

# CHAMBER Action

April 2014

210 S Ankeny Blvd  
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Thank you to all of our TRC  
volunteers who made this  
year's campaign a success!



We hit our goal!  
\$210,000!





# ankeny young professionals

## New Member Lunch

April 11 @ Noon  
Wig & Pen Pizza Pub

## After Hours Social

April 17 @ 5:00 pm  
On The Rocks  
Sponsored by Anytime Fitness

## Chamber Wide Luncheon

April 30 @ 11:30 am  
Ankeny Golf & Country Club  
Sponsored by Simpson College  
Continuing and Graduate Programs  
Register at [www.ankeny.org](http://www.ankeny.org)

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# MEET YOUR BOARD!



**Scot Johnson**

**Karl Chevrolet**

[scot.johnson@karlchevrolet.com](mailto:scot.johnson@karlchevrolet.com)

Scot Johnson resides in the Prairie Trail development (Ankeny) and is the Marketing Director for Karl Chevrolet, one of the largest GM dealerships in the country. In addition to being responsible for advertising, business development, events and activities for Karl Chevrolet, Scot enjoys the opportunity to work closely with local and national charities and organizations as part of his responsibilities.

A Dowling graduate, Scot is familiar with the growth of the community as his father opened a business in Ankeny in 1979. Scot moved to Ankeny after graduating from the University of Iowa where he earned his business degree and was a member of the U of I golf team.

Scot and his wife, Lindsay, have lived in Ankeny since 1997. Much of their free time is focused on their two boys, Hunter and Carson. Scot enjoys playing golf at Briarwood with family and friends, coaching for Jake Sullivan and the Kingdom Hoops basketball program as well as teaching Sunday school at the AFUMC CLC location.

# CHAMBER CALENDAR

Mon, April 7

Noon Executive Board Meeting - Chamber Board Room

Wed, April 9

11:00 am **Ambassador Meeting** - Chamber Office  
11:30 am **New Member Networking Social** - Chamber Office

Thur, April 10

4:00 pm **Business After Hours** - 1st National Bank, Ankeny  
- 1205 N. Ankeny Blvd.

Fri, April 11

Noon **Ribbon Cutting** - Cory Family Farm  
- 10941 N.E. 56th St., Elkhart

Sat, April 12

9:00 am Legislative Coffee - Neveln Center

Mon, April 14

11:45 am Board of Directors Meeting - Chamber Office

Wed, April 16

Noon **Ribbon Cutting** - Thunderhead Sports Bar & Grill  
- 1325 S.W. Oralabor Rd.

Thur, April 17

Noon **Ribbon Cutting** - Creative Meetings & Events  
- Chamber Office

Tue, April 22

Noon **Ribbon Cutting** - Gliha Home Inspection  
& Radon Testing - Chamber Office

Thur, April 24

4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting** - Edward Jones Investments  
- Terry Peter - 2005 S. Ankeny Blvd., Ste 500

Tue, April 29

Noon **Ribbon Cutting** - Creatively Simple Marketing -  
Chamber Office

Wed, April 30

11:30 am AYP ChamberWide Luncheon  
- Ankeny Golf & Country Club

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**

**1ST NATIONAL BANK, ANKENY**

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

You are invited to our eighth annual  
"Savor Ankeny"

Come and enjoy culinary delights from your favorite  
Ankeny Restaurants.

Appetizers provided by:

Cazadors, Courtyard by Marriott, Jade Garden,  
Jethro's BBQ n' LakeHouse, Leaning Tower of Pizza  
and Wig & Pen Pizza Pub.

Refreshments and desserts provided by Hy-Vee.



**1st National Bank, Ankeny**

Tom Friedman  
1205 N. Ankeny Blvd.  
Ankeny, IA 50023  
(515) 965-3969  
[www.fnbares.com](http://www.fnbares.com)

## Business Spotlight

The Soil Kitchen has developed a system of blending soil amendments into a custom mix to meet each individual's horticultural needs. We use an ever-growing list of natural products each chosen for their ability to condition soil, supply essential nutrients for plants, or increase biological diversity of the soil. It all begins with a soil test. Bring us in a soil sample, and based upon our findings we will customize a mix just for your lawn or garden. We will replenish the lacking nutrients, increase the soils ability to effectively utilize water, help you fine tune the pH and restore the natural balance of the life in the soil.



