

CHAMBER *Action*

August 2014

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 **Ankeny SummerFest**



Ankeny SummerFest is Presented By



ankeny young professionals

After Hours Mixer

August 7 @ 4:30 pm

Firetrucker Brewery

Sponsored by Firetrucker Brewery

New Member Lunch

August 22 @ Noon - Wig & Pen Pizza Pub

Lunch and Learn

September 23 @ Noon

Polk County Farm Bureau Office

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Kim Schaaf
2014 Chamber President
Monsanto Company

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Kim Schaaf is Site Lead for Monsanto Company, managing two of Monsanto's largest research locations in North America. Monsanto produces leading seed brands, including DEKALB® and Asgrow®, and offers seeds improved through biotechnology with one or more traits. In addition to her role as Site Lead, Kim serves on many cross-functional teams within Monsanto and is currently the North America Vehicle Safety Lead for the Breeding organization. Kim is active in the community and through her leadership the Monsanto Fund, the philanthropic arm of Monsanto, provided more grant money in the Ankeny and Huxley communities than any other sites in North America. Kim sits on the Executive Board and the Board of Directors for the Ankeny Chamber of Commerce and is Chair of 2014 Ankeny SummerFest. Kim is also currently serving as Chamber President. Kim lives in Ankeny with her husband Scott. She has two daughters; Christine works as a Buyer of women's clothing at Von Maur and is located in Davenport and Allison is a sophomore at the University of Kansas. Kim truly enjoys being a part of the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce and encourages large companies in Ankeny to get involved in the Chamber and your community!

CHAMBER CALENDAR

Mon, August 4

Noon Executive Board Meeting - Chamber Board Room

Wed, August 6

Noon **Ribbon Cutting** - **Absolute Health Chiropractic, LLC**
- 2701 S.E. Convenience Blvd., Ste 3

Thurs, August 7

Noon **Ribbon Cutting** - **Iowa Rush** - 1510 NW Ash Dr.

Mon, August 11

11:45 am Board of Directors Meeting - Chamber Office

Tue, August 12

Noon **Ribbon Cutting** - **Rhea Lana's of Ankeny-Des Moines**
- Chamber Office

Thur, August 14

4:00 pm **Business After Hours** - **Des Moines Area**
Community College - 2006 S. Ankeny Blvd., Bldg 1

Fri, August 15

Noon **Ribbon Cutting** - **Info Dog Security** - Chamber Office

Mon, August 18

4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting** - **Before/After School Program**
- 2920 N.W. 9th St.

Wed, August 20

4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting** - **Edible Arrangements**
- 1690 S.E. Delaware Ave.

Tue, August 26

Noon **Ribbon Cutting** - **Dynamite Coupons** - Chamber Office

Wed, August 27

11:30 am Chamber Membership Luncheon
- Pinnacle Club at Otter Creek

4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting** - **Benchwarmers**
- 705 S. Ankeny Blvd.

Dates and Times are subject to change.

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



JOIN US!

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

DES MOINES area COMMUNITY COLLEGE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Come view the results of a \$4.5 million remodeling of DMACC's Building 1 Student Services Center. The structure — which was gutted, expanded by nearly 50%, and complete renovated — will welcome and serve generations of students to come.



**Des Moines Area
Community College**

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Attorney Laura J. Ostrander of Ostrander Law Firm, PLLC, has been practicing law in the State of Iowa for more than nine years. Licensed to practice in all Iowa district courts, the federal district courts, and the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, Ms. Ostrander began her career as a law clerk for the Iowa Court of Appeals. As a member of the Iowa State Bar Association, the Polk County Bar Association, and the Iowa Defense Counsel Association, Ms. Ostrander began her litigation career in Central Iowa representing claimants in workers' compensation claims and plaintiffs in personal injury and employment claims. Ms. Ostrander's practice has been general in nature, with a concentration in the areas of workers' compensation defense, insurance defense, and personal injury.



Rhea Lana's of Ankeny-Des Moines

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At Rhea Lana's Children's Consignment Event, we love CLOTHING AND CONNECTING FAMILIES! Our mission is to add value to the lives of families by providing the highest quality consignment experience possible. Consignors enter their items into our easy to use on-line system, prepare and price their own items, and make 70%-80% of all items that are purchased during the week of the sale. Consignors can review their sales on-line throughout the week and then pick up their check on the final day, along with their unsold items. Rhea Lana's is the only consignment event in the country to GUARANTEE all items (i.e. if an unsold item is not returned, then we will pay the consignor 70% of the price of that item).

