

CHAMBER *Action*

September 2012

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August Membership Luncheon



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September 11 @ Noon

Ankeny Area Chamber Board Room

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After Hours Social

October 4 @ 5 pm

Ankeny Golf & Country Club

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Fall Chamber-Wide Costume Party!

October 25 @ 7 pm

Ankeny Golf & Country Club

OPEN TO ALL CHAMBER MEMBERS!

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CHAMBER CALENDAR

Mon, September 3
Chamber Office Closed - Labor Day

Tue, September 4
Noon **Ribbon Cutting - Advocare** - Chamber Office

Wed, September 5
Noon **Ribbon Cutting - BAB Sports** - Chamber Board Room

Thur, September 6
4:00 pm **Business After Hours - Liberty Bank**
- 2805 N. Ankeny Blvd.

Mon, September 10
Noon Executive Board Meeting

Wed, September 12
4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting - Children's Cancer Connection**
- 1221 Center St., Ste 12, DSM

Thur, September 13
Noon **Ribbon Cutting - Xpedx** - 3201 S.E. Convenience Blvd.
5:00 pm **Regional Business After Hours - Valley Bank**
- 210 N.E. Delaware Ave.

Mon, September 17
11:45 am Board of Directors Meeting

Tue, September 18
4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting - Skeffingtons Formal Wear/Boesen Florist**
- 1802 S.E. Delaware Ave., Ste 112

Wed, September 19
11:00 am Ambassador Meeting - Chamber Office
11:45 am Chamber Orientation - Chamber Office

Thur, September 20
6:00 pm 60th Anniversary Celebration

Wed, September 26
11:30 am September Membership Luncheon
- Ankeny Golf & Country Club
4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting - Papa's Pizzeria**
- 214 VanDorn St., Polk City

Thur, September 27
4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting - Great Western Bank**
- 2110 S.E. Delaware Ave.

Dates and Times are subject to change.
Check out www.ankeny.org for the most up-to-date schedule and details.

MEET YOUR BOARD!



Dan Kitzynger

Liberty Bank

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Dan Kitzynger is Senior Vice President - Commercial Banking Manager for the Des Moines metro area for Liberty Bank. In this role, Dan is responsible for overseeing all commercial banking activities for the Des Moines region, including leading a commercial lending group that manages in excess of \$150,000,000 of commercial loans throughout Central Iowa. Liberty Bank is an Iowa-based community bank that is owned by a group of successful business leaders. The bank has in-excess of \$500 million in total assets and offers 15 convenient locations across Iowa and Florida. Liberty Bank has a strong commitment to community banking, exemplary customer service, knowing our customers and meeting their financial needs by remaining flexible and responsive.

Dan is currently serving his second term on the Ankeny Chamber's Board of Directors. In addition to the Chamber, Dan is also active in the Ankeny Economic Development Corporation.

Dan and his wife Jocelyn reside in Ankeny, along with their three children. In his spare time, Dan enjoys spending time with his family at Lake of the Ozarks and Okoboji, as well as exercising, golfing and playing in his church basketball league.

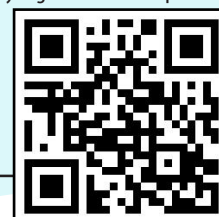
Keep track of what the Ankeny Area Chamber is up to on Facebook and Twitter!



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BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

LIBERTY BANK

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Liberty Bank's Ankeny branch is one of eight convenient banking locations serving individuals and businesses across the Metro. Liberty Bank's friendly staff pledges first-class personal service and is committed to its customers financial success. Liberty Bank customers enjoy free mobile banking, online banking, Bill Pay and we are a member of the Privilege Status ATM network. Liberty Bank is a proud member of the Ankeny community and a loyal partner to all they serve.

