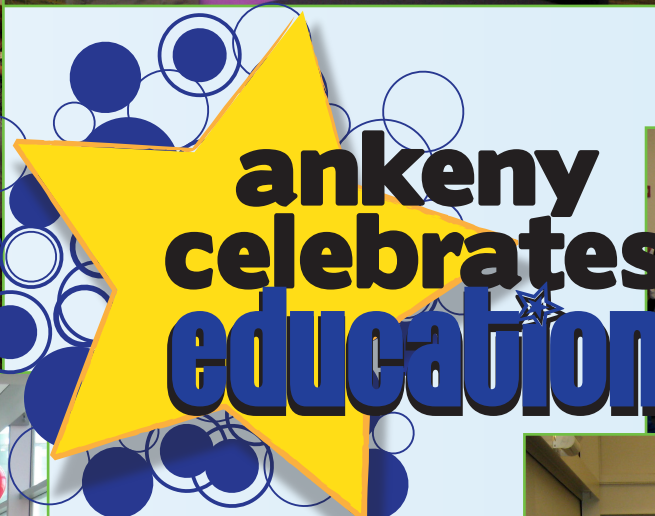


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June 2011

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## After Hours Social

June 16 @ 5 pm

Ankeny Golf & Country Club

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## Lunch & Learn

July 19 @ Noon

John Deere Des Moines Works

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## After Hours Social

August 4 @ 5 pm

Noodle Zoo

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## Business Spotlight



In today's real estate market the competition for homes is strong and the choices are plentiful. People buying homes today are informed, savvy and have access to more information than ever before. Many of these resources are right at their fingertips. Sellers need a real estate professional who can get their home noticed. Statistics show that over 90 percent of home buyers initiate their search online. It's amazing to see listings with only a few photos, poor quality photos or no photos at all, and yes some listings have no photos online promoting the property. Having a partner like Coldwell Banker to assist clients is a real asset. My background is marketing and sales with a keen eye for attention to detail; my marketing techniques really make a home pop. Additionally I enjoy keeping up on our wonderful city and promoting it to clients. We have new neighborhood parks, walking/bike paths, a new water park, new businesses, and a strong commitment to education with new schools all improving Ankeny. Sometimes seemingly little things like a new street coming through, a new interchange being added, a new water tower or a new dog park can impact a client's home buying decision. Staying informed and sharing these with clients quickly earns trust and builds confidence. If you are moving into the Ankeny area contact me and ask about my Ankeny info booklet.



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## MEET YOUR BOARD!



**Jennifer Walter**  
*Walnut Street Gallery*

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July will mark four years that Chamber Board Director Jen Walter and her husband Dave have owned Walnut Street Gallery in Uptown Ankeny. Jen has worked at Walnut Street Gallery for over 10 years, and has worked to become actively involved in the Ankeny Business community during her time as a small local business owner. Jen is the mother of two boys who attend Crocker Elementary School. She maintains a busy schedule between managing the Gallery, cheering on her boys at Ankeny Little League games, attending Chamber functions, member in Rotary Club, remaining actively involved in her local church, and in her "free" time she has become addicted to biking on the new "High Trestle Trail!"

Jen feels that her membership in the Ankeny Chamber of Commerce has played a vital part in the continued success she has found as a small business owner in Ankeny, and because of her belief in the Chamber she is thrilled with the opportunity to represent small business owners by serving on the Chamber Board of Directors. Jen invites you to stop by Walnut Street Gallery any time, or feel free to call her with any questions regarding her experience as a business owner in Ankeny, or in regards to her experience with the Ankeny Chamber, and opportunities where you too can get involved.

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# Join Us!

## BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

### Walnut Street Gallery

THURSDAY, JUNE 9 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Walnut Street Gallery Presents "Art Night on Walnut Street," a Business After Hours special event Thursday June 9th, from 4 - 6pm. Walnut Street Gallery is looking forward to presenting you with an enjoyable evening including live music, delicious appetizers by Ranallo's on 3rd, amazing door prizes, and the opportunity to meet a variety of Local Artists who will be displaying their work along Walnut Street in front of the Gallery. Walnut Street Gallery has been a local tradition in uptown Ankeny for almost 29 years, and continues to provide Ankeny with quality Custom Framing, wonderful customer service, and a wide selection of beautiful framed artwork from both nationally known artists and a growing number of local artists. Be sure to mark June 9th from 4-6 pm on your calendar and bring a friend to this one of a kind Business After Hours at Walnut Street Gallery!

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### Walnut Street Gallery

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# CHAMBER CALENDAR

**Mon, June 6**

Noon **Executive Board Mtg**

**Tue, June 7**

Noon **Ribbon Cutting - Sprint**  
-Chamber Board Room

**Wed, June 8**

11 am **Ambassador Meeting**  
Noon **Membership Tune-Up**  
-Chamber Board Room

**Thur, June 9**

4 pm **Business After Hours**  
**- Walnut Street Gallery**  
-301 S.W. Walnut St.

**Mon, June 13**

Noon **Board of Directors Mtg**  
4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting - Meade Computing**  
-110 N.E. Trilein, Suite 5

**Tue, June 14**

Noon **Ribbon Cutting - 1st Insurance Agency**  
-Chamber Board Room

**Wed, June 15**

Noon **Chamber Golf Open**  
-Briarwood Club of Ankeny &  
Otter Creek Golf Club

**Thur, June 16**

5 pm **Regional Business After Hours**  
**- Johnston Green Days**

**Mon, June 20**

Noon **Public Affairs Committee Mtg**

**Tue, June 21**

4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting - Cap City Fitness Center**  
-5590 N.E. 14th St.

**Wed, June 22**

11:30 am **Membership Luncheon**  
-Otter Creek Golf Course

**Thur, June 23**

Noon **Ribbon Cutting**  
**- Iowa Insurance Consultants**  
-315 S.W. Maple, Suite A

**Mon, June 27**

Noon **Ribbon Cutting - The DuFree Group**  
-Chamber Board Room

**Wed, June 29**

Noon **Ribbon Cutting - Iowa Irrigation Corp.**  
-Chamber Board Room

\*Ambassador events

# WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

## Tupperware - Gloria Risius



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I have been in the printing business for over 25 years and bring a wealth of knowledge to the table. Four color printing is my strong suit. I can easily be reached at 515-778-3011 or [torrents@netins.net](mailto:torrents@netins.net).



# WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

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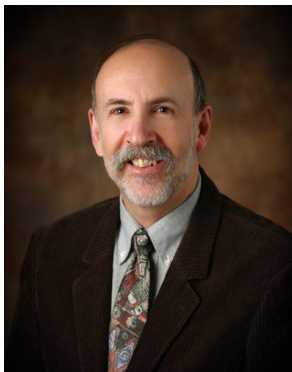
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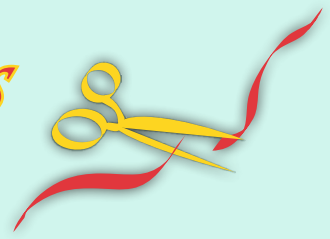


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## Chamber Facts!

What annual Chamber event is being held July 7-10, 2011?

The first 5 people to email [lweyer@ankeny.org](mailto:lweyer@ankeny.org) with the correct answer will win 2 movie passes to Springwood 9 Theater!

*\*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.*

# 2011 Chamber Golf Open

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## Briarwood Club of Ankeny & Otter Creek Golf Course

Wednesday, June 15, at Noon

### Gold Sponsor

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### Four-Person Best Shot Tournament

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Registration begins at 11 am with shot gun start at Noon.

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