

# CHAMBER Action

December 2014

210 S Ankeny Blvd  
Ankeny, IA 50023  
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# ankeney young professionals

## After Hours Mixer

December 4 @ 4:30 pm

Cabaret

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## AYP Holiday Party

December 18 @ 6 pm

Slash Web Studios

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## Annual KickOff Celebration

January 15 @ 6 pm

Ankeny Golf & Country Club

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# CHAMBER CALENDAR

Tue, December 2

Noon **Ribbon Cutting/Grand Opening** - Wendy's  
- 2421 S.E. Delaware Ave.

Wed, December 3

Noon Executive Board Meeting - Chamber Office

4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting** - phClean  
- 114 Washington Ave., Ames

Thur, December 4

11:00 am Christmas Luncheon -  
First United Methodist Church Christian Life Center  
- 710 Northeast 36th St.

Mon, December 8

11:45 am Board of Directors Meeting - Chamber  
Office

4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting** - Sunny Day Cafe  
- 647 S. Ankeny Blvd.

Tue, December 9

4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting** - CW Cuts  
- 300 Walnut Street, Ste 240, Des Moines

Wed, December 10

11:00 am **Ambassador Meeting** - Sunny Day Cafe  
- 647 S. Ankeny Blvd.

Thur, December 11

4:00 pm **Business After Hours** - Shive-Hattery, Inc.  
- 4125 Westown Pkwy., West Des Moines

Tue, December 16

Noon **Ribbon Cutting** - CarX - 2105 S. Ankeny Blvd.

**December 24, 2014 - January 1, 2015**

**Chamber Office Closed**

**Chamber Office will re-open on January 2, 2015**

Dates and Times are subject to change.  
Check out [www.ankeney.org](http://www.ankeney.org) for the most up-to-date schedule and details.

## MEET YOUR BOARD!



**Lydia Hornung**  
Executive Board

*John Deere*

*Des Moines Works*

[hornunglydiak@johndeere.com](mailto:hornunglydiak@johndeere.com)

Lydia has worked in four different divisions over her eight years with John Deere and currently manages the employee communications department at John Deere Des Moines Works in Ankeny. Her job responsibilities include helping employees understand and engage in the strategy, assisting leadership in developing and deploying high priority communications, and working with local organizations to ensure John Deere's philanthropic efforts are being met in this community.

A transplant from the suburbs of Chicago, Lydia attended Iowa State University on a swim scholarship and majored in Marketing. She completed her MBA from the University of Iowa in 2013.

Lydia and her husband, Brian, reside in Polk City and spend much of their time watching their one year old daughter Harper grow. In her free time, she enjoys swimming and cheering on her Chicago sports teams – Bears, Cubs, Bulls, and Blackhawks.

Lydia truly appreciates the opportunity to be involved with the Chamber and to serve on the Executive Board. She continues to focus on finding new and innovative ways for members to grow their business and their networks.

# JOIN US!

## BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

# SHIVE-HATTERY, INC.

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

**Shive-Hattery, Inc.**

Mike Kammerer

4125 Westown Pkwy, Ste 100

West Des Moines, IA 50266

(515) 223-8104

[www.shive-hattery.com](http://www.shive-hattery.com)



### Regional Business After Hours

## Shive-Hattery

4125 Westown Parkway, West Des Moines, IA

Thursday, December 11  
4-6 p.m.

Join us for networking, hors d'oeuvres, and beverages!



# TRC 2015

Total Resource Campaign

**Volunteers  
Wanted!**

The Ankeny Chamber of Commerce's Total Resource Campaign will be kicking off in January 2015!

Taking part in TRC is a great way to boost business development!

Contact the Chamber to learn more and get involved!

Training will be Wednesday, January 14 at the Chamber Office.

# WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

## Lifestyle Flooring

Chris Friest

1605 S.E. Delaware Ave., Ste 5

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## Freedom Home Health Care

Diana Taylor

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Our passion is to deliver home health services that include Nursing, Physical / Occupational / Speech Therapy, Home Health Aide and Homemakers to consumers in the comfort of their own home. And out of hospitals and nursing facilities as long as possible. As a mother of a child with a physical disability, I know firsthand how important these services are to our consumers. Freedom Home Health Care is owned by a small town Iowa girl who values service, trust, and peace of mind.

