been around for two years, and we are proud to have recently joined the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce. Over the past few years we have built a strong reputation as a company that cares about our customer service that we provide for your home to be clean and healthy. Every estimate that we do, we take the time to explain the reasoning on why we do things a certain way so that we can educate you on the proper way to clean your floors. The next time you are looking to clean your carpets, couches, chairs, mattresses, or vehicle interiors such as; cars, vans, and even RV's, give us a call. We would like the opportunity to show you. We pride ourselves on the name of our company, Word of Mouth Carpet Cleaning, and why "our work speaks for itself".

## T & E Construction



Eric Minner  
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T & E Construction Inc. is a family owned and operated company. We have a combined 50 years of experience. We have a strong interest in seeing that our customers are taken care of from start to finish. T & E Construction was founded on honesty and integrity. We've gotten to where we are today by providing quality workmanship and standing behind our product.

We pride ourselves in walking our customers through the entire project step by step. Whether it is a new home or shining up your existing home, we are there.

T & E Construction is based out of Ankeny as well as a location in Montezuma. We travel quite frequently to provide people with our services. Our services consist of new homes, additions, remodels, new windows, roofing, new siding, basement remodel/finish, as well as general contracting. So whether you are in the market for a new home or it is time to upgrade your current home, T & E Construction is here to help.

We look forward to helping you with your next project. For a free estimate or consultation, please call Eric at: 515-208-5536 or send an Email to: [Eric.Minner@teconstructioninc.net](mailto:Eric.Minner@teconstructioninc.net). You can also visit us on the World Wide Web at: [WWW.TECONSTRUCTIONINC.NET](http://WWW.TECONSTRUCTIONINC.NET)

## Snus Hill Winery

Chris Hudnall  
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Snus Hill Winery is located only 1.1 miles north of the beautiful High Trestle Trail on Violet Avenue between Madrid and Slater. Ranging from dry to sweet, our 14 wines are sure to please even the most sophisticated palate. Look for names like Catnip, Kitten, and Boule de Poils. Amenities include banquet room seating for 180, a tasting room, gift shop, and a state of the art production facility turning out 7500 gallons annually. Need a getaway for the whole family? Front Porch Friday (6:30-9:30) and Sunday Tunes (2:00-5:00) offer live music from local artists April through October. Snus Hill Winery is open 10am to 6pm Wednesday through Sunday. Check our website for events and specials [www.snushillwine.com](http://www.snushillwine.com) or give us a call 515-795-3535.

# WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



## Walker, Billingsley & Bair ~ Attorneys at Law

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We have spent most of our adult lives living in Newton and decided it was time to make a change. We looked at moving to a number of different areas in the Des Moines Metro, but decided that Ankeny was the best fit for our family and business. In May we moved with our 2 children to Ankeny and in October we opened our 4th office in Central Iowa. Our office is attached to Mercy Prairie Trails Family Medicine which is located on Oralabor about 1 mile west of DMACC, 2605 SW White Birch, Ste. 110. It is a growing area and if you are in the neighborhood stop by and say hello.

We have a total of 8 attorneys in our 4 offices who handle personal injury, workers' compensation, criminal law, family law, real estate, social security disability along with wills and estate planning. Four of our attorneys practice injury and workers' compensation law while our other attorneys focus on specific areas as well. We offer Iowa legal books covering the above practice areas at no cost risk or obligation at [www.IowaLegalInsider.com](http://www.IowaLegalInsider.com) because we have seen too many clients make costly mistakes before they had the right information. For more information about our law firm go to [www.IowaInjured.com](http://www.IowaInjured.com) or [www.WalkLaw.com](http://www.WalkLaw.com).

## Vintage Hills Retirement Community



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The Vintage Hills Retirement Community is conveniently located in the Prairie Trail development in Ankeny, Iowa. Close to medical centers, hospitals, shopping, and activities, Vintage Hills is designed around the changing needs of active-minded adults. We offer a variety of amenities and services, all conveniently located on one extraordinary campus. Our mission is to provide quality, supportive services to ensure a loving, comfortable, and secure way of life for those who need assistance in their daily living routine.

Vintage Hills Assisted Living offers a selection of eight different floor plans. For those individuals needing specialized care, Vintage Hills Memory Care offers a secured neighborhood that serves the changing needs of residents throughout the many levels of memory loss. We have future plans for continued growth for Vintage Hills. Phase II of our development is purposed to break ground in the spring of 2012. This will allow seniors seeking an independent living opportunity to invest in our Coop.



