

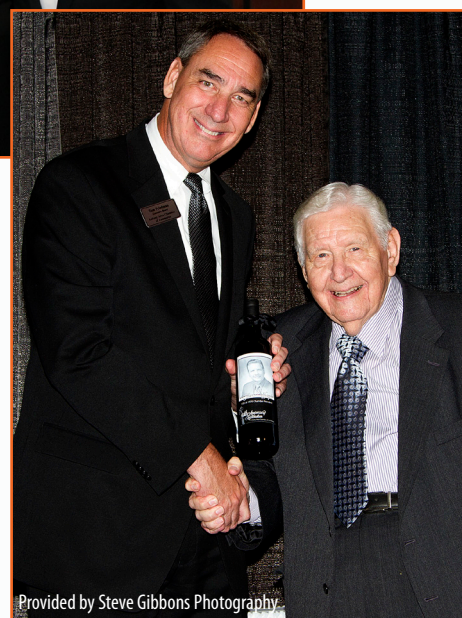
# CHAMBER *Action*

October 2012

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## 60th Anniversary Celebration



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## After Hours Social

October 4 @ 5 pm

Ankeny Golf & Country Club

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## Fall Chamber-Wide Costume Party!

October 25 @ 7 pm

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# MEET YOUR BOARD!



**Dirk Westercamp**  
**Woodruff Design**  
**Construction**

[dirkw@woodruffcompanies.com](mailto:dirkw@woodruffcompanies.com)

Dirk Westercamp, AIA, DBIA, LEED AP, President of Woodruff Design, is a registered architect in Iowa, South Dakota, Illinois, Minnesota, and Indiana. He holds a National Council of Architectural Registration certificate, has received his Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA) designation and is a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) accredited professional. Locally, Dirk is very active in his community by serving as the President Elect for Ankeny Rotary, and on a committee with the Ankeny Economic Development Corporation.

He is a part owner of Woodruff Construction, a mid-size general construction company, which is the sister company to Woodruff Design. Offices are located in Ames, Fort Dodge, and Iowa City. This has allowed a fully integrated solution for clients to receive design and construction services. In a past life Westercamp was a Reserve Police Officer, and now he and his wife Carol try to keep up with their three children and two yellow labs.

Keep track of what the Ankeny Area Chamber is up to on Facebook and Twitter!



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# CHAMBER CALENDAR

Mon, October 1

Noon Executive Board Meeting

Tue, October 2

Noon **Ribbon Cutting** - OHP Marketing Services  
- Chamber Office

Mon, October 8

11:45 am Board of Directors Meeting

Wed, October 10

Noon **Ribbon Cutting** - Optimal Health Family  
Chiropractic Center - 722 S. Ankeny Blvd., Ste 102

Thur, October 11

4:00 pm **Business After Hours** - US Bank - 306 S. Ankeny Blvd.

Mon, October 15

4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting** - GNC  
- 2005 S.E. Delaware Ave., Ste E

Tue, October 16

4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting** - Number 7 Brewing Co.  
- 302 S.W. Maple St.

Thur, October 18

8:00 am **Regional Breakfast** - Terrace Hill  
- 2300 Grand Ave., DSM

Fri, October 19

3:00 pm **Ambassador Social** - Montana Mikes

Tue, October 23

Noon **Ribbon Cutting** - BAB Sports - Chamber Office  
5:30 pm Board of Directors Retreat  
- Pinnacle Club, Otter Creek

Wed, October 24

11:30 am October Membership Luncheon  
- Pinnacle Club, Otter Creek Golf Course

Thur, October 25

4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting** - CJM Financial - 1014 S.E. Lorenz Dr.  
7:00 pm AYP Chamber-Wide Costume Party!  
- Ankeny Golf & Country Club

Mon, October 29

4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting** - Back to Wellness Chiropractic  
- 1517 N. Ankeny Blvd., Ste F

Wed, October 31

4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting** - Cherry Berry - 810 N. Ankeny Blvd.

Dates and Times are subject to change.

Check out [www.ankeny.org](http://www.ankeny.org) for the most up-to-date schedule and details.





# JOIN US!

## BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

# U.S. BANK

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11 4:00 - 6:00 PM

# Join Us

## Business After Hours

Thursday, October 11th  
4:00-6:00 pm



Jeanne Wagner, Branch Manager  
305 S. Ankeny Blvd.  
Ankeny, IA 50023  
515-964-8800

U.S. Bank invites the members of the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce to their Ankeny location for drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and door prizes. Please join us Thursday, October 11, 4-6 pm, for a great night of networking and enter for a chance to win gift cards from U.S. Bank, ISU Basketball Tickets, and other prizes. Please note Alcoholic beverages to be served from 5:00-6:00.