I named this agency "Freedom Home Health Care" to offer choice and the Freedom for consumers to stay in his/her own home and offer guidance and support to make that happen. This is my opportunity to give back to my community who supported my family and gave me the freedom to raise my child in his own home.



## Allstate - Emerald Agency, LLC

Doug Mechaelsen

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Here at Emerald Agency, LLC an Allstate Company, we are extremely excited for this new opportunity in the city of Ankeny. I'm very proud to work with Allstate, a company who has been serving and satisfying customers for over 80 years. The insurance companies owned by Allstate maintain high ethical standards for advertising, sales, and service in the property, casualty, and life insurance marketplace with a strong commitment to honesty, fairness and integrity.

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## Mercy Briarwood

### Medical Clinic

Susan Schrader

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Mercy Briarwood Medical Clinic offers a wide range of family practice medical services including physical examinations, routine health screenings, immunizations and treatment of occasional and on-going illnesses. The experienced medical professionals are dedicated to providing the best possible experience and outcome for their patients, providing quality care while making a personal connection with their patients.

Providers: Shannon Hood, D.O. and Brandon Mitchell, PA-C





# Smitten for Mittens

The Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce is collecting new mittens to be distributed to those in need this holiday season.

For every pair of new mittens donated, your business will be entered to win free lunch in 2015 as part of the Chamber's Tastebud Tuesday program!

Donations will be taken until January 5, 2015.

## CHAMBER OFFICE CLOSED

The Chamber Office will be closed from

**December 24 - January 1, 2015.**

Reopening on January 2, 2015.

# EXPERT OFFICE HOURS

Office Hours is a new endeavor being offered by the Ankeny Chamber in 2014. This service allows current chamber members the opportunity to meet with local business professionals on an individual basis, providing a private platform to ask direct questions specific to their business needs. The Business Climate Committee worked as a group to identify common issues that many small businesses struggle with today. Topics for the first Office Hours installment included: managing your online marketing presence, the importance of having an effective sales strategy, retirement planning, and the do's and don'ts of employee drug screening. Working in a collaborative effort to get this concept off the ground, the Business Climate Committee and Economic Development Committee identified ideal businesses that could benefit from these topics. Email campaigns and personal phone calls were done to help communicate this message with Chamber members. The initial response from both Chamber members and those that volunteered their time to help small businesses has been tremendous. There is a proven need within our business community for a program like this, and the support of Chamber members shows how strong we are when working together. New dates for 2015 Office Hours will be announced soon. Anyone interested in participating in this great opportunity may contact Lindsay Weyer at the Ankeny Chamber office.



## TASTEBUD TUESDAYS!

Styles 109 was our November recipient of Tastebud Tuesdays! Lunch was provided by Kippy's Place! Thank you to our Presenting Sponsor:  
First National Bank, Ankeny!



## Chamber Facts!

Who is our 2015 Chamber President?

Email [lweyer@ankeny.org](mailto:lweyer@ankeny.org) with the correct answer and be entered to win two 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.*

### November's Chamber Facts

When is the Christmas Luncheon

**Answer: December 4**

Winners: Amanda Mueller, Northwest Bank

Wanda Lienemann, Vital Signs Display Graphics

Becky Armstrong, Simpson College Continuing and Graduate Programs



# Ribbon Cuttings



## **Knockouts**

Amanda Lappin

2310 S.E. Delaware Ave., Ste D, Ankeny, IA 50021, (515) 720-9867  
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## **Mercy Briarwood Medical Clinic**

Susan Schrader

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## **Central Iowa Vapors**

Ashley Lambson

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## **Lifestyle Flooring**

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## **Freedom Home Health Care**

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## **Simpson College Continuing and Graduate Programs**

Craig Peck

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## **My Learning Safari, LLC**

Rhoda Harris

3004 N.W. 18th Street, Ankeny, IA 50021, (515) 321-3603  
www.mylearningsafari.com



# Christmas Luncheon

Presented By



NORTHWEST BANK

Thursday, December 4  
11:00 - 1:00 PM

Lunch Served: 11:00 - 12:30 pm

Ankeny First United Methodist Church  
Christian Life Center

-710 Northeast 36th Street-

Tickets - \$20

Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Tickets may be purchased at the Ankeny Chamber Office, 210 S. Ankeny Blvd.

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