

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ugly Sweater Party**



**When:** December 2, 2011, starting at 6:00 p.m.

**Where:** South Main Events, Monticello, IA.

**Who:** Ignite members and prospective members.

**Why:** Because you know you want to. And who wouldn't want to look like this guy.

**What to Bring:** One covered dish, a Christmas present for a needy child in Jones County, and your choice of beverage. Also wear an ugly sweater!

Go to this link to help coordinate food:

<http://www.jotmedown.org/515>

This would be a great Ignite event to invite prospective members to. So if someone had been on your mind, please bring them along.

## **Announcing Regular Business Meetings**

The Ignite X-Board has decided to start providing regular business meetings for all Ignite members. The purpose of these meetings will be to keep our members informed of the great things Ignite is doing and how each member can plug in. It will also provide a regular and formal time and place for prospective members to come and see what Ignite is all about.

These meetings will take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at noon at the Pizza Ranch in Monticello. The first meeting will be held on **January 19<sup>th</sup> at noon**.

## **WWW Run in Review**

The Inaugural Wapsi Wilderness Wipeout (WWW), presented by Jones Regional Medical Center, was held on October 16, 2011 at Wapsipinicon State Park



in Anamosa. 65 runners traversed the 6k course on a beautiful fall day.

Overall champions were Russell Nieman of Peosta (male) and Amy Marshall of Lisbon (female).

Additional photos are also available for viewing on our facebook page.

The success of our race was made possible by our dedicated volunteers and generous sponsors. Thank you for supporting Ignite and our communities!

Sponsors:

**Race Presented by Jones Regional Medical Center**  
**Wal-Mart**  
**Wapsipinicon State Park**  
**Culligan Water**  
**Ignite**  
**J&P Cycles**  
**F&M Bank**  
**Anamosa Area Ambulance Service**

## **Mon Maq Dam Informational Meeting**

On January 18<sup>th</sup>, Larry Gullet and guests will speak to Ignite members about possible opportunities involving the Mon Maq Dam. Some exciting things are on the table, and we encourage all Ignite members to come and listen and assist in leading our County forward.

## Ignite Member Spotlight

### Brian Cassidy

**Occupation:** Property and Liability Insurance Agent for the Friedman Group

**Education:** BA- Education (UNI)/ MA -Athletic Administration (Loras College)



**Random Fact:** I was the captain of Monticello High School's 1st State Championship Team (1998 Men's Track and Field)

**Why Ignite?** Ignite encompasses many of the passions and ideals in which I believe. As a young professional, it is important to build relationships that will allow opportunity to learn from others who are going through the building states of their lives and career.

**Why Jones County?** Although I live less than 10 miles outside of the Jones County border, I grew up in Monticello and still have strong ties to the Jones County Area. Professionally, our agency has had a long tradition of working with many businesses in the Monticello and Jones County area. Since commercial insurance can be more difficult to provide appropriate comprehensive knowledge, resources, price and services; many Jones County Area businesses look to our agency to provide protection.

**Favorite thing to do in Jones County?** My favorite thing to do in Jones County would be to visit my sister Stacy and her family in Onslow. Outside of that, this may sound odd, but playing the Wapsie Golf course in Anamosa. Unlike most courses where you can grip and rip it, it is a challenge that requires a lot of thought, skill, luck, and sometimes a hard hat.

## Ignite Supporting Schools!

Ignite had another great turn out for Career Day at the Monticello High School. Ignite members got to spend the morning talking to high school juniors and seniors about career paths and opportunities in Jones County.



## Committee Updates:

**Community Development:** We had two great turnouts for Movies in the Park. Our last one was held on the Monticello football field, where we showed the movie Cars. Thank you to our sponsors: **STEPHEN MOTORS, ITS, RICK MEYER - STATE FARM INSURANCE, ALL SEASONS AUTO BODY REPAIR and WELTER STORAGE.** We hope to do this again, so stay tuned.

**Professional Development:** In February Ignite plans to host a county wide professional development seminar. Stay tuned as more details get ironed out. It will be huge!

**Membership/Marketing:** Ignite is always looking for new and exciting ways to market itself. If you, or your business, want to partner with Ignite in some way, please let us know, we would love to hear your thoughts. We are also always looking for new prospective members. Please encourage anyone and everyone to learn more about Ignite. All ages and all professions are welcome to become members.

## Become a Fan on Facebook!

Don't forget we are on facebook. Help connect Jones County!



## **Corporate Sponsors**

Over the last few years, Ignite has partnered with more and more businesses in Jones County. Here is a running list of partners:

**ITS**  
**F&M Bank**  
**Rick Meyer Insurance Agency**  
**Bennett Machine and Fabricating**  
**Monticello Express**  
**Midwest Transfer**  
**Jones Regional Medical Center**  
**Stone City General Store**  
**Friedman Insurance Inc**  
**J & P Cycles**  
**Feldmann's Yard N' Garden**  
**Fidelity Bank & Trust**  
**Legacy Lanes**  
**Maquoketa Valley Electric Cooperative**  
**Ohnward Bank & Trust**  
**Walmart**  
**BTS Lumber**  
**Pharmacy Care Centre**  
**Russell & Russell Insurance**  
**Citizens Savings Bank**  
**Grant Wood Area Abstract**  
**HCH Real Estate**

Thank you to everyone for joining together and helping Jones County to CONNECT, LEARN and LIVE. If you want more information about how to become a corporate sponsor, please email Kris Gobeli at [kgobeli@bankfidelity.com](mailto:kgobeli@bankfidelity.com).

## **What is Ignite?**

### **Connect**

Relationships are essential in life. Ignite recognizes this and desires to bring young professionals together throughout Jones County to connect and build relationships. These relationships can be both social and professional. These relationships will in turn lead to a better, stronger Jones County.

### **Learn**

As much as we want to be, we are not perfect. All of us can improve and should strive to improve in everything we do; enhancing our skills and abilities benefit ourselves and those around us. Ignite believes that professional development is crucial in today's world and therefore Ignite wants to provide a number of opportunities to assist in reaching our full potential.

### **Live**

All of us are interested in Ignite because we either live here or work here. It would only make sense that we want our surroundings to be the best they can be. Ignite desires to bring together people in Jones County to make a difference in the community. The living component emphasizes the civic responsibility to improve your community.

## **Ignite Executive Committee**

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