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November 2014

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Lunch and Learn

November 18 @ Noon

Kirkendall Library

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After Hours Mixer

December 4 @ 4:30 pm

Cabaret

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AYP Holiday Party

December 18 @ 6 pm

Slash Web Studios

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Todd Wehr

Business Services

Shive-Hattery, Inc.

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I have lived in Iowa my entire life and in Ankeny since 2001 and graduated from Iowa State University with a BA in Architecture. I have been the architectural group leader for Shive-Hattery Architects + Engineers West Des Moines office since 2003. We currently have 16 licensed architects on staff in this office. S-H specializes in Commercial/Retail, Education, Government, Healthcare, Industrial and Institutional projects. We are a full service firm offering Architecture, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Interior Design, Landscape Architecture, Mechanical, Structural Engineering, Surveying, Environmental building testing, Roofing and Building Commissioning. I had the pleasure of being the lead architect on our recent office project, please come to our Business After Hours on December 11th and tour our new space.

I am married to Cindy and have five children (Sam, Jessy, Molly, Chris and Malissa) and seven grandchildren (Ellesha, Kaylee, Tristen, Sam, Courtney, Brendon and Bryan). I am involved in Ankeny Economic Development Corporation, Rotary Club of Ankeny, Ankeny Chamber Ambassador and Prairie Ridge Church. I try to play Golf, volleyball and racquetball when I have time. I also have a 1500cc Kawasaki Vulcan Nomad that Cindy and I cruise around on when it's warmer.

CHAMBER CALENDAR

Mon, November 3

Noon Executive Board Meeting - Chamber Office

Tue, November 4

Noon **Ribbon Cutting - Knockouts**

- 2302 S.E. Delaware Ave., Ste D

Mon, November 10

11:45 am Board of Directors Meeting - Chamber Office

Tue, November 11

4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting - Mercy Briarwood Medical Clinic**

- 120 N.W. 36th St.

Wed, November 12

Noon **Ribbon Cutting - Central Iowa Vapors**

- 207 Delaware Ave., Ste 21

Thur, November 13

4:00 pm **Business After Hours - Courtyard by Marriott, Ankeny**

- 2405 S.E. Creekview Dr.

Mon, November 17

4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting - Lifestyle Flooring**

- 1605 S.E. Delaware Ave., Ste J

Wed, November 19

4:00 pm **Ambassador Meeting** - Chamber Office

4:30 pm **New Member Networking Social** - Chamber Office

Thur, November 20

11:30 am Legislative Luncheon - Hilton Garden Inn, Johnston

4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting - Freedom Home Health Care**

- 2701 S.E. Convenience Blvd., Ste 10

Mon, November 24

4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting - Simpson College**

- 1450 S.W. Vintage Pkwy.

Tue, November 25

4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting - My Learning Safari**

- 3004 N.W. 18th St.

Thur -Fri, November 27-28

Chamber Office Closed

Happy Thanksgiving!

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

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT, ANKENY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13 4:00 - 6:00 PM

NFL THURSDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

Business After Hours

Thursday, November 13th

4:00pm – 6:00pm



Courtyard by Marriott
2405 SE Creekview Drive
Ankeny, IA 50021

The Courtyard by Marriott, Ankeny invites members of the Ankeny Chamber of Commerce to join us for an NFL Thursday Night Football event with drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and door prizes. For the fourth year running, Courtyard by Marriott is the official hotel sponsor of the NFL. The event will be held on November 13th, 2014, from 4pm-6pm.

The Courtyard by Marriott, Ankeny, features over 6,000 square feet of meeting space, 119 sleeping rooms, indoor pool, whirlpool, fitness center, full business center, and a newly designed Bistro.

Kinseth Hospitality is currently completing construction of the Homewood Suites, located next to the Courtyard. We are excited to introduce staff members from the Homewood, at this Business After Hours event.

