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October 2013

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After Hours Social

October 3 @ 5 pm

Ankeny Golf & Country Club

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New Member Luncheon

October 18 @ Noon

Wig & Pen Pizza Pub

Lunch and Learn

November 5 @ Noon

Ankeny Chamber Office

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CHAMBER CALENDAR

Wed, Oct 2

4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting** - RE/MAX Real Estate Concepts - Patrice Noble - 3602 N.E. Otterview Cir., Ste B

Fri, Oct 4

Noon **Ribbon Cutting** - Ankeny Dental Professionals - 1630 S.W. White Birch Circle

Mon, Oct 7

Noon Executive Board Meeting - Chamber Office
4:30 pm **Ground Breaking** - Northstar Power - 7301 S.E. Northstar Dr.

Tue, Oct 8

4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting** - VitalSigns - 5037 NE 14th St., DSM

Wed, Oct 9

4:30 pm **Ambassador Meeting Social** - Montana Mike's Sponsored by Montana Mike's - 5030 N.E. 14th St., DSM

Thur, Oct 10

5:00 pm **Business After Hours** - U.S. Bank - 305 S. Ankeny Blvd.

Mon, Oct 14

11:45 am Board of Directors Meeting - Chamber Office

Tue, Oct 15

Noon **Ribbon Cutting** - Veridian Credit Union - Hy-Vee Prairie Trail - 2510 S.W. State St.

Wed, Oct 16

4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting** - The Iowa Clinic - 1410 S.W. Tradition Dr.

Thur, Oct 17

5:00 pm **Regional Business After Hours** - Children's Cancer Connection - 1221 Center St., Ste 12, DSM

Tue, Oct 22

Noon **Ribbon Cutting** - Bella Boutique - 2010 S.E. Delaware Ave., Ste 234

Wed, Oct 23

11:30 am October Membership Luncheon - Pinnacle Club, Otter Creek
4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting** - Manpower of Central Iowa - 1719 Grand Ave., Ste 100

Thur, Oct 24

5:00 pm TASTE Ankeny EXPERIENCE Ankeny - FFA Enrichment Center

Mon, Oct 28

4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting** - LaBounty Family Chiropractic Clinic - 1310 S.W. State St.

Tue, Oct 29

4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting** - Fountain Day Spa - 1975 N. Ankeny Blvd., Ste 12
7:00 pm City Council Public Forum - Ankeny City Hall

Dates and Times are subject to change.

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

MEET YOUR BOARD!



Casey Carlson
U.S. Bank

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Casey is the Business Banking Manager in the Des Moines Metro for US Bank. In this role he enjoys the opportunity to assist business owners in growing their business, managing cash flow, and improving efficiency of their operations. The most rewarding aspect of his position is getting to know the business owners and the passion that drives them to success with their business and tailor fitting a financial package that helps them reach their goals. Casey resides in Ankeny with Jodi and their 4 Children, Aliza, Bianca, Malachi, and Fiona. Casey enjoys the occasional (very occasional) golf game, and his greatest joy is spending time with his family and being the 5th kid for Jodi to take care of. Casey would enjoy the opportunity to meet with you and learn more about your business, you can reach him at 515-245-6171 or casey.carlson1@usbank.com.



JOIN US!

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

U.S. BANK

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Join Us

Business After Hours

Thursday, October 10th
5:00-7:00pm



Jeanne Wagner, Branch Manager
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U.S. Bank invites the members of the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce to their Ankeny location for drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and door prizes. Please join us on Thursday, October 10th, 5-7pm, for a great night of networking and enter for a chance to win gift cards from U.S. Bank, ISU Basketball tickets, and other prizes.

All of Us Serving You!

U.S. Bank remains committed to the serving and reinvesting in the communities that make up the Greater Des Moines Metro. Local decision-making, personal leadership and community involvement is at the heart of everything we do in U.S. Bank Community Banking. We live and work in the towns that keep America strong, and our interests are ingrained in the fabric of the community—for we can only be as successful as the communities around us.

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REGIONAL BUSINESS

AFTER HOURS

CHILDREN'S CANCER CONNECTION

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17 5:00 - 7:00 PM



Children's Cancer Connection families, staff, and Board of Directors invite you to Savor and Sip in Central Iowa at our Regional Business after hours on Thursday October 17 from 5pm to 7pm.

Children's Cancer Connection is local Iowa based non-profit organization located in Des Moines Iowa at 1221 Center Street Suite 12. Children's Cancer Connection exists to enhance the lives of children and families affected by childhood cancer by providing quality programs for education, recreation and support.

Children's Cancer Connection provides four corner stone programs, at no charge for over 500 families in Iowa. Our families begin their journey through childhood cancer with hospital based programs and both Blank Children's Hospital as well at University of Iowa Children's Hospital. Camp Heart Connection provides a summer camp for both Oncology children as well as, Siblings of oncology patients. Children's Cancer Connection families also, have an opportunity for support through teen connection and Club HOPE. Once, you are part of Children's Cancer Connection you are family. Children's Cancer Connection wants to continue its support in the journey by providing a Survivorship Conference.

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Since 1985, Mark has been involved in extensive sales and project management engagements throughout Iowa, Texas and abroad. Recently Mark and his family have made the decision to return to Iowa to share his experiences with the Iowa business community. Mark has been the President and CEO of a successful Commercial Real Estate and Inspection firm in Texas, while also providing commercial and residential brokerage services for clients. In doing so, Mark has developed a keen ability to combine brokerage and inspections services, allowing business owners to better evaluate properties at structural and economic levels simultaneously.