**The Soil Kitchen**

Colleen Lees  
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# WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

## **The Stone Shop**

Chad Briles  
751 N.E. Broadway Ave., Ste B  
Des Moines, IA 50313  
(515) 257-6265  
[www.thestonestop.com](http://www.thestonestop.com)

# THE STONE SHOP

The Stone Shop in Des Moines, Iowa is family owned and operated, giving homeowners and builders another alternative to shopping for granite, quartz and natural stone at the big box stores. The Stone Shop has over 80 years of combined experience in the granite, quartz and stone business. Call today to upgrade your kitchen or bathroom. 515-257-6265.

## **Cory Family Farm, Inc.**

Mary Cory  
10941 N.E. 56th St.  
Elkhart, IA 50073  
(515) 367-2000  
[www.coryfamilyfarm.com](http://www.coryfamilyfarm.com)



**Cory Family Farm**  
*It begins with the soil.*

Cory Family Farm is a multi-generational farm producing grass-fed meats and poultry products without any antibiotics. No antibiotics are fed and no added growth hormones are used. Our motto, "It begins with the soil," signifies our philosophy that by encouraging the biological activity in soil, a gourmet salad bar of greens will be available for our animals to consume. A nutrient-dense meat product will be produced and this will be an integral part of an individual's or a family's wellness plan. High quality, nutrient-dense, local food is one tool that is essential to overall health and wellness. Cory Family Farm offers FREE home delivery to the Ankeny and Des Moines metro area weekly. Visit our website and sign up for our farm newsletter. Our next public open house will be held April 26.



## **RE/MAX Real Estate Concepts**

### **- Maria Landmesser**

Maria Landmesser  
3602 N.E. Otterview Cir., Ste B  
Ankeny, IA 50021  
(515) 636-5401  
[www.marialandmesser.com](http://www.marialandmesser.com)



## **NAI Optimum - Jeremy Spillman**

Jeremy Spillman  
1701 48th St., Ste 111  
West Des Moines, IA 50266  
(515) 273-9424  
[www.naioptimum.com](http://www.naioptimum.com)



## **Coldwell Banker Mid America Group - Lisa Schoening**

Lisa Schoening  
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Ankeny, IA 50023  
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## **MassMutual Iowa**

Andrea Lucas  
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Contact us for additional information for help in preparing for your financial future with one of our knowledgeable associates at (515) 223-6277 or [MeganFulton@FinancialGuide.com](mailto:MeganFulton@FinancialGuide.com).

# WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



## **Noodles & Company**

Tom Powers  
2325 S.E. Delaware Ave.  
Ankeny, IA 50021  
(515) 965-4419  
[www.noodles.com/locations/540](http://www.noodles.com/locations/540)

Noodles & Company, serving classic noodle and pasta dishes from around the world, opened a new location in Ankeny, IA (2325 SE Delaware Ave.) on Monday, March 24.

The 2,575 square-foot Ankeny Noodles & Company, which has seating for 67 guests inside the dining room and 26 guests on the outside patio, will be the 11th location to open in the state of Iowa. Local fans are also encouraged to join the Ankeny Noodlegram e-club. Noodlegram members receive news, offers and exclusive information on grand openings, VIP events, seasonal specialties, giveaways and more. For more information on Noodles & Company, please visit [www.noodles.com](http://www.noodles.com) or check us out on Facebook and Twitter.



## **The Iowa Clinic - Dr. Melissa Ehm Pote**

Dr. Melissa Ehm Pote  
1410 SW Tradition Dr., Ste 120  
Ankeny, IA 50023  
(515) 875-9040  
[www.iowaclinic.com](http://www.iowaclinic.com)



## **Century 21 Signature Real Estate**

### **- Jeremy Kasperbauer**

Jeremy Kasperbauer  
1705 N. Ankeny Blvd.  
Ankeny, IA 50023  
(715) 254-7577  
[www.kasperbauerhomes.com](http://www.kasperbauerhomes.com)

## **On The Rocks**

Lisa Lepley  
1810 S.W. White Birch Cir.,  
Ste 114  
Ankeny, IA 50023  
(515) 964-1012



On The Rocks Eatery and Spirits is located just south of the new Hy-Vee in Ankeny, and is locally owned and operated.

