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September 2014

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August Membership Luncheon



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Lunch and Learn

September 23 @ Noon

Polk County Farm Bureau Office
Sponsored by Great Southern Bank

AYP Uncorked

October 2 @ 5 pm

Hy-Vee Prairie Trail

Register at www.ankeny.org!

After Hours Mixer

October 9 @ 4 pm

Thunderhead Sports Bar & Grill
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CHAMBER CALENDAR

Wed, September 3

Noon Executive Board Meeting - Chamber Board Room

Thur, September 4

Noon Fall Ball Golf Outing - Tournament Club of Iowa
7:00 pm School Board Public Forum
- Ankeny High School, 1155 SW Cherry St.

Fri, September 5

Noon Ribbon Cutting - Bulldog Ceramics - 200 SW State St.

Mon, September 8

11:45 am Board of Directors Meeting - Chamber Office

Tue, September 9

4:30 pm Ribbon Cutting - A+ Lawn & Landscape
- 6084 NE 22nd St., Des Moines

Wed, September 10

11:00 am Ambassador Meeting - Chamber Office
11:30 am New Member Networking Social - Chamber Office

Thur, September 11

4:00 pm Business After Hours - US Bank - 305 S. Ankeny Blvd.

Fri, September 12

Noon Ribbon Cutting - Farrell's Extreme Body Shaping NORTH
- 121 NE 18th St., Ste 121

Wed, September 17

11:30 am Chamber Membership Luncheon
- Pinnacle Club, Otter Creek Golf Course

Thur, September 18

Noon Ribbon Cutting - Emerald Agency, LLC
- 110 N. Ankeny Blvd., Ste 700
5:00 pm Regional Business After Hours
- Country Inn & Suites, 1350 NW 118th St., Clive

Fri, September 19

Noon Ribbon Cutting - Windstream - Chamber Office

Tue, September 23

4:30 pm Ribbon Cutting - Splash Car Wash
- 1325 N. Ankeny Blvd.

Wed, September 24

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

Thur, September 25

Noon Ribbon Cutting - Jensen Builders
- 2097 NE 60th Ave., Des Moines

Tue, September 30

4:30 pm Ribbon Cutting - Iowa Rush
- Prairie Ridge Sports Complex

Dates and Times are subject to change.

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

MEET YOUR BOARD!



Jennifer Walter
1st Vice President
1st National Bank,
Ankeny

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Jen Walter moved to Ankeny from the Puget Sound in Washington State in the Fall of 1997 to attend Faith Baptist Bible College. During her Senior year of College she began working at Walnut Street Gallery in Uptown Ankeny. In 2007, after 7 years of working at the Gallery, Jen & her Husband Dave took over ownership of Walnut Street Gallery. One of the first things Jen did to support her business was to become active in the Ankeny Chamber of Commerce. Jen graduated from the Ankeny Leadership Institute in 2009 and began serving on the Chamber Board of Directors in 2010. In 2015 Jen is looking forward to serving as the President board of Directors of the Ankeny Chamber of Commerce. Jen and her husband Dave have 3 children. Jordan (11) just started 6th grade at Parkview Middles School, Jonny (9) is in 4th Grade at Crocker Elementary, and Katelyn (18 Months) is now the spunky center of attention at the Walter home. For the past year Jen has been working full time as the Private Banking Officer at First National Bank in Ankeny. She loves her new position and the opportunity to provide her private banking clients with the same great customer service she has always given her customers at Walnut Street Gallery. Jen says that being involved in the Chamber has helped her grow personally and professionally. The Walter's still own the Gallery and are still working there on Saturday's and by appointment as they transition. If you are intertersted in owning a long standing small business in Ankeny and are creative, give Jen a call! Life is busy for Jen with three active kids, church activities at Saylorville Church, building relationships in her career at First National Bank, business ownership at the Gallery, & serving on the Chamber Board. Jen thanks the encouraging support system of her husband, friends and family, and most of all God for the energy to make it all happen!

JOIN US!

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

U.S. BANK

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Join Us

Business After Hours

Thursday, September 11th
4:00-6:00pm



Bryan Campbell, 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, September 11th, 4-6pm, 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.

Food and drink provided by Bandana's BBQ and Firetrucker Brewing.
Please note, alcoholic beverages to be served from 5-6pm.

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Thursday, October 2
5:00 PM

Wine Tasting Room, Prairie Trail HyVee

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WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Bandana's Bar-B-Q

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New to Iowa by way of Illinois from Missouri. Restaurant business for almost 30 years, Bandana's 15 years, 4.5 as an owner. Bought a restaurant in Bloomington, IL in 2010 and planted myself in the community. I believe the community is the secret to success. Without the people, there is no us, so they must be our priority. I believe in good food at a great price, with outstanding service, in a fun environment. We offer dine-in, private parties, box lunches, catering services from pick up, drop off or full service. We try to get you in and out, so you can get back to work. My passion is my faith, my family and my friends. I love the smiles as people leave our restaurant, raving about their experience. Try Bandana's, again, or for the first time. There's a new sheriff in town, smell that smoke.

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TASTEBUD TUESDAYS!

Lamberti, Gocke & Luetje Law Offices was our August recipient of Tastebud Tuesdays! Lunch was provided by Ankeny Diner! Thank you to our Presenting Sponsor: First National Bank, Ankeny!



Chamber Facts!

How many Ribbon Cuttings were held in August?

Email lweyer@ankeny.org with the correct answer and be entered to win two movie passes to Springwood 9 Theater & **TWO TASTE ANKENY EXPERIENCE ANKENY TICKETS!**

**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.*

August's Chamber Facts

What date is Taste Ankeny Experience Ankeny being held?

Answer: September 24

Winners: Leigh Lewis, Edward Jones Investments - Terry Peter
Michele Starckenburg, Veridian Credit Union
Emily Bruggeman, julsdesign

Ribbon Cuttings



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Wednesday, September 24, 5:00 - 8:00 pm

FFA Enrichment Center

- 1055 S.W. Prairie Trail Pkwy -
Located on the DMACC Ankeny Campus

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