We are a community event, which helps families stretch their budget, while allowing them to purchase high-quality children's items. Our events are held one week in the spring and one week in the fall.

Our upcoming Fall/Winter event will be held at 502 N Ankeny Blvd (former Blockbuster by HyVee #1). Consignors, Volunteers, Workers, & Moms-To-Be get to shop before we open to the public at our Private Pre-Sale Event!

Make sure to visit our web-page www.ankeny.rhealana.com and join the mailing list for all of our updates and event reminders! And be sure to LIKE Us on Facebook www.facebook.com/RheaLanasOfAnkeny Rhea Lana's Fall/Winter Event August 24-29 502 N Ankeny Blvd., Ankeny



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WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Tropical Smoothie Cafe

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Tropical Smoothie Café specializes in providing flavorful smoothies and food with a healthy appeal and opened in Ankeny on June 28th. The Café will become the 3rd location to open in Iowa, joining Fort Dodge and Iowa City. Our smoothies are second to none and are made from superior fresh fruits and vegetables. We also offer a wide variety of food options that are just as healthy as they are tasty. Our toasted wraps, sandwiches, flatbreads and gourmet salads are made fresh with high quality meats and cheeses and topped with fresh produce and flavorful sauces. Combine that with a fun atmosphere and friendly hospitality and you can see why people return again and again for the Tropical Smoothie Café Experience. Find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for special offers and promotions. Tropical Smoothie Café: Eat Better, Feel Better.



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Cops Against Cancer

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Five years ago, Craig Phinney was diagnosed with Colorectal Cancer and had his entire colon removed. As a Police Officer with thirty-five years of service to Iowa, Craig and his wife Shirley faced his most difficult challenge. During his surgeries and recovery, the Phinney's saw firsthand the overwhelming challenges cancer families endure. Cops Against Cancer was founded with a commitment of "protecting and serving" those in need and our goal is to not only provide assistance but help restore hope and normalcy to the lives of cancer patients and their families.

What make our organization different from the national cancer organizations is we are not focused on research; our highest priority is responding and reacting to the emergency calls from cancers families asking for assistance now. Cops Against Cancer is compassionate and strive to ease the overwhelming and unexpected expenses associated with cancer treatments that are not covered by insurances. Since 2012, 275 families in 55 of Iowa's 99 counties have received assistance from our organization.

In 2013 - Cops Against Cancer was awarded the American Red Cross Heroes of the Heartland Award and Iowa U.S. Congressman Tom Latham - made a U.S. House of Representatives presentation recognizing the dedicated service, commitment and impact Cops Against Cancer has made on the residents of Iowa.

Tough Space Consulting

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Tough Space Consulting is a business technology and software consulting firm. We focus on implementing existing technology and inventing new technology to help businesses make and save more money. Using the latest in internet tools we help businesses reduce their margins by improving efficiency, expand their product lines by creating new offerings, and analyze and increase customer engagement.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

TASTE ANKENY EXPERIENCE ANKENY

Wednesday, September 24

5:00 - 8:00 pm

FFA Enrichment Center
1055 S.W. Prairie Trail Pkwy

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TASTEBUD TUESDAYS!

Iowa Orthodontic Solutions was our July
recipient of Tastebud Tuesdays!

Lunch was provided by Benchwarmers!

Thank you to our Presenting Sponsor:
First National Bank, Ankeny!



Chamber Facts!

What date is Taste Ankeny Experience Ankeny being held?

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.

June's Chamber Facts

What is the theme for SummerFest this year?

Answer: Blast Off!

Winners: Kim Hanken, Shelter Insurance

Brian Jass, Two Rivers Bank & Trust

Deb Malsom, Manpower of Central Iowa

Ribbon Cuttings



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August LUNCHEON

Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce

Featuring

Chris Norton

On October 16, 2010, playing for Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, Chris (a native of Bondurant, Iowa) was severely injured while making a tackle on a kickoff, fracturing his C3-C4 vertebrae. After initially being told he had a 3% chance of ever regaining movement below the neck, Chris has defied the odds every step of the way, demonstrating a faith and determination to overcome that has inspired thousands. Chris was named the 2011 CBS America's Choice Honor for Courage in Sports.

Wednesday, August 27
Pinnacle Club at Otter Creek

11:30 am - Networking • Noon - Program/Lunch

Registration

Cost is \$20

Registration closes at Noon on Monday, August 25 at Noon

Presented By

**SIMPSON
COLLEGE**



This event is open to all Chamber Members and their staff. Payment must be prepaid and may be made by cash, check or credit card. All reservations not kept will be billed. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Hilary Dunn at the Chamber - (515) 964-0685 or hdunn@ankeny.org



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