

CHAMBER *Action*

April 2015

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CHILL**
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Chamber Chill 2015 Presented By



JOHN DEERE



ANKENY
Area Chamber of Commerce

ankeny young professionals

New Member Luncheon

April 10 @ Noon

Bandana's Bar-B-Q

Sponsored by American Heart Association

Spring ChamberWide Luncheon

April 15 @ 11:30 am

Ankeny Golf & Country Club

Sponsored by Simpson College

Register at www.ankeny.org

After Hours Social

April 30 @ 4:30 - 7:00 pm

Woodland Hills Golf Course

Sponsored by Woodland Hills Golf Course

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CHAMBER CALENDAR

Wed, April 1

Noon **Ribbon Cutting - Dipset** - 1300 N.E. 72nd Ave.

Tue, April 7

Noon **Ribbon Cutting - Bank of the West**
- 411 N. Ankeny Blvd.

Wed, April 8

11:00 am **Ambassador Meeting**
- Briarwood Club of Ankeny

11:30 am **New Member Networking Social**
- Briarwood Club of Ankeny, 3405 N.E. Trilein Dr.

Thur, April 9

4:00 pm **Business After Hours - 1st National Bank**
- 1205 N. Ankeny Blvd.

Sat, April 11

9:00 am **Legislative Coffee** - Neveln Center

Mon, April 13

Noon **Executive Board Meeting** - Chamber Office

Tue, April 14

Noon **Ribbon Cutting - Great Clips**
- 627 N. Ankeny Blvd.

Wed, April 15

11:30 am **Spring ChamberWide Luncheon**
- Ankeny Golf & Country Club

Mon, April 21

11:45 am **Board of Directors Meeting**
- Chamber Office

Wed, April 22

1:00 - 4:00 pm **Expert Office Hours** - Chamber Office

Thur, April 23

Noon **Ribbon Cutting - Concierge Public Relations**
- Chamber Office

Tue, April 28

4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting - Something Blue**
Consignment - 315 S.W. Maple St., Ste C

Dates and Times are subject to change.

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

MEET YOUR BOARD!



Michele Starkenburg

Board of Directors

Veridian Credit Union

michelems@veridiancu.org

Michele Starkenburg currently is the Manager/Business Development at Veridian Credit Union and has over 25 years of financial experience. She enjoys being out in the community and building relationships. Michele is serving her second term on the Ankeny Chamber of Commerce Board and currently Chairs the Economic Development Committee. She graduated from Briar Cliff University and is attending Grand View University where she will graduate with her Masters this year. She also graduated from the Ankeny Leadership Institute.

In her free time, Michele and her husband Loren follow the University of Iowa Softball team where their daughter Shayla pitches. They also have a son Daken who is attending the University of Florida to get his PHD. She has lived in Ankeny over 18 years and enjoys biking, golfing, volleyball, sewing, coffee and working out with friends.

JOIN US!

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

1ST NATIONAL BANK

THURSDAY, APRIL 9 4:00 - 6:00 PM

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Business Spotlight

May will bring The Soil Kitchen's 3rd Anniversary serving Ankeny and surrounding communities. We have met so many amazing residents and have helped them improve the health of their lawns and gardens while reducing their use of potentially harmful chemicals. This year we have added even more exciting products and services. We now carry LED grow lights that enable our clients to not only start their own seedlings, but grow their own fresh produce indoors all year round. We have doubled our seed variety inventory this year and will have heirloom vegetable starts ready for planting in May. Another addition to our inventory is a line of all-natural pest controls available only in independently owned garden shops. For a monthly fee, you can hire The Soil Kitchen to help you plan and maintain a healthy vegetable garden. As always, we still perform in-house soil testing, custom blend soils and soil amendments and offer locally produced garden art. Stop by The Soil Kitchen today so we can help you grow!

