

CHAMBER *Action*

May 2012

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Ankeny, IA 50023
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April Membership Luncheon



AYP Spring Chamber Wide Event



Bonnie Christensen
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Re/Max Opportunities

“The market is Heating up this Spring, what are you waiting for?”



ankeny young professionals

Lunch & Learn

May 1 @ Noon

Polk County Farm Bureau
Sponsored by Ankeny Patch

AYP Tailgate

May 18 @ 11:30 am

Chamber Parking Lot

Sponsored by Yankee Clipper

Entertainment Sponsor - Two Rivers Bank & trust

Free Food & Door Prizes!

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CHAMBER CALENDAR

Tue, May 1

Noon **Ribbon Cutting** - Mark Stoltenberg Photography
-Chamber Office

Thur, May 3

4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting** - JEO Consulting Group, Inc.
-1605 N. Ankeny Blvd, Ste 240

Mon, May 7

Noon Executive Board Meeting

Thur, May 10

4:00 pm **Business After Hours** - Treasure House
-721 N. Ankeny Blvd.

Mon, May 14

11:45 am Board of Directors Meeting

Tue, May 15

4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting** - 2 for U Daycare
-6950 N.E. 14th St., Ste 36

Wed, May 16

4:00 pm **Ambassadors Meeting** - Chamber Office
4:45 pm **Chamber Orientation Reception** -Chamber Office

Thur, May 17

4:00 pm **Regional Business After Hours** - Copper Creek Golf Club
-4825 Copper Creek Dr., Pleasant Hill
4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting** - Flat Tire Lounge
-204 S. Madison St., Madrid

Fri, May 18

11:30 am Ankeny Young Professionals Tailgate Event
-Chamber Parking Lot

Mon, May 21

Noon Public Affairs Committee Meeting
4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting** - Energy Solutions of America
- 132 S.E. Shurfine Dr.

Wed, May 23

11:30 am May Membership Luncheon
- Pinnacle Club at Otter Creek

Thur, May 24

4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting** - The Funky Zebras
- 305 S.E. Oralabor Rd.

Mon, May 28

Chamber Office Closed - Happy Memorial Day!

Thur, May 31

Noon **Ribbon Cutting** - Skin Solutions Dermatology
- 2785 N. Ankeny Blvd., Ste 24

Dates and Times are subject to change.

Check out www.ankeny.org for the most up-to-date schedule and details.



JOIN US!

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Treasure House

THURSDAY, MAY 10 4:00 - 6:00 PM

A must see gem of a store is Treasure House. From classy to clever to collectible, all items offered fit today's lifestyle and budget. A few selection of items include home decor, purses, wine items, unique jewelry and SERIOUSLY so much MORE!

Treasure House offers custom interior design services for your home that work for your family. Whether you are looking for that perfect item to place on your fireplace mantel or that space on your wall, Treasure House will help make a plan that fits your style and budget.

Last minute shopper? Let Treasure House experienced staff help you select that perfect gift for a shower, wedding or any special occasion (don't forget that special woman in your life! Mother's Day is May 13th). Free year round gift wrapping means that you will be in and out with a perfect gift, wrapped and ready to give in just a few minutes.

Stop in to decorate your home, shop for a unique gift or spoil yourself with something fun.

Join us for our BAH at Treasure House. This is a great way to network with other Chamber members and discover what Treasure House has to offer to Ankeny. Please enjoy complementary food and beverages and get to know others in a relaxed atmosphere.

Great Door prize with \$50 in Chamber bucks given out!

Treasure House

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Business Spotlight

Do you have a closet full of clothes but nothing to wear? Wendee specializes in helping



you find your personal style and make the most of your wardrobe. Wendee Wilson has been in the beauty and fashion industry for 25 years. She shares her passion for fashion with her clients all over the United States. Wardrobes by Wendee offers the following services:

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- Custom Wardrobe Piecing
- Look Book
- Special Event Look
- Personal Imaging
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Contact me today to schedule a consultation!

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WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Child and Family Vision Center

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Opening its doors in November of 2011, Child and Family Vision Center is a full-scope optometry clinic, with an emphasis in pediatric vision care and vision therapy services. We accept patients of all ages, and offer free vision exams for infants in their first year. Even though we offer specialized services for children, we provide vision care to the whole family, and can diagnose and manage cataracts, glaucoma, dry eyes, pink eye, diabetic eye disease, acquired brain injury complications, lazy eyes, and many other vision-related issues. We offer quality glasses and contacts, and our knowledgeable staff will answer your questions and make sure your visit is enjoyable. Child and Family Vision Center accepts Blue Cross Blue Shield, United Healthcare, and Medicaid. We are located in the Northpointe Professional Park in north Ankeny. Call to schedule an appointment today.