We have made many changes to the interior of the building, and have split the restaurant into two distinct areas. We now offer restaurant dining and bar area seating. On The Rocks provides a different menu previously seen in Ankeny, including many healthy and gluten free options. The dining area has room for large and small parties with our twenty-five tables and booths. We also have, available to our customers, a party room that can seat over thirty people comfortably, and a bar area that has a unique bench seating option, that is very popular. Our daily food and drink specials attract old and new customers alike. We have a full bar with 14 beers on tap and 8 more to come. For the wine aficionado, we have an attractive wine list that can be ordered by the bottle or glass. So whether, you have come to enjoy dinner with your family or after-work cocktails and tapas with your friends On The Rocks will have something to offer everyone.

We are very excited to be a part of the Ankeny community and the Chamber of Commerce. We plan to bring dining and entertainment options not previously available in Ankeny, while continuing to evolve and change to meet the needs of our existing customers and the customers we have yet to meet.

## **American Heart Association**



Heather Shmidt  
1111 9th St., Ste 280  
Des Moines, IA 50314  
(515) 246-4567  
[www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org)

The American Heart Association is the nation's oldest and largest voluntary health organization dedicated to building healthier lives, free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke. To help prevent, treat and defeat these diseases – our number one and number four killers – we are investing more than \$4.4 million in Iowa to fund local research, education and advocacy efforts aimed at improving cardiovascular health and reducing deaths from cardiovascular diseases and stroke right here in our community.



# Member Happenings



Slash Web Studios hired  
Caleb Herman as a  
Programmer/Developer!



Slash Web Studios hired  
Maggie Schoonover as a  
Project Manager!



Slash Web Studios hired  
Zach Ellsbury as an  
Application Engineer!



Slash Web  
Studios hired  
Justin Cateron  
as a  
Programmer/  
Developer!



Slash Web  
Studios hired  
Tim Chapion  
as a  
Database  
Architect!



TNT  
Landscaping  
and Hawgeyes  
Barbecue has  
hired  
Michael Forret  
as a Landscape  
Designer!

# Ribbon Cuttings



## On The Rocks

Lisa Lepley

1810 S.W. White Birch Cir., Ste 114, Ankeny, IA 50023, (515) 964-1012



## Happe Homes LLP

Jake Happe

2575 N. Ankeny Blvd., Ste 211, Ankeny, IA 50021, (515) 963-0842

[www.happehomes.com](http://www.happehomes.com)



## TASTEBUD TUESDAYS!

Moeller Engineering was our March recipient of Tastebud Tuesdays!

Lunch was provided by The Yankee Clipper!

Thank you to our Presenting Sponsor:

First National Bank, Ankeny!



## Chamber Facts!

What date is the AYP ChamberWide Luncheon being held?

Email [lweyer@ankeny.org](mailto:lweyer@ankeny.org) with the correct answer and be entered to win 2 movie passes to Springwood 9 Theater!

*\*Winners names' will be drawn the day after the newsletter is sent out. 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.*

### March's Chamber Facts

Where is the Chamber hosting a trip to in October 2014?

*Answer: Cuba*

Winners: Cheryl Jass, Courtyard by Marriott, Ankeny

Julie Delanoit, Huntington Learning Center

Peter Strauss, Reset

Rick Hermann

Ronda Ceynar, Oral Surgeons, P.C.



# Spring Chamber Wide Luncheon

Hosted by Ankeny Young Professionals

featuring

## Lori Day

President, FocustFirst Inc.

**"Communications Strategies and Skills that Transcend Generational Differences and Produce Career Advantages"**

It is more important than technical skills, intelligence, or business savvy. If a leader cannot communicate effectively, s/he cannot be a successful leader. The individual who cannot communicate effectively cannot successfully lead.

Join Us

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Ankeny Golf & Country Club

11:30 - 1:00 pm

Cost is \$20

Register online at [www.ankeny.org](http://www.ankeny.org)

**All Chamber members and their staff are invited to attend this event!**



Thank you to our Presenting Sponsor!

Simpson College Continuing and Graduate Programs

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A photograph of a modern interior space featuring a large, ornate chandelier, a white staircase with a glass railing, and several windows with white frames.

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