Spring hours (April 1-July 1)
Mon-Fri 10-7 Saturday 10-5
Closed Sundays



The Soil Kitchen

Colleen Lees
637 S. Ankeny Blvd.
Ankeny, IA 50023
(515) 257-6457
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WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



Dipset
Todd Smith
1300 N.E. 72nd Ave.
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(515) 778-7543
www.dipset.net

Dipset Plasti Dip & Window Tint is a one-stop shop for all your auto-custom needs. We provide services for protective coatings, window tinting, auto-detailing, auto estimates, and minor collision and paint repair. Todd Smith, owner/installer, has always been interested in customizing vehicles, and this was a way to promote a new trend in auto cosmetics! "Plasti-Dip is very customizable, durable, and provides protective coating at a reasonable investment!" says Todd. "I also plan to become the first "Dip your Car Installer in the Midwest!" Todd also likes to be involved in promoting events and awareness for his current trend in the market! "I want to promote outside events, such as car shows, and charity events that I'm currently looking into."

Dipset Plasti Dip & Window Tint also provides window tinting to not only automotive vehicles, but to commercial business applications as well." With over 10 years experience in the market, I am able to bring in any film supplier upon request that is suitable to your needs."

Dipset Plasti Dip & Window Tint is located at 1300 NE 72nd Avenue. Please call 515-778-7543, or check us out at www.dipset.net to get your free estimate, and back on the road to show off your new custom look!

Great Clips

Jennifer Sauvaine
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www.greatclips.com



Great Clips is an international hair salon franchise with over 3700 locations and growing. Last year, Great Clips did over 85 million haircuts & employed over 38,000 stylists. Great Clips has been a fixture in Ankeny for over 25 years at our N. Ankeny Blvd location. We offer a GREAT VALUE for your hard earned dollars, with competitively priced haircuts, perms, professional products & extra services. All products & services are 100% guaranteed. We now offer On Line Check In. You can check in at www.greatclips.com or download our app on your Apple or Android smartphone. We look forward to serving our GREAT Ankeny area customers. "Great Clips, It's Gonna Be Great"

Spitshine Floors LLC

Kirk Gardino
302 S.W. Elm St.
Ankeny, IA 50023
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www.spitshinefloors.com



My name is Kirk Gardino and I am the owner and sole employee of SpitShine Floors LLC. I started SpitShine three years ago to provide floor care services for the Ankeny and Des Moines area with the best customer service available. When you call, I answer the phone and you work directly with me for your floor care needs.

I have been finishing floors for thirty years for government agencies and finally decided to start my own business. I can strip, wax, seal, clean and epoxy coat your concrete, VCT, tile and linoleum floors. I also offer floor maintenance services to keep your floors clean and shiny year round.

As of January 1st this year, I have added concrete polishing to my services. This provides a far superior option to epoxy which will last fifty plus years with proper upkeep.

I am also a member of the BBB who is in good standing with no complaints in the two years I have been a member.

When you look to have your floor care needs filled, please look to SpitShine Floors.

Through April 1st, 2015, Chamber members will get a 10% discount on my services.



UnityPoint Clinic - Internal Medicine at Prairie Trail - Grant Peterson, M.D.

Grant Peterson, M.D.
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UnityPoint Clinic - Internal Medicine at Prairie Trail - Kenneth Wayne, M.D.

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WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Food 4 Thought

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Melanie Schmidt is a Certified Health Coach (certified through AADP and trained at The Institute of Integrative Nutrition) and the owner of Food 4 Thought. She studied more than 100 dietary theories along with a variety of practical lifestyle coaching methods. Drawing upon this knowledge, Melanie empowers and supports clients to create a completely personalized "roadmap to health" that suits his/her unique body, lifestyle preferences, and goals. She believes in a lifestyle change by consuming more whole foods and approaching health from a holistic perspective (i.e. all aspects of our life create our health and wellness). Melanie meets each person where they are at on their health journey and offers various programs and products through Food 4 Thought such as: The Reboot Challenge (11 day cleanse to kickstart health), Revitalize You! 28 Day Online Clean Eating Program, T-30 Program, Juice Plus+ Whole Food Nutrition (a great way to bridge the gap between the amount of fruits/veggies you consume vs. the 7-13 recommended), and The Tower Garden (vertical aeroponic growing system allowing you to grow anything except root vegetables in a small space). Additional support is provided with the Renew You and Transform You Individualized Coaching Programs. Melanie also offers group health classes along with lunch and learns at businesses. Please visit Food 4 Thought on Facebook and LinkedIn or on the website: www.Food4Thoughtdm.com. For questions or to schedule a free 30 minute strategy session, please email Melanie at Melanie@Food4Thoughtdm.com.



