

# Andover Cinema

## Locally owned, locally connected



## Andover Cinema is a great place to see a movie

When you walk into a large corporate theater, you may happen to see the manager, but chances are you will not see the owner.

At Andover Cinema, co-owners Clayton Kearns and Shane Maxwell can be found walking the floor, keeping up with their business.

“The difference between us and a larger theater is that we’re individually owned. We’re locally owned. Shane and I both live around here, so there’s not some big corporate structure. It’s me and Shane,” Kearns said.

Kearns said this means they really get to know their regular customers. Some of the theater employees have siblings that have worked at the theater so the staff is like a family.

The co-owners use the theater to not only help their bottom line, but to help the community.

On four Saturdays between Christmas and Thanksgiving, the theater lets kids watch a movie for free as long as they bring in a donation for the Anoka County Brotherhood Council (ACBC) Food Shelf in Anoka. On one Saturday, there were about 600 people, so they opened up a couple more screens beyond what they planned for to get everybody in.

This past holiday season, the theater in this joint fundraiser with the Andover Lions Club raised over 2,000 pounds of food for the ACBC Food Shelf.

“We really do pride ourselves as being a community theater and helping to give back because there is only one Andover Cinema,” Kearns said.

They knew the theater well even before they bought it in March 2008. When Kearns was attending Blaine High School and Maxwell was attending Anoka High School they both worked at the theater.

Within a year, film projectors in all 10 theaters will be replaced by digital projectors that will deliver a much crisper picture and movie experience.

The sound quality of movies continues to improve, Maxwell said, and Andover Cinema customers can experience improvement thanks to DTS sound systems in all the theaters.

Kearns and Maxwell want to draw more customers in to experience the theater. They understand that people are struggling financially so each Tuesday, Andover Cinema offers a “recession special.” Whether you are going to an afternoon matinee or an evening showing, the cost is only \$5 per adult or child.

The regular price is \$6 for children, senior citizens or adults going to a matinee and \$8 for adults after 6 p.m.

Andover Cinema offers special rates for groups of 25 or more.

Corporate gift certificates are sold in a book of 25 \$10 gift certificates.

The businesses buying these gift certificate books are offered a discount of five to 10 percent off. One of those customers is the Anoka-Hennepin Education Foundation, which buys discounted tickets at the beginning of each school year.

Regular gift certificates sold in \$5 increments are also available at the box office at Andover Cinema or by mail.

A birthday party is a special occasion for a child. For only \$25, their parents can rent a party room for three hours. To spice up the room, decorations and balloons are \$15. There is also a huge variety of video games for added fun.

The movie ticket, pop and popcorn is only \$8 and best of all, the birthday child gets this for free.

The party room is available for any other special occasion whether for a corporate, friends or family gathering.

This year will be very special for the theater because it is celebrating its 10th anniversary. Specifics still need to be finalized, but Kearns and Maxwell hope to have a party with pony rides, a band and food on or near the anniversary date of May 12.

Andover Cinema is located on Bunker Lake Blvd. across from Andover Lanes. For movie hotline call: 763-754-3000. For Business office call: 763-767-8401.



Guests wanting a unique and fun experience at Andover Cinema can rent out a party room for three hours for only \$25. The room is perfect for birthday parties before or after the group watches a movie.



There are plenty of tasty treats to choose from at the concession stand at Andover Cinema.

### KID COMBO PACKS

available for \$4.25 includes:  
popcorn, drink & candy choice.



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