

CHAMBER *Action*

November 2012

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October Membership Luncheon



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Lunch & Learn

November 8 @ Noon

Wig & Pen Pizza Pub

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After Hours Social

December 18 @ 5 pm

Number 7 Brewing Company

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CHAMBER CALENDAR

Thur, November 1

Noon Executive Board Meeting - 1st National Bank, Ankeny

5:00 pm TASTE Ankeny EXPERIENCE Ankeny

- FFA Enrichment Center

Mon, November 12

11:45 am Board of Directors Meeting

Wed, November 14

11:00 am **Ambassador Meeting** - Chamber Office

11:45 am **New Member Reception** - Chamber Office

4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting** - Pita Pit

- 1805 S.E. Delaware Ave., Ste 1100

Thur, November 15

4:00 pm **Business After Hours** - Great Southern Bank

- 2805 S. Ankeny Blvd.

5:00 pm Regional Business After Hours - Norwalk Chamber

Tue, November 20

4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting** - Fitness World Ankeny

- 116 S.E. Lorenz Dr.

Wed, November 21

11:30 am Joint Legislative Luncheon - Holiday Inn, Merle Hay

Thur, November 22 - Friday, November 23

Chamber Office Closed - **Happy Thanksgiving!**

Tue, November 27

4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting** - Platinum Sugar Boutique

- 207 N.E. Delaware Ave., Ste 22

Wed, November 28

11:30 am November Membership Luncheon

- Pinnacle Club, Otter Creek

Dates and Times are subject to change.

Check out www.ankenyyoungprofessionals.org for the most up-to-date schedule and details.

MEET YOUR BOARD!



Ben Banowetz
Ankeny Jaycees
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Ben Banowetz lives in Ankeny with his wife, Nichole, and their two daughters Claire and Millie. Ben currently works for the State of Iowa in the Weatherization program and is a part owner in a family business: Banowetz Antiques Inc. in Maquoketa, IA (where his mother is the past president of the Maquoketa Chamber of Commerce.) In addition to the Ankeny Chamber of Commerce, Ben serves as the Chairman of the Ankeny Jaycees, on the Advisory Board of Polk County Conservation, and the Government Relations Committee of the Iowa Bicycle Coalition. Ben has a degree from Iowa State University and is a past graduate of the Ankeny Emerging Leaders Institute and the Polk County Citizens Academy. When not working, chasing kids or at a non profit meeting, Ben enjoys skiing, biking, kayaking, yoga and tailgating with friends and family at ISU games.

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



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BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

GREAT SOUTHERN BANK

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Great Southern Bank entered the Ankeny market in 2009 and appreciates the opportunity to play an active role in the community. Great Southern has a commitment to each community that it serves to help make them better places to live, work and do business. We understand that our company can only be as strong as the communities we serve. As a part of this commitment, Great Southern provides services and capital to help them grow, encourages associates to be involved in their communities and financially supports non-profit organizations and their much needed services.

Currently Great Southern is involved in the local Chamber of Commerce, supports the local Ronald McDonald House through its "Caring & Sharing" program and will be sponsoring Drake University Athletics in the upcoming Men's Basketball season.

Evan Wyer proudly represents Great Southern Bank in his role as Banking Center Manager. He has more than nine years of experience in the banking industry as a teller, personal banker, Manager and Lender. Collectively, Evan has more than 20 years of experience in retail/customer services, working for Hy-Vee and Target for more than 13 years total before moving into the banking industry. He has worked for Great Southern and its predecessor bank for more than five years. Evan serves the community from the Great Southern Banking Center at 2805 S. Ankeny Blvd. in Ankeny, and can be reached at (515) 963-2602.

In 1923, Great Southern Bank was started with a \$5,000 investment and has since grown to the company it is today. Our footprint spans six states and we serve more than 134,000 households by providing them with the most comprehensive line of products and services available. With more than 1,200 dedicated associates we provide exceptional service to our customers and it is our goal to understand what matters most in every interaction we have with them.

At Great Southern Bank, it is our mission to build winning relationships with our customers, associates, shareholders and communities. Understanding what really matters is more than just a tagline; it's a mission within our mission. We strive to understand what matters most to our customers, associates, shareholders and communities so that we can build winning relationships with them.