Courtyard by Marriott, Ankeny

Steve Peters
2405 S.E. Creekview Dr.
Ankeny, IA 50021
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www.marriott.com

Business Spotlight

Believe in the Simple Things:

That's what Tastefully Simple is all about! Warm gatherings with friends, the aroma of fresh-baked bread, and the sweet comforts of home. Savor the moment, and gather around the table with the ones you love this holiday season. Our products can be prepared with two ingredients or less! Discover how to make life a little more simple, a little more delicious and a lot more fun.

Stop by my Tastefully Simple display this month at the Ankeny Chamber for information on:

Make it Merry: Gift Giving Made Simple
Freezer Meal Workshops & Meal Planning
Fundraisers
Business Opportunities

Tastefully Simple

Joyce Ouverson
2838 N.W. Northcreek Cir.
Ankeny, IA 50023
(515) 971-6612

www.tastefullysimple.com/web/jouverson



WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Allstate - Ketelsen Davis Agency

Janel Ketelsen
110 N. Ankeny Blvd., Ste 700
Ankeny, IA 50023
(515) 257-7072

www.agents.allstate.com/janel-ketelsen-ankeny-ia.html



Janel Ketelsen has lived in the community for 10 years but has been in the greater Des Moines area most of her life. Janel is a newlywed and her husband Trevor is a IT and Business Analyst for Wells Fargo which serves well in the agency. She has one 10 year old daughter and her new marriage has added a 10 year old boy to her family. Her daughter dances for Encore Academy and golfs and

her stepson plays lacrosse, soccer and football. When Janel is not working she enjoys to spend time boating and out at the marina by her house. Janel loves to travel, decorating her home, cooking and trying new restaurants with friends.

Ketelsen Davis Agency is an Exclusive Allstate Agency providing Auto, Home, Recreational, Jewelry, Personal Umbrella Policies, Life and Financial Products for Residential and Business in the Ankeny and surrounding communities. We have an exciting Allstate Benefits program and much more to offer our clients. We strive to be a Trusted Advisor in protecting you through life's changes.

Eye Care of Iowa

Matthew Ward
1310 S.W. State St.
Ankeny, IA 50023
(515) 965-5788

www.eyecareofiowa.com



Eye Care of Iowa has been providing comprehensive eye care to the Des Moines area for over 35 years, and we are excited to announce that we have expanded to now include a new Ankeny location! We are conveniently located at 1310 SW State Street in the Prairie Trail area. We provide the highest quality eye care for the entire family and offer a wide array of contact lenses and designer eyeglass frames. We also specialize in the management of ocular disease including dry eye, macular degeneration, and glaucoma. We are the only practice in the state of Iowa to offer the Lipiflow Thermal Pulsation System for the treatment of evaporative dry eye. In addition, we work closely with local primary care doctors to make sure that you eyes stay as healthy as possible. We are excited to join the Ankeny community and we look forward to providing comprehensive eye care for you and your family.

Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority



Elizabeth Presutti
620 Cherry St.
Des Moines, IA 50309
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www.ridedart.com

DART provides bus service in Ankeny as the transit provider for Greater Des Moines.

- Ankeny Express Route 98 travels between Ankeny and Des Moines all day on weekdays. Park & Ride lots are at Mercy North, Hawkeye Park and DMACC Lot L.
- Ankeny On Call lets people schedule trips within Ankeny city limits. It operates 9-1:30 Tuesdays, 9-3 Wednesdays and 9-3 Fridays. Reservation line: 515-283-8136.
- Bus Plus is service for seniors and persons with disabilities who are functionally unable to independently use regular DART bus service. Reservation line: 515-283-8136.

To plan an Ankeny Express trip, check out the MyDART Trip Planner at www.ridedart.com or use Google Maps.

Your employer may cover part or all the cost of your DART rides, if it participates in DART's Unlimited Access or Employer Support Programs. Otherwise, bus passes are available at the Walmart and Hy-Vee stores in Ankeny. Cash fare on the Ankeny Express is \$2.

