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November 2011

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November 3 @ Noon

Polk County Farm Bureau - 300 S.E. Delaware Ave.

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Brainstorm Event

November 15 @ 6 pm

Wig & Pen Pizza Pub

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MEET YOUR BOARD!



Kevin Harrington
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I know that my restaurants are more successful because we joined the Ankeny Chamber of Commerce. I have been a Chamber member for almost 10 years now and I am currently the 2nd Vice President on the Chamber Board. I am involved in many ways, to name a few I have been the Chair of events like Ankeny Chamber Golf Open and Taste Ankeny/Experience Ankeny. I am confident, if you get involved in whatever way your schedule will allow, you will not be disappointed. In fact, you will enjoy a great many friendships that will last your life and that of your business.

In our "down time", my wife Kerry and I eat up every minute we get to spend with our children, Charlie and Piper. My children are by far my largest success in life. Not because of me but because of my wife. She has the beauty and the brains! We may not live in Ankeny, (we reside in Johnston), but we love Ankeny none the less. The Ankeny community has been wonderful to be a part of and we are grateful for your support. We encourage you to do as we do by supporting your local businesses which will help this community to continue to grow and attract future businesses and residents.

Keep track of what the Ankeny Area Chamber is up to on Facebook and Twitter!



facebook.com/AnkenyAreaChamber



twitter.com/AnkenyChamber

CHAMBER CALENDAR

Tue, November 1

4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting - Visionary Services**
-300 E. Locust St, Suite 250

Wed, November 2

Noon **Ribbon Cutting**
- **One Source Accounting & Tax Service**
- Chamber Board Room

Tue, November 3

4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting - Thrive**
- 1370 N.W. 18th St., Suite 102

Mon, November 7

11:30 am **November Membership Luncheon**
- Pinnacle Club, Otter Creek

Tue, November 8

Noon **Executive Board Meeting**

Wed, November 9

4:00 pm **Ambassador Meeting**
4:30 pm **New Member Orientation**
-Chamber Board Room

Thur, November 10

4:00 pm **Business After Hours**
- **Great Southern Bank** - 2805 S. Ankeny Blvd.

Fri, November 11

Noon **Ribbon Cutting**
- **Ankeny Pediatric's Obstetrics & Gynecology**
-909 S.W. Oralabor Rd.

Tue, November 15

6:00 pm **AYP Brainstorm Event**
- Wig & Pen Pizza Pub

Thur, November 17

5:00 pm **Regional Business After Hours**
- Waukee Chamber

Mon, November 21

Noon **Board of Directors Meeting**

Tue, November 22

11:30 am **Joint Legislative Lunch**
- Stoney Creek Inn, Johnston

Thur, November 24 & Fri, November 25
Chamber Closed

Tue, November 29

4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting - Cafe Diem - Remodel**
-2005 S. Ankeny Blvd., Suite 800

Wicked Chamber Night @ Civic Center

Wed, November 30

Noon **Ribbon Cutting - Arbonne - Bonnie Shupe**
- Chamber Office

Join Us!

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Shake a few hands.

Meet some new friends.

Business After Hours
Thursday, November 10, 4-6 pm.

We love this neighborhood.

Just like you do. We're thrilled to host our first ever Ankeny Chamber *Business After Hours* event! Stop by for a little networking. Stay a little longer to learn more about Great Southern, and celebrate our customers, business partners, friends, family and community.



Great Southern Bank

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Business Spotlight



Tastefully Simple offers delicious, easy-to-prepare foods through fun taste-testing parties, personal or business gifts and fundraiser events. All products in our line possess three characteristics: quality, convenience and uniqueness. Tailored to a variety of tastes, Tastefully Simple gifts will WOW your recipient and leave a lasting impression of your generosity.

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WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



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DeWild Exteriors is a full exterior remodeling company serving the Des Moines, Ankeny and Ames area. We've been around for years, but we are happy to have recently joined the Ankeny Chamber. As one of Des Moines premier exterior contractors we've continued to grow our business by offering not only the best products in the industry but also the best service. At DeWild Exteriors all of our installers are highly trained professionals and will leave you completely satisfied with the quality of work. We believe that customer service and value are most important things in the construction industry. On top of that, our sales team takes a no pressure approach to bidding on your job. Every estimate we do, we take the time to explain what and why we do things a certain way to educate you on the proper way to do your project. The next time you are looking for a new roof or to update your siding job, give us a call. We'd love the opportunity to show you what customer service is supposed to look like.



LSB Mortgage

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LSB Mortgage is a full service mortgage banker with an experienced staff offering expertise in every area of mortgage lending...from purchase to refinance to construction lending. Over the years we have built a strong reputation as an outstanding mortgage banking firm, serving the lending needs of real estate professionals, builders and individual homebuyers throughout the state. We have access to a full range of mortgage sources and all of our lending specialists are dedicated to finding the right loan-with the best rates, terms and costs-to meet your unique needs. But that's just the beginning of our service. Throughout the lending process, we provide regular loan updates and progress reports so you always know the status of your loan. We also offer a special Mortgage Manager service if you are considering refinancing your mortgage. LSB Mortgage is owned and managed in Iowa by Iowans, and is committed to the communities we serve.