Moeller Engineering



Art Moeller
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Moeller Engineering, LLC is an Agricultural, Industrial and Process Engineering and Construction firm. Our team is licensed in 11 states and has years of experience specializing in agricultural structures, such as concrete silos, grain storage buildings, concrete bin liners, bulk material handling design and installation. We offer innovative and economical design services, utilizing state-of-the-art design technology. No matter the size of your project we are here to meet your needs.



ROCKSTAR Satellite

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Natural Health Chiropractic and Acupuncture

Jennifer Knobbe
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We welcome you to visit Natural Health Chiropractic and Acupuncture. Dr. Jennifer uses the latest innovative technique 'specific prone', a light, gentle, and comfortable technique with outstanding results. Dr. Jennifer also utilizes acupuncture techniques that treat a wide variety of conditions with favorable responses to the satisfaction of both patient and doctor. Dr. Jennifer, originally from Carroll, Iowa, moved to Ankeny after getting married to her best friend in 2011. She graduated from Central College in Pella then continued her education in Overland Park, Kansas at Cleveland Chiropractic College. Through her years in Kansas she also studied and worked under world renown Chiropractor and Acupuncturist, Dr. Richard Yennie. Dr. Jennifer graduated from Cleveland Chiropractic College with Magnum Cum Laude and Pi Tau Delta Honors. She also has extensive training in prenatal and pediatrics care through the ICPA (International Chiropractic Pediatric Association). Dr. Jennifer is also a Fellow of the Acupuncture Society of America and working towards her Diplomat by going to China this May to study acupuncture and Qi Gong under the Masters of the world.

MARKSTOLTENBERG P H O T O G R A P H Y

Mark Stoltenberg Photography

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Mark Stoltenberg Photography is an Ankeny based full service photography studio offering a wide range of photographic services for individuals, families, and businesses. Whether you are looking for fine art nature photography for your home or office, real estate photography, high school senior or family portraits, images for your website, corporate/executive photography, product shots - look no further. My goal as your photographer is not just to take "pictures." I want to tell the story of you, your family, or your company. No job is too big or too small. Give me a call or contact me through my website. I welcome the opportunity to discuss your specific photography needs.

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

The Masters Group

Ron Dougherty
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For over ten years, The Masters Group has been a premier, independent financial advisory firm providing comprehensive services for individuals and businesses.

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Ron Dougherty, our Director of Business Retirement Plans, has been involved with the sales and service of qualified retirement plans for over twenty-five years. Whether you need assistance designing and implementing a new plan or need to “benchmark” your current plan to help satisfy fiduciary responsibilities, we can help.

The Masters Group is headquartered in Ankeny, Iowa and is currently doing business in 16 states.

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Mercy Prairie Trail Family Medicine - Erin Zea

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Liberty Tax Service

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Liberty Tax Service opened its doors this past January. Just look for the waving Statue of Liberty on North Ankeny Blvd. Liberty Tax is a father/daughter operation. Shane Higgins and daughter, Shanna, who is a recent Loras College graduate, carry on the “Let's put the fun back into taxes” tradition that international Liberty Tax owner, John Hewitt, started.

“I looked at dozens of franchises and Liberty was one of fastest growing,” Shane explained. Entrepreneur magazine ranks Liberty Tax in their top Franchise 500 list and on the list of Fastest Growing Franchise Opportunities.

Liberty's mission statement says it all: Set the Standard. Improve Each Day. Have Some Fun. Liberty is unlike any other tax service. They embrace cutting-edge techniques such as their trendsetting guerrilla marketing program and advanced technology.

Approximately 60 percent of the 180 million taxpayers in the U.S. pay someone to prepare their tax return. That number increases every year due to the complexity of the tax code. Liberty Tax aggressively pursues those potential customers....while having fun.

2 For U Daycare

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2 For U Daycare is a family owned and run business located at 6950 NE 14th St, Suite 36-38 in Ankeny. We focus on making our children and staff feel like family, promote healthy learning and build relationships. We are very passionate about our jobs and take to heart the impact that we are able to make on young children's lives. We feel blessed to have that opportunity and that we are able to continue that by expanding our business to a Center.