Woodland Hills Golf Course

Ken Norland
620 N.E. 66th Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50313
(515) 289-1326

www.golfwoodlandhills.com



Woodland Hills is a public, daily-fee golf course located on the South side of Ankeny near Camp Sunnyside. Woodland Hills has a Regulation 18-hole golf course playable for golfers of all skill levels. Let our professional staff help you create a memorable golf event for large groups, or relax and enjoy a casual round of golf with friends. Woodland Hills has a full service clubhouse, open golf leagues, and coming soon..... The Executive 9 at Woodland Hills.....the perfect short course for new golfers, families, or any golfer looking to sharpen their skills in a quick round....faster play the golfers' way!

Visit us at www.golfwoodlandhills.com -or- call us at 289-1326

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



My Learning Safari, LLC

Rhoda Harris
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Ankeny, IA 50021
(515) 321-3603

www.mylearningsafari.com

My Learning Safari is an early childhood center providing learning opportunities for infants-school age children. We place an emphasis on the importance of powerful interactions between adults and children characterized by loving, responsive care while guiding children toward an understanding of their physical and social worlds through exposure to varied learning experiences. Children will gain developmentally appropriate competency in literacy, mathematics and other knowledge domains. We are opening very soon at 3004 NW 18th Street, Ankeny and are accepting enrollments right now! We invite you to check out our website at www.mylearningsafari.com or connect with us on Facebook.



Blimpie

Bill Morris

1975 N. Ankeny Blvd., Ste 101
Ankeny, IA 50023
(515) 965-6900

www.blimpie.com

Blimpie opened in January 2014. We are a family owned and operated sandwich shop and are excited to be in town! We have a wide variety of deli subs, hot subs, and panini subs! We even have hand dipped ice cream from Blue Bunny! Our meats are sliced fresh daily and we use only high quality ingredients. Bread is also baked each morning to ensure the freshest sandwich possible! The fresh delicious food you find at Blimpie is also available for meetings, parties, and any event where family friends and co-workers gather together! Stop in and try us today or call us for your catering needs!

Ever On Web

Steve Houtz

1103 S.W. 28th St., Ste 309
Ankeny, IA 50023
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We also offer graphic design services, unique materials, on-site installation services and full-service customer support! We want you to Love working with us!

We have over 45 years in business, so we will be here to support you for the long run!

We will work with you to make sure you identify and create the best solutions to deliver your brand message.

www.abcsignanddisplay.com

Firetrucker Brewery

Neil Zaugg

716 S.W. 3rd St.

Ankeny, IA 50023

(515) 707-6582

www.firetrucker.com



FIRETRUCKER
B R E W E R Y

Firetrucker Brewery is out of the gate and running strong! Quality craft beers, fine art and a wide range of food and live music have quickly made the brewery taproom a popular gathering spot.

The art of craft beer begins with a spirit of innovation, a sense of community and the desire to bring people together. We are releasing new beers every few weeks, hosting a wide variety of events, and partnering with local restaurants and food trucks. From parties and meetings, to bike rides and fundraisers, we reach out and support Ankeny in every way possible.

Firetrucker beers are loaded with flavor and maintain a clean finish. Our house beers are on tap year round and we love to experiment with new seasonal brews. Our Steam, Ginger, and IPAs stand out, but a lineup of dark beers goes over the top! Our goal is to provide a high-quality experience that is changing every time you come through the door. Craft beer is art! Enjoy!

REGIONAL AFFILIATE LEGISLATIVE LUNCHEON

Presented by the Ankeny, Grimes, Johnston, Polk City and Urbandale Chambers of Commerce.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

11:30 - 1:00 PM

HILTON GARDEN INN, JOHNSTON

COST - \$20

REGISTER AT ANKENY.ORG



TASTEBUD TUESDAYS!

On With Life was our October recipient of Tastebud Tuesdays! Special thanks to Tony Strang - Allstate Insurance, for paying it forward! Lunch was provided by Tasteful Dinners! Thank you to our Presenting Sponsor: First National Bank, Ankeny!



Chamber Facts!

What date is the Christmas Luncheon?

Email lweyer@ankeny.org with the correct answer and be entered to win two 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.*

October's Chamber Facts

What golf course was our Fall Ball Golf Outing held at?