Shift Interactive

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After a recent merger, your friends at Slash/Web Studios are now a part of the Shift Interactive brand. We still do websites, iPhone and Android Apps, software, games, and much more; and now we are doing it with twice as many incredibly talented people on our team. Stop by our new space in West Des Moines and say hi!



Ankeny Dental Professionals, P.C. - Dr. Kelly Huston

Dr. Kelly Huston
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www.ankenydentist.com



Ankeny Community Band

Jeff Damman
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The Ankeny Community Band was founded in 2004 shortly after the opening of the Bandshell in Wagner Park. The band has now grown to approximately 50 musicians and performs six concerts per season beginning with Memorial Day and ending in late July. Director responsibilities are shared by local music education professionals Joel Poppen and Jayson Gerth. The band strives to provide an informal venue for adults who want to continue to play their instrument after high school or college, while providing high-quality free band concerts to the community. The material played by the band follows the time-honored tradition of many community bands throughout the state of Iowa playing marches, show tunes, and other popular band literature.

The band is supported with grants from the Polk County Board of Supervisors, and Bravo of Greater Des Moines. In addition, the band receives support from the Ankeny Community Schools with the use of its band room and equipment, and from the City of Ankeny for the use of its Bandshell. Without the support of these partners the band could not exist.

Throughout the summer the band practices on Tuesday evenings in the bandroom at Parkview Middle School. Concerts are generally held on Wednesday evenings. For additional information about the Ankeny Community Band please contact Jeff Damman at 515-205-9945 or jeffdamman@gmail.com.

Century 21 Signature Real Estate - Teri Goins

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Ankeny, IA 50023
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Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce Golf Open
Wednesday, June 10, 2015
Briarwood Club of Ankeny
Presented By Mark Charter Real Estate



Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing
Thursday, September 3, 2015
Tournament Club of Iowa
Presented by Mark Charter Real Estate

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SPRING FLING GOLF OPEN and FALL BALL GOLF OUTING

Double Bogey Advanced Registration - both courses!

Savings of \$20 per golfer or \$80 for a team of 4!

Must register for both Briarwood Club of Ankeny (June 10) and Tournament Club of Iowa (September 3). Pay for the Spring Fling Golf Open today and be invoiced at a later date

for the Fall Ball Golf Outing.

All reservations not kept will be billed.

Invoices for final payment will be mailed in early August.

\$180 per golfer/ \$720 per team of 4

**Price includes reserved space at both courses on*

Wednesday, June 10 and Thursday, September 3, 2015.

Double Bogey Advance Registration and special pricing closes Wednesday, April 29th.

Individual Course Registration opens Friday, May 1st.



TASTEBUD TUESDAYS!

The Iowa Soybean Association was our March recipient of TasteBud Tuesdays!

Lunch was provided by Pizza Ranch!

Thank you to our Presenting Sponsor, 1st National Bank, Ankeny!



Chamber Facts!

Who is the speaker at the April ChamberWide 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.*

March's Chamber Facts

Who won our 2014 Small Business of the Year Award?

Answer: Brooke Ireland, Wig and Pen Pizza Pub

Winners: Janet Tracy, The Travel Dreamer

Peter Strauss, Reset

Kim Hanken, American Heart Association

Ribbon Cuttings



Lincoln Savings Bank

Justine Peebles

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Hy-Vee Market Cafe

Wes Snook

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Food 4 Thought

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Wholesome Pet Essentials

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CHAMBERWIDE LUNCHEON

Hosted by the Ankeny Young Professionals

featuring

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A chance encounter with a multi-millionaire entrepreneur led Adam Carroll to alter the course of his life forever. In this interactive and engaging 60-minute session, Adam will share the lessons taught to him by this enlightened stranger in a way you'll never forget.