## Great Western Bank

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Great Western Bank was founded in 1907 as a hometown, community bank. Now a regional leader with nearly 200 locations and over 20,000 surcharge-free ATMs, we've grown dramatically, but retain our position as a hometown bank in the communities we serve.

As the flagship for the United States banking operations of our parent company, National Australia Bank Limited (NAB), we're proud to be part of a AA- rated financial institution and hold a strong, reliable banking presence in the Midwest and Arizona. We provide a comprehensive and integrated range of financial products and services and are the 7th largest agricultural lender in the United States. Our Des Moines Metro offices currently located in Altoona, Clive and Des Moines employ over 70 people who strive to provide excellent service to their customers while being good neighbors in their communities.

# WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



## Central Iowa Pool & Spa

Mario Alba

5360 N.E. 14th St., Ste F

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## Central Iowa Pool & Spa

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Central Iowa Pool & Spa is your headquarters for all your home recreational needs. A family owned business since 1996 with over 30 years combined experience in the industry and proud member of the Association of Pool & Spa Professionals. Central Iowa Pool & Spa specializes in above ground and in ground pools, Sundance Spas, Brunswick Billiard Tables, and Bio Guard water care products.

The team at Central Iowa Pool & Spa knows individuality is important, which is why they pay special attention to the interests of each customer throughout the entire purchasing experience. From the minute the customer walks through our door, meeting their needs is our top priority. Founded, not only on excellent customer service, but also on the principals of hard work and a focused attitude, Central Iowa Pool & Spa works to build long term relationships. The team at Central Iowa Pool & Spa guarantees you'll purchase the best product of all..... FUN!!!

## Infinity Coworking, LLC

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Infinity Coworking is proud to offer flexible and affordable offices, workspaces, and conference room to work, think, and innovate. Infinity Coworking, located in Woodside Business Park, has several memberships to meet individual needs. Coworking provides a shared environment for professionals who are conducting independent activities. They would typically all represent different organizations. The model provides greater privacy than the typical coffee shop for conducting business. It offers a professional environment for members to conduct business. It also provides the atmosphere of a populated office environment and prevents the sense of isolation that can occur in the home office.

Coworking is a new and growing industry. In recent years, significant numbers of jobs have been eliminated as a result of a poor economy. Many of these displaced workers have turned to self-employment for their livelihood. There will be a continued trend in the marketplace for companies to use contract employees to meet their needs when possible, rather than hiring or rehiring permanent employees. Coworking provides a professional place for these people to work and entertain clients at an affordable cost. It also provides more affordable office space for traditional small business owners.

## The Attic

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Make-A-Wish Foundation of Iowa  
Animal Rescue League of Iowa, Inc.

## Payless Office Products

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# Ribbon Cuttings



## LSB Mortgage

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## Anani Salon & Spa

Abbey Lytle

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## The Gold Rush

Mark Paterno

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## Ankeny Community Theatre - 30 Yr. Anniversary

1932 S.W. 3rd St., Ankeny, IA 50023, (515) 964-5007



## Kyle's Bikes - Expanded Selection

Kyle Robinson

1840 S.W. White Birch Cir., Ankeny, IA 50023, (515) 965-0333

## Chamber Facts!

What is the cost to attend the Business2Business Forum?

The first 5 people to email [lweyer@ankeny.org](mailto:lweyer@ankeny.org) with the correct answer will win 2 movie passes to Springwood 9 Theater!

*\*Winners can pick up their movie passes at the Chamber Office, 210 S. Ankeny Blvd.*

*Answers and winners' names will be posted in next month's Chamber Action Newsletter.*

### December's Chamber Facts

When is the Christmas Luncheon being held?

**Answer: December 8, 2011**

*Winners: Amanda Day - Courtyard by Marriott, Ankeny*

*April Woosley - Courtyard by Marriott, Ankeny*

*Tyler Neushchwanger - Valley Bank*

*Todd Wehr - Shive-Hattery*

*Jolene Hanson - Des Moines Register*

The Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce Invites You and Your Employees To The

# Annual Dinner Celebration

At the Courtyard By Marriott, Ankeny

Join Us In a Celebration of 2011 and Awards Ceremony

February 9, 2012

6-7 pm Social

7 pm Dinner

Registration required with names of attendees. Register online at [www.ankeny.org](http://www.ankeny.org) by February 4.

\$50 per Person - Cash Bar

\$400 for reserved table of 8 with signage.

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