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- Stan Gelfond

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ARBONNE INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT

Have you heard of ARBONNE? Arbonne is a 32 year old health and wellness company. Arbonne is a highly regarded, premium brand with a Swiss heritage. The products are healthy, botanically based and inspired by nature. The Arbonne experience starts with changing your entire body then the possibility of changing your life. There are over 400 consumable products

with Arbonne. We have something for everyone! All of these products are pure, safe and beneficial. Arbonne's personal care products are formulated without: animal products or animal by-products, formaldehyde-donating preservatives, petroleum bases ingredients such as mineral oil, never tested on animals, no dyes or fragrances, and no chemicals. Arbonne's nutrition products are without: gluten, whey, cholesterol, saturated fats, trans fats, artificial colors-flavors-sweeteners, no animal products or by-products.

I have been with Arbonne for 6 years. I love educating people that what you put on and in your body is so very important. Arbonne is an internet based company where you can SHOP YOUR OWN ARBONNE MALL for the incredible baby products, anti-aging line for both men and women, total skin care for entire family, cosmetics, seasource detox spa line, anti-aging sun protection to the incredible nutrition line from the convenience of your home. I love that I teach people how to get a discount on products that they are already purchasing other places, and how to turn a household expense into a great income.

From September thru the end of the year, Arbonne is showcasing their incredible Holiday Products. Informing people about what you put on and in your body is my passion. I do this by sharing with individuals one on one, group get togethers, and Healthy Living seminars. My contact information is listed above. Let me know if you are ready to change your skin, body and life.

Save the Date

Christmas Luncheon

Thursday, December 8

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Catholic Church

Tickets ~ \$18

Tickets will not be sold at the door.

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

Join us for holiday music and entertainment!

Presenting Sponsor: Northwest Bank

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TRC 2012

Total Resource Campaign

**The Ankeny Chamber of
Commerce's Total
Resource Campaign will be
kicking off in January 2012!**

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

**Contact the Chamber to learn
more and get involved!**

2012 TRC

Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce

Training will be:

Tuesday, January 17 from 12-1 pm

Wednesday, January 18 from 8-9 am
at the Chamber Office.

Chamber Facts!

Who will be the 2012 Chamber President?

The first 5 people to email 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.

October's Chamber Facts

Where is TASTE Ankeny EXPERIENCE Ankeny being held this year?

Answer: FFA Enrichment Center

Winners: Amanda Petersen – 1st National Bank, Ankeny

Jeremy Zinn – Briarwood Club of Ankeny

Amanda Mueller – Northwest Bank

Angela Rubino

Amanda Day – Courtyard by Marriott, Ankeny

Ribbon Cuttings



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Creative Kids Learning Center

Shelley Huss

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Outback Steakhouse - Remodel

Eric Shannon

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Anytime Fitness - Renovation

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Mercy Prairie Trail

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Ross Bernstein
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You don't want to miss this one!
**November Chamber
Membership Luncheon**

Featuring
Ross Bernstein

Monday, November 7
Pinnacle Club, Otter Creek

11:30 AM - Networking
11:45 AM - Lunch/Program

Cost - \$20

This event is open to all Chamber Members and their staff.
Payment may be made by cash, check or credit card.



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2011 OUTSTANDING CITIZEN NOMINATION FORM

Nominations are being accepted for the 2011 Outstanding Citizen Award presented by the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce. This award is to recognize an individual who has made a significant contribution to the improvement of the entire community outside his/her chosen trade or profession.

Ankeny's Outstanding Citizen is selected by a Chamber committee consisting of representatives from the Chamber and previous award recipients.

NOMINATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 17, 2011

Nominee: _____ **Title:** _____

Business: _____

Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

Why is this nominee qualified for this award?

Nominated By _____ **Phone** _____

SUBMIT nomination to the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce,
PO Box 488, Ankeny, IA 50021, or fax to 964-0487

The Outstanding Citizen of the Year will be presented at the
Chamber's Annual Dinner Celebration on February 9, 2012

2011 SMALL BUSINESS/ SMALL BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR

Nominations are being accepted for the Small Business / Small Business Person of the Year Award presented by the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce to recognize the achievements of our community's businesses.

This award is to recognize a business person making a significant contribution in business and community involvement.

QUALIFICATIONS

- A Chamber Member with at least 20 percent ownership in the business and an active involvement in the management of the business.
- Demonstrated an active involvement in community betterment.

It is important to note that this criteria is only a guideline subject to the interpretation of the selection committee. This award is selected by a Chamber committee consisting of representatives from the Chamber and previous award recipients.

Nominee: _____ Title: _____

Business: _____ Business Phone: _____

Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

Why is the nominee qualified for this award?

Nominated By _____ Phone _____

The Small Business Person of the Year Award will be presented at the
Chamber's Annual Dinner on February 9, 2012

Submit nomination to the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 488, Ankeny, IA 50021, or fax to 964-0487

NOMINATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 17, 2011

2012 Annual Election of Directors Single - Slate

The nominating committee has selected the following candidates
for election to the Board of Directors of the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce.

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Vote for Six

- ☐ Douglas Beech – Casey's General Stores
- ☐ Ben Banowetz – Ankeny Jaycees
- ☐ Matt Dougan – PDI
- ☐ Marcus Pitts – Ruhl & Ruhl Commercial
Benchwarmers
- ☐ Dan Kitzinger – Liberty Bank
- ☐ Calleen Katzer – Vernon Sales

Write in:

According to the By-Laws regarding the election of Board of Directors: "Of the twelve elected members, one-third shall be elected . . . annually to serve for three (3) years . . . A nominating committee of five members shall be appointed to nominate from the membership of the Chamber a number of members to be candidates for membership on the Board of Directors equivalent to the number of vacancies on the Board to be filled. . . All voting shall be by ballot. . ."

Return to the Chamber at Box 488, Ankeny, Iowa 50021 or fax to 515-964-0487.

**Ballots Are Due By
January 27, 2012**