We provide care for ages 6 weeks to pre-school age children. We are open Monday through Friday from 6:45 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Our philosophy is based off the Love and Logic viewpoint and we also teach by the Creative Curriculum guidelines. We strive to provide a positive, loving environment and make each and every child feel safe and grow their confidence to prepare them for the outside world.

Ribbon Cuttings



Forest Septic Tank Services
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Vintage Hills Retirement Community
Julie Waterman
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Apple Tree Children's Center
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Member Happenings



QA Graphics has promoted Diana Hall from Flash Developer to EEED Development Lead.



Ankeny Hy-Vee generously donated \$50,000 towards the Miracle League and All Inclusive Playground Project that is planned to be added to the northeast corner of Hawkeye Park. The ball field and playground is specially designed for children with special needs and with over 3,500 special needs children in central Iowa, the project will serve this unique population. The Ankeny Kiwanis Club, the City of Ankeny and other local businesses plan to raise \$1 million to construct a Miracle League Field and All Inclusive Playground Project.



QA Graphics has hired Matt Rittman as their newest 3D Designer.



QA Graphics has hired Matt Wolff as their new IT Support Specialist.



Want to celebrate a positive happening in your business?
Please submit items to
Lindsay Weyer, lweyer@ankeny.org

Chamber Facts!

What anniversary is the Chamber celebrating this year?

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

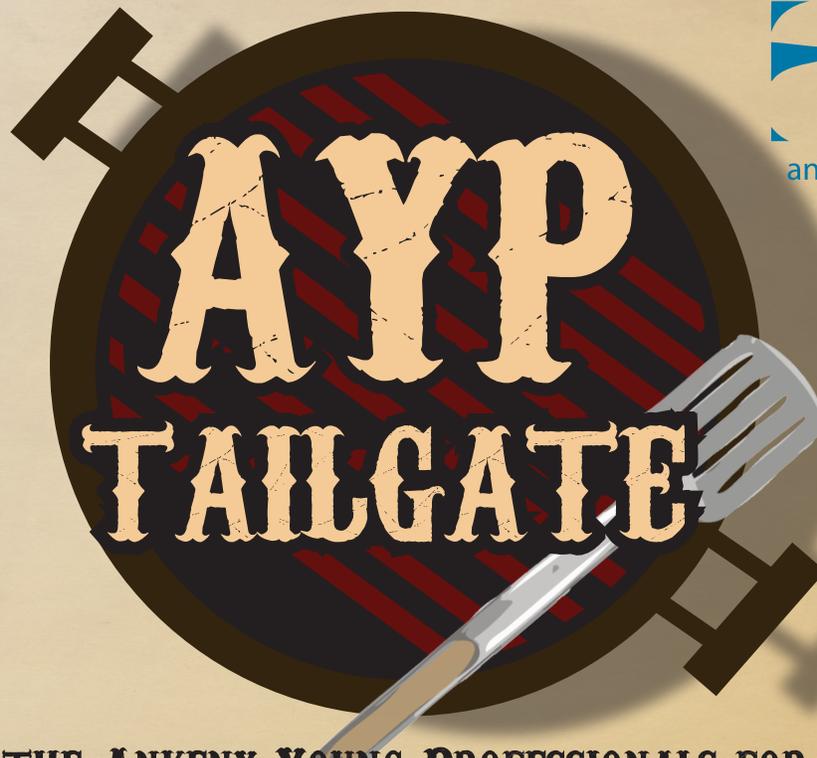
**Winners can pick up their movie passes at the Chamber Office, 210 S. Ankeny Blvd.
Answers and winners' names will be posted in next month's Chamber Action Newsletter.*

April's Chamber Facts

What business is hosting April's Business After Hours?

Answer: First National Bank, Ankeny

Winners: Amanda Mueller - Northwest Bank
Michael O'Connor - Mid Iowa Boy Scouts of America
April Woosley - Courtyard by Marriott, Ankeny
Amanda Day - Courtyard by Marriott, Ankeny
Lara Utter - Employee & Family Resources



JOIN THE ANKENY YOUNG PROFESSIONALS FOR THEIR
ANNUAL TAILGATE EVENT

FRIDAY, MAY 18

11:30 TO 1:00 PM @ CHAMBER PARKING LOT

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