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## Sigler CEO honored as Chamber's business person of year

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The Ames Chamber of Commerce has bestowed its annual awards on an executive with one of the city's oldest employers, an entrepreneur who is franchising her business after only four years, and a local investment professional.

Honored at a press conference this morning were:

- Ron McMillen, CEO of Sigler Companies, the Chamber's business person of the year.
- Sally Elbert, owner of Ville Day Spa, entrepreneur of the year.
- Austin Woodin, Edward Jones Investments, community involvement award.

Winners were recognized at a press conference held at 11 a.m. today at the Chamber offices, 1601 Golden Aspen Drive.

Along with the three individual awards, the Ames Economic Development Commission recognized four local companies with "economic impact" awards.

AgLeader Technology, Colorbiotics, GlobalVetLink and Sauer-Danfoss were recognized for business growth and job creation in the community.

Awards were announced on the occasion of the Chamber and AEDC's annual event, a dinner, reception and evening of entertainment tonight at the Scheman Building at Iowa State University.

McMillen was honored for helping create one-stop printing, communications and creative opportunities for clients throughout the country at Sigler Companies, which was founded in Ames in 1958.

Elbert was cited for developing her business into a thriving enterprise with nine licensed employees, and for launching an effort to franchise her operation in Iowa.

Woodin was praised for his service with Young Professionals of Ames, the "Read With Me" outreach to area children, United Way, Story County Cyclone Club and Youth and Shelter Services.

Accepting the AEDC awards were AgLeader President Al Myers, Colorbiotics marketing manager Kent Rotert, Global VetLink president and founder Kevin Maher, and Sauer-Danfoss human resources director Matt Bendler and sales specialist Daryl Vegge.

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