Wednesday, April 15, 2015
Ankeny Golf & Country Club
11:30 - 1:00 PM

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Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship-Post Secondary

In order to qualify you, your parents, or your spouse must work for an Ankeny Area Chamber member.

Application deadline: April 1, 2015

**Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce
210 S. Ankeny Boulevard, Ankeny, IA 50023**

Date: _____

1. Name of Applicant: _____ Email Address: _____
2. Home Street Address: _____
3. City: _____, IA Zip: _____ Phone: _____
4. Chamber Business Affiliation _____

College, University or Vocational School you plan to attend:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Have you been accepted? Yes ____ No ____

Currently attending a college, university or vocational school? Yes ____ No ____

If yes, please attach a copy of the acceptance letter as page 2. **(Required)**

Please attach additional pages as needed to complete the following:

1. Need for Financial Assistance:

Explain how you plan to finance your post-secondary education. If you desire, explain any special circumstances which have a direct bearing on your need for financial assistance.

2. Community Service:

Describe the ways in which you, as a volunteer, have been of service to your community. Indicate any leadership roles you may have had in this area. Describe any special circumstances which may have limited your participation in community service. Why did you choose these activities and what did you gain from the experience?

3. Other Experience:

Describe all internships/job shadowing experiences you have participated in up to the present time. Also include all jobs held up to the present time. Why did you choose these activities and what did you gain from the experience?

4. Work Experience:

Please provide your work experience since graduating from high school.

5. Educational goal:

Describe the degree you are seeking and how it relates to the business community.



Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship High School Seniors Application

In order to qualify you or a parent must work for an Ankeny Area Chamber member. Visit www.ankenys.org for listing of Chamber members.

Application deadline: April 1, 2015

Date: _____

Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce, 210 S. Ankeny Boulevard, Ankeny, IA 50023

1. Name of Applicant: _____ Email address: _____
2. Home Street Address: _____
3. City: _____, IA Zip: _____ Phone: _____
4. High School: _____
5. High School Address: _____ City: _____ IA Zip: _____
6. High School Principal: _____ Email Address: _____
7. High School Counselor: _____ Email Address: _____
8. Chamber Business Affiliation: _____

Parents Employer _____

Students Employer _____

General Information

1. Father's Name: _____ Check if deceased ☐
2. Home Address: _____ Occupation: _____
3. Mother's Name: _____ Check if deceased ☐
4. Home Address: _____ Occupation: _____
5. Do you have a Stepparent or Guardian other than your parents? _____
6. If so, please list their name and address: _____
7. List in chronological order the names of your brothers, sister or other person's dependent upon your parents for support:

Name	Age	Relationship
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

College, University or Vocational School you plan to attend:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Have you been accepted? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, please attach a copy of the acceptance letter as page 3. (REQUIRED)



Please attach additional pages as needed to complete the following:

1. Need for Financial Assistance:

Explain how you plan to finance your post-secondary education. If you desire, explain any special circumstances which have a direct bearing on your need for financial assistance.

2. School Activities:

List the high school activities in which you have participated. After each activity indicate the grade(s) in which you participated by using the symbol 9, 10, 11, 12. Then list any leadership positions you may have held in this activity and indicate the grade (9, 10, 11, 12) when the position was held.(Attach additional sheets if necessary)

Activity	Grade	Leadership Position	When Held



Please attach additional pages as needed to complete the following:

Describe any special circumstances which may have limited your participation in school activities. Why did you choose these activities and what did you gain from your participation?

3. Community Service:

Describe the ways in which you, as a volunteer, have been of service to your community. Indicate any leadership roles you may have had in this area. (Attached additional sheets if necessary.)

Area of Service	Leadership Position	When Held

Describe any special circumstances which may have limited your participation in community service. Why did you choose these activities and what did you gain from the experience?



4. Other Experience:

Describe all internships/job shadowing experiences you have participated in up to the present time. Also include all jobs held up to the present time. Why did you choose these activities and what did you gain from the experience?