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Ribbon Cuttings



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TASTEBUD TUESDAYS!
 Lincoln Savings Bank was our September recipient of Tastebud Tuesdays! Lunch was provided by The Yankee Clipper!

October is Ankeny Bullying Prevention Month

October is *Ankeny Bullying Prevention Month*, according to a new proclamation signed by Mayor Gary Lorenz at the September 16 Ankeny City Council Meeting. The Ankeny Community Education Advisory Council worked with the mayor and other community leaders to develop the proclamation to coincide with National Bullying Prevention month and the roll-out of a new anti-bullying action plan from Ankeny Schools. The proclamation adopted the schools' new anti-bullying theme, "Bullying: We don't do that here."



Ankeny Schools' new anti-bullying action plan was developed by the superintendent's Bullying and Harassment Task Force in 2012-2013, and adopted by unanimous vote of the School Board on September 16. In support of the school's actions, and in response to a previous community survey, community groups have begun organizing activities for the month of October to raise awareness.

"We're very pleased to see this coordinated effort, and the enthusiasm and seriousness with which our community members are addressing this issue," said Assistant Superintendent Dr. Matt Adams. "October is just the beginning, however. Bullying prevention is a year-round topic and we will be focused on this issue all year, every year, to help change the culture in Ankeny."

Businesses, civic, school and community members are encouraged to host an activity in support of this proclamation, utilizing the new theme and the color orange, which is designated for bullying prevention month. If you would like to plan an event, activity, or awareness generating project, please email your idea with a brief description to the Ankeny Community Education Advisory Council at karen.norton@ankenyschools.org. Activities that are already in the works include:

Ankeny Parks and Recreation
Kirkendall Library
YMCA childcare
Ankeny Community Schools

Distributing sportsmanship brochures to youth rec teams
Anti-bullying bookmarks
Posters to be hung in Ankeny schools and businesses
Launch of anti-bullying action plan, including Rock in Prevention interactive presentations for students, new Anti-Bullying Hotline and other strategies.

Why bullying prevention?

In order to identify the needs of our changing community, the Community Education Advisory Council conducted a community survey and followed up with focus group assessments in the fall of 2011. Over 1,500 surveys were completed and provided insight that bullying prevention was in the top three concerns of survey respondents.

Six stakeholder focus groups, led by the University of Northern Iowa Institute for Decision Making; and which included representation from seniors and retirees; city and chamber of commerce officials; school board and educators; parents of students in Ankeny; leaders from non-profit organizations and churches; and high school students; discussed the survey data and shared ideas. In 2013, Ankeny Superintendent of Schools Dr. Bruce Kimpston formed the Ankeny Schools Bullying and Harassment Task Force, comprised of community representatives, administrators, teachers, School Board members and members of the Ankeny Community Education Advisory Council. A second survey, this time specific to bullying, was conducted and a presentation of its findings shared with the school board.

Chamber Facts!

What Chamber event takes place on October 24, 2013?

Email lweyer@ankeny.org with the correct answer and be entered to win 2 movie passes to Springwood 9 Theater!

**Winners names' will be drawn the day after the newsletter is sent out. 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.*

September's Chamber Facts

Where was August's Business After Hours held?

Answer: Ankeny Historical Society

Winners: Cheryl Jass, Courtyard by Marriott, Ankeny
Leigh Lewis, Edward Jones Investments - Terry Peter
Peter Strauss, Reset Ankeny
Amanda Mueller, Northwest Bank
Amanda Day, Courtyard by Marriott, Ankeny

Member Happenings

QA Graphics is pleased to announce the hiring of Eric Ensey. Eric has joined QA Graphics as their newest 3D designer.

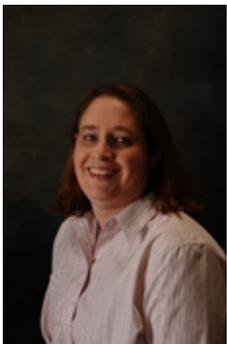


Want to celebrate a positive happening in your business?
Please submit items to Lindsay Weyer,
lweyer@ankeny.org

Business Spotlight



I have been in the Ankeny area since 1968 and have seen many changes in the Ankeny area. I am married with 3 children, and 5 step children, with 14 grandchildren. Have been in the insurance industry for over 27 years, 10 years with Allied group as a sale supervisor and with Farmers Insurance group for the past seventeen years. Qualified for Presidents Council for Farmers Insurance group for sales and customer service. This is a very elite group of agents that can qualify for this Presidents council. In order to qualify we issued 102 life policies in 2009. That year the company took only 100 agents out of 17,000. We offer Auto, Home, Business, and Life insurance.



Amanda Weakland
I am a member of James Burrignt team. I live in Ankeny and am married with 1 child. I currently enjoy volunteering for Girl Scouts and Soccer. I have been in the industry for thirteen years. Most of my insurance experience has been in the Ankeny area. I am full licensed in Auto, Home, Commercial and Life.



Do you want a chance to see Rascal Flatts and The Band Perry?

Would you like to see Rascal Flatts and The Band Perry on October 25th at Wells Fargo Arena? We are currently having a drawing for two tickets. To get your name in on the drawing all you need to do is call us about quoting your auto, home, life, business or any other insurance needs. They will also be placed in the drawing.



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