Liberty Bank

Patti Hood

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SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

Speaker

MICHAEL FITZGERALD

Treasurer of the State of Iowa

Michael Fitzgerald, Treasurer of State will provide an overview of important treasury functions, including the Great Iowa Treasure Hunt and College Savings Iowa. He will provide a brief Iowa economic update and be available to answer any questions you have.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 26

ANKENY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

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Business Spotlight



AAA Minnesota/Iowa

Jeff Horner

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WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

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Since 1993, AdvoCare® has been a world-class nutrition company specializing in health and wellness, weight management, vibrant energy and sports performance. Beth is knowledgeable and committed to coaching individuals with weight loss, energy, or increasing their sports performance stamina.

The 24 Day Challenge, part of AdvoCare's scientific weight loss plan, helps you break your plateaus, increase your metabolism, and simply get healthier – permanently. It is not a fad diet plan, starvation, or expensive pre-packaged foods, but world-class, SAFE nutrition to get you the results you want.

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Beth is your advocate and support throughout the process. Her passion is getting results, whatever they may be, for you.



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Bank of the West

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At Bank of the West, we believe in balancing the interests of our customers, our employees, our shareholders, and our communities. We place our customers' interest foremost. We aim to deliver the high degree of personalized service and attention we ourselves expect in business relationships. Among our most important stakeholders are the communities where our customers and employees live and work. We have an abiding interest in building economically healthy communities. We provide not only financial services that speed the flow of commerce and add convenience for individuals, but we also offer the extra help necessary to support local charities, house low income families, and improve the chances for struggling small businesses. In addition to all of these things, we believe in creating value for our shareholder. Through prudent and conservative risk management, through innovative business ideas, software and equipment, through investment in our employees and keen observation of what our customers want; we aim to sustain Bank of the West as a high performance organization. Please visit us online at www.bankofthewest.com or contact Kim Obbink at Bank of the West for your financial needs (515) 965-8855. Feel free to stop by her office located at 411 North Ankeny Blvd. She is looking forward to working with you.



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Kevin Holmes

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1-800-Flowers - Flowerama

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Flowerama of America began its successful floral retail journey in 1967 and currently has nearly 70 locations in 25 states. In August 2011, the owners of Flowerama retired and the company along with its staff and corporate team joined the 1-800-Flowers Family. While several of the Flowerama franchised locations maintain their original Flowerama identity; eight locations in Iowa have co-branded to become 1-800-Flowers | Flowerama. This co-branding allows the stores an opportunity to provide a larger selection of 1-800-Flowers signature designs, unique gourmet gift and spa baskets, gourmet chocolates, Yankee candles, a new plush animal line while still keeping some of the customer's classic Flowerama favorites.

1-800-Flowers | Flowerama is proud to deliver smiles in the state of Iowa and across the nation.

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Bekkwith's Bakery

Shawn Sherman

107 N.E. Delaware Ave., Ste 4

Ankeny, IA 50021

(515) 257-6419

www.facebook.com/bekkwiths



Bekkwith's known for our cake balls but also offers cupcakes; specialty designed cakes, as well as other treats opened on the corner of 1st and Ankeny Blvd in August 2011. Due to growth and the coming of a new national retailer, Bekkwith's relocated in March 2012 to its current location on the corner of 1st and Delaware. Operated by Ankeny residents; Nicole and Shawn Sherman, we're joined by a dedicated staff to make your event stand out! We offer customized catering menus to address everyone's sweet tooth!!

Bekkwith's has worked with many local businesses to provide a unique gift options for customers during the holiday season as well as employee recognition and office parties!

Contact us and we can help create a memorable event!



BrightStar

Steve Houghton

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www.brightstarcare.com

BrightStar of Central Iowa is a private duty home healthcare provider serving Des Moines, the surrounding communities and all of Iowa. BrightStar offers LifeCare to clients 18 and plus, KidCare 0 - 18 and Staffing. Whether our patients require companion care, transportation or skilled nurse, BrightStar can help. BrightStar prides itself on delivering full service healthcare needs and we are firm believers in "Aging in Place". We have a strict policy of providing the best client care and the best caregivers. BrightStar's commitment is to guarantee 100% nurse oversight for every patient and 100% client to caregiver compatibility. Not only does BrightStar offer home healthcare, but also Kidcare, Staffing and Transportation. BrightStar participates with the Iowa Medicaid Waiver program, including CDAC. BrightStar of Central Iowa is locally owned and operated by Traci and Steve Houghton of Ankeny and is centrally head quartered in Ankeny, Iowa.