Answer: Tournament Club of Iowa

Winners: Amanda Mueller, Northwest Bank

Emily Bruggeman, julsdesign

Leigh Lewis, Edward Jones Investments - Terry Peter

Ribbon Cuttings



Sorriso Grille

Melinda Strable

7015 N.E. 14th St., Ankeny, IA 50021, (515) 289-9113



Whimze Boutique

Carol Rolf

802 S.E. Oralabor Rd., Ste 104, Ankeny, IA 50021, (515) 965-7596
www.whimzeboutique.com



Tuffy Auto Service Center

Joel Johnson

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Kampens Creations Photography

Jodie Kampen

209 E. 1st St., Ste 208, Ankeny, IA 50021, (515) 975-0157
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Stained Glass Basement & Mosaics

Jay Reavis

2910 N.W. 17th Ct., Ankeny, IA 50023, (515) 971-0108



Christmas Luncheon

Presented By



NORTHWEST BANK

Commitment you can bank on.

Thursday, December 4

11:00 - 1:00 PM

Lunch Served: 11:00 - 12:30 pm

Ankeny First United Methodist Church
Christian Life Center

-710 Northeast 36th Street-

Tickets - \$20

Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Tickets may be purchased at the Ankeny Chamber Office, 210 S. Ankeny Blvd.

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2015 Annual Election of Directors Single - Slate

The nominating committee has selected the following candidates
for election to the Board of Directors of the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce.

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Vote for Six

- ☐ **Patti Hood - Great Southern Bank**
- ☐ **Kyle Grundmeyer - The Health Clinic, P.C.**
- ☐ **Jeremy Spillman - NAI Optimum**
- ☐ **Heather Lilienthal - Iowa Soybean Association**
- ☐ **Gregg Mooers - Doll Distributing**
- ☐ **Amanda Weathers - The Lauridsen Group**

Write in:

According to the By-Laws regarding the election of Board of Directors: "Of the twelve elected members, one-third shall be elected . . . annually to serve for three (3) years. . . A nominating committee of five members shall be appointed to nominate from the membership of the Chamber a number of members to be candidates for membership on the Board of Directors equivalent to the number of vacancies on the Board to be filled. . . All voting shall be by ballot. . ." Return to the Chamber at Box 488, Ankeny, Iowa 50021 or fax to 515-964-0487.

**Ballots Are Due By
December 16, 2014**

2014 OUTSTANDING CITIZEN

Nomination Form

Nominations are being accepted for the 2014 Outstanding Citizen Award presented by the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce. This award is to recognize an individual who has made a significant contribution to the improvement of the entire community outside his/her chosen trade or profession.

Ankeny's Outstanding Citizen is selected by a Chamber committee consisting of representatives from the Chamber and previous award recipients.

Nomination deadline: December 16, 2014

Nominee: _____ Title: _____
Business: _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____

Why is this nominee qualified for this award?

Nominated By _____ Phone _____

SUBMIT nomination to the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce,
PO Box 488, Ankeny, IA 50021, or fax to 964-0487

The Outstanding Citizen of the Year will be presented at the
Chamber's Annual Dinner Celebration on February 5, 2015

2014 SMALL BUSINESS/ SMALL BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR

Nominations are being accepted for the Small Business / Small Business Person of the Year Award presented by the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce to recognize the achievements of our community's businesses.

This award is to recognize a business person making a significant contribution in business and community involvement.

QUALIFICATIONS

- A Chamber Member with at least 20 percent ownership in the business and an active involvement in the management of the business.
- Demonstrated an active involvement in community betterment.

It is important to note that this criteria is only a guideline subject to the interpretation of the selection committee. This award is selected by a Chamber committee consisting of representatives from the Chamber and previous award recipients.

Nominee: _____ Title: _____

Business: _____ Business Phone: _____

Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

Why is the nominee qualified for this award?

Nominated By _____ Phone _____

The Small Business Person of the Year Award will be presented at the
Chamber's Annual Dinner on February 5, 2015

Submit nomination to the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 488, Ankeny, IA 50021, or fax to 964-0487

NOMINATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 16, 2014