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Business Spotlight

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WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Pita Pit

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Founded in 1995 in Ontario, Canada, The Pita Pit was a fast food restaurant with a new and unique approach. The goal was to offer quality, healthy, fresh food fast. Realizing great success, franchising began across Canada in 1997. Franchising in the United States began in 1999, and Pita Pit Inc. was formed. The first US store opened at Syracuse University and the second near the University of Idaho. In April 2005, Pita Pit Inc. was acquired by Idaho-based Pita Pit USA, Inc.. The Pita Pit concept now boasts 300 stores in North America, and is recognized as No. 1 in its category in Entrepreneur Magazine's Franchise 500. The Pita Pit connects healthy food with people seeking alternatives to the typical fast food choices. Pita Pit's motto is "fresh thinking – healthy eating", and features a menu based on the customer's choice of grilled meats, fresh vegetables, zesty sauces, and a pita rolled into a unique and convenient package.



Willis Auto Campus

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WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Great Western Bank

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Midwesterners are famous for their work ethic, which is exactly what made Great Western Bank grow from the small town of Leon, Iowa to a regional leader with nearly 200 locations. Living up to the philosophy of "Making Life Great" is what gets us out of bed in the morning. It's more than a phrase, it's what we do for our customers and our communities. It's what we do each and every day, and we're happy to say we've been doing it for nearly a century.

Optimal Health Family Chiropractic Center



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At Optimal Health we strive to provide the most effective natural forms of treatment to aid in your health and healing. A strong emphasis is placed on patient education to ensure sustainable outcomes, long after you leave our office. With our unique approach to care you will see quicker, longer lasting results. We travel across the country and throughout the world to collaborate with some of the world's experts in chiropractic care, physiotherapy, and other forms of evidence-based musculoskeletal and functional medicine. Our dedicated and passionate approach stems from our desire to provide you with the highest standard of care.

Dr. Ole J. Olson specializes in sports injuries working with athletes of all ages and skill levels. Dr. Olson utilizes ART, or Active Release Techniques, a patented, state of the art soft tissue movement based massage technique that treats problems with muscles, tendons, ligaments, fascia, and nerves, to help restore normal function in his patients. Headaches, back pain, carpal tunnel syndrome, shin splints, shoulder pain, sciatica, plantar fasciitis, knee problems, and tennis elbow are just a few of the many conditions that can be resolved quickly and permanently with ART.

Dr. Ole J. Olson also specializes in the care of chronic conditions as he has a passion for helping people who "have run out of options". Functional Medicine is a wide spreading approach to care that focuses on the patient and helps find the cause to many everyday issues including fatigue, weight gain (or troubles losing weight), female hormone issues, digestive issues, depression, ADHD, as well as many others!



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The decision to start a business comes from a desire to pursue a skill or craft and capitalize on an opportunity. This entrepreneurial spirit and excitement can slowly drain away when you realize the challenges of developing people, building a customer base, establishing processes, and keeping an eye on competitors; all to ensure you make a profit. Left unchecked, these activities can over-take an entire day, week or month, making it nearly impossible to spend time on the reason you decided to do this in the first place – you were really good at something!

Core Principles offers consultative services to organizations seeking excellence. We are uniquely focused on not only identifying opportunities, but will also work with you to execute and fully integrate the plans within your business structure and culture. With our customized approach, solutions are collaboratively developed and tailored to fit the needs of the business owner.

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Save the Date

Christmas Luncheon

Thursday, December 6

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Ankeny First United Methodist
Christian Life Center
206 S.W. Walnut St.

Tickets ~ \$20

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 2013

Total Resource Campaign

The Ankeny Chamber of
Commerce's Total
Resource Campaign will be
kicking off in January 2013!

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

Contact the Chamber to learn
more and get involved!

Training will be:

Tuesday, January 15 from 12-1 pm

Wednesday, January 16 from 8-9 am
at the Chamber Office.

Member Happenings

Schneider Graphics is hiring installers!

Our installation department continues to grow in both our
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Want to celebrate a positive
happening in your business?

Please submit items to

Lindsay Weyer,
lweyer@ankeny.org

Chamber Facts!

What Ankeny business does our 2013 Chamber President own?

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

Who was our Emcee at the 60th Anniversary Celebration?

Answer: Rick Hermann

Winners: Jeremy Zinn, Clarity Construction

Todd Wehr, Shive-Hattery, Inc.

Leigh Lewis, Edward Jones-Terry Peter

Amanda Petersen, 1st National Bank Ankeny

Darrin Eilander, American Family Insurance-Darrin Eilander

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