BrightStar's On-Call Phone: 24 hours a day - 7 days a week.

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8-5.

Johnston Foot and Ankle Clinic

Dr. Dana Plew

5335 Merle Hay Rd., Ste 8

Johnston, IA 50131

(515) 252-6063

www.johnstonfootandankleclinic.net

Dr. Dana Plew has practiced for 14 years at the same location, Johnston Foot and Ankle Clinic at 5335 Merle Hay Road, Suite 8 in Johnston. She is a 1995 graduate of Des Moines University Podiatric Medical School. Dr. Plew's practice emphases are family foot and ankle care, sports medicine podiatry, nutrition services, and podiatric surgery. Her approach to foot and ankle care is conservative. Dr. Plew treats a wide variety of foot and ankle conditions (plantar fasciitis, Achilles tendinitis, shin splints, flat feet, bunions, corns, diabetic foot care, sprains, ingrown toenails, bacterial and fungal infections, and more) in a professional, caring environment. Johnston Foot and Ankle Clinic accepts major insurances including Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Humana, United Health Care, Coventry, Medicare, Medicaid, Tricare, American Republic, Plumbers and Steamfitters, to name a few. For professional foot and ankle care in a small town friendly environment, call Johnston Foot and Ankle Clinic at 252-6063.

Back To Wellness

Chiropractic, LC

Edward Lozinski

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Back To Wellness Chiropractic offers specialization services for patients with back pain, migraines, headaches, post-trauma injuries, over-use injuries, joint pain, and those who want to improve their overall health through a whole-body approach to wellness including diet, physical activity, and chiropractic care. Additional services include nutritional consulting and exercise management to co-exist with patient treatment plans established for each individual patient. By addressing every patient's lifestyle behaviors in addition to providing chiropractic care, Back To Wellness Chiropractic will contribute to raising the overall productivity and quality of life for patients.

Back To Wellness Chiropractic treats everyone from newborns to seniors by developing a wellness plan to optimize the health goals of each patient. Referrals are not needed from medical doctors or anyone else to begin chiropractic care. The doctors at Back To Wellness Chiropractic are dedicated to providing the best care for every patient who walks in the door.

Ribbon Cuttings



Fashion By the Halltree

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Join Us Regional Business After Hours Valley Bank

Thursday, September 13

5:00 - 7:00 PM

210 N.E. Delaware Ave., Ankeny, IA 50021

Valley Bank was founded in 1993 in Eldridge, Iowa, by a group of local bankers and business professionals with a vision for a community bank that would provide extraordinary service with speed. We take pride in helping all of our customers grow their businesses, buy their homes and achieve their financial goals. At Valley Bank, we are actively involved in each community we serve, where we consistently strive to live by our philosophy of leading with speed.



Valley Bank

Gary Presnall, President

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www.bankatvalley.com

Chamber Facts!

What event is the Chamber holding on September 20?

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.*

August's Chamber Facts

Who is the speaker at the August Membership Luncheon?

Answer: Helen Eddy

Winners: Amanda Day, Courtyard by Marriott, Ankeny

April Woosley, Courtyard by Marriott, Ankeny

Jeremy Zinn, Clarity Construction

Leigh Lewis, Edward Jones - Terry Peter

Cheryl Jass, Courtyard by Marriott, Ankeny

Member Happenings

QA Graphics hired
Josh Davis as a
HVAC Graphic
Specialist.



QA Graphics hired
Ashley Feldman
as an Account
Executive.



QA Graphics hired
Hayley Hupp
as a Drafting
Specialist.

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happening in your business?
Please submit items to
Lindsay Weyer,
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