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## Business Spotlight

Our Mission is to be an innovative visual arts organization committed to providing superior art experiences that inspire, educate, and challenge all members of our community.

The Ankeny Art Center is a 501(c)(3) institution dedicated to educating the public through creative and unique curriculum about the visual arts located in one of the fastest growing suburbs in the state of Iowa. The Ankeny Art Center has been educating the public in the Ankeny and surrounding areas since 1981. In 2002, the Ankeny Art Center moved to its current city-owned location, the former John Deere Credit Union Building on Southwest Ordinance road in Ankeny, Iowa. This move was crucial to the art center, allowing the institution to expand programming, hold exhibitions and increase community awareness for the arts.

The Ankeny Art Center offers art classes at this location for all ages year round. In addition to classes, education at the Ankeny Art Center also hosts exhibitions located in their two gallery spaces. Exhibitions feature varied Iowa Artist and include a reception. Exhibits and receptions are free and available to everyone. Annually, the Ankeny Art Center also holds special exhibits and events. February through April is the local School Districts exhibit. This showcases art of student's grades kindergarten through twelfth. Every December through January the Ankeny Art Center hosts a gallery exhibit for its members and art lovers. November is the time for Santa's North Pole Village Craft Sale. Santa's is the Ankeny Art Center's largest fundraiser of the year which provides operational fund for not only the Ankeny Art Center, but other local non-profit groups in Ankeny.

The Ankeny Art Center is open Tuesday through Friday 9:00am-1:00pm, Thursday from 4:00pm-7:00pm and Saturday from 9:00am-12:00 pm.

**Ankeny  
Art  
Center**

**Ankeny Art Center**  
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# WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



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## GNC

AJ Brennecke  
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# WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



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## Bucket Media, Inc.

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## BAB Sports

Adam Bentz  
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(319) 325-1789

BAB Sports is independently owned and operated by Adam Bentz. The motto of the company is Fundraising, Promotion, and Performance. The company's primary function is to help sports teams and non-profit groups raise money through various fund raising vehicles. Popular fund raisers include sales of merchant discount cards, coupon books, and food items such as cookie dough. Donation campaigns are always successful too and require no selling! Coach Bentz has helped organizations raise nearly three-quarters of a million dollars the last 4 years. BAB Sports also promotes teams, organizations, and businesses by helping them with their clothing needs as well as other promotional items such as koozies, window clings etc. Lastly BAB Sports can help you reach your performance goals by offering a full line of Advocare products. Please contact Adam anytime regarding any of BAB Sports services at 319-325-1789 or by email : [coachbentz@babsports.com](mailto:coachbentz@babsports.com).



## John Landon

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# Ribbon Cuttings



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Beth VanZee

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## Children's Cancer Connection

Emily Fish

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## Xpedx

Bill Tell

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## Skeffington's Formal Wear / Boesen the Florist

Tom Boesen

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## Papa's Pizzeria

Shawn Comer

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## Great Western Bank

Brad Botos

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Members, enclosed in this newsletter you will find 3 important enclosures. The nomination forms for Small Business Person of the Year and Outstanding Citizen of the Year are due on December 14, 2012. Please take a minute to think of the leaders in our community and nominate them for this prestigious award. Also enclosed is the Official Ballot for the 2013 Board of Directors. Your vote counts.

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# COSTUME PARTY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

ANKENY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

7:00 - 10:00 PM

MUSIC, FREE BEER, KARAOKE,

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(BRING A DATE)

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COMMERCIAL CONCRETE

# Chamber Facts!

Who was our Emcee at the 60th Anniversary Celebration?

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.*

## September's Chamber Facts

What event is the Chamber holding on September 20?

Answer: 60th Anniversary Celebration

Winners: Amanda Petersen, 1st National Bank Ankeny  
Peter Strauss, RESET

Michael O'Connor, Mid Iowa Boy Scouts of America  
Amanda Mueller, Northwest Bank  
Larry Pedersen, Internet Solver

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# 2012 OUTSTANDING CITIZEN

## Nomination Form

Nominations are being accepted for the 2012 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 14, 2012**

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, IA 50021, or fax to 964-0487

The Outstanding Citizen of the Year will be presented at the  
**Chamber's Annual Dinner Celebration on February 7, 2013**

# 2012 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 7, 2013**

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

## NOMINATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 14, 2012

# **2013 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

- ☐ **Scot Johnson - Karl Chevrolet**
- ☐ **Calleen Katzer - Vernon Sales Promotion**
- ☐ **Amanda Petersen - 1st National Bank, Ankeny**
- ☐ **Todd Wehr - Shive-Hattery, Inc.**
- ☐ **Jeff Wright - Carr & Wright, P.L.C.**

**Write in:**

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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  
December 14, 2012**