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December 12 @ noon

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Kickoff Celebration & Membership Drive

January 18 @ 6:00-8:00 PM

Ankeny Golf and Country Club

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After Hours Mixer

February 18 @ 4:30 PM

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Meet YOUR Board!

Amanda Weathers

Board of Directors

The Lauridsen Group

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Amanda Weathers is a Tax Director with Lauridsen Group, Inc. She joined the Lauridsen Group in 2014. In this time, she has developed a unique skill set in serving international, federal, state, and controversy tax matters for the business. Amanda leads the business through international structuring and domestic reorganizations. Prior to her position at the Lauridsen Group, Inc., Amanda served as Tax Director with Deloitte Tax LLP in Des Moines. Her success in developing long-term client relationships comes from her ability to uniquely identify with clients by understanding the client's goals and objectives. In 2013, Amanda was named the Des Moines office tax leader and led a team of more than twenty tax professionals. She worked to teach the client centric mentality to her team members and provide career development opportunities to them. Amanda also led the tax marketing and business development efforts.

Outside of her position at the Lauridsen Group, Inc., Amanda balances career and family life with her husband, Ryan, and their six children. In the community, Amanda has been involved with the Ankeny Economic Development Corporation for seven years and served as president in 2014. Amanda also serves as a board member for the Ankeny School Foundation. Amanda serves as a church council member at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Ankeny.

Amanda earned her bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Notre Dame and a Master in Taxation from DePaul University.

CHAMBER CALENDAR

Thursday December 24, 2015 - January 1, 2016
Chamber Office Closed

Wednesday, January 6

4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting-Sport Clips**
-1550 N. Ankeny Blvd.

Thursday, January 7

4:30 pm **Postponed Ribbon Cutting- Michele Cheek**
Realty Professionals
-5212 NW 10th St., Ankeny

Monday, January 11

12:00 pm Executive Board Meeting-Chamber Office

Wednesday, January 13

10:00 am **New TRC Volunteer Training**
-Chamber Office

11:30 am **All TRC Volunteer Training**
-Chamber Office

Thursday, January 14

12:00 pm **Ribbon Cutting-Shear Madness Haircuts for Kids**
-1701 SE Delaware Ave.

4:00 pm **Business After Hours - FFA Enrichment Center**
- 1055 S.W. Prairie Trail Pkwy.

Friday, January 15

12:00 pm **Ribbon Cutting-Lotta-Pop** -647 S Ankeny Blvd.

Monday, January 18

11:45 am Board of Directors Meeting - Chamber Office

Tuesday, January 19

4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting- QA Graphics**
-1555 S.E. Delaware Ave., Ste. R

Tuesday, January 26

12:00 PM **Ribbon Cutting- Smiles on Delaware**
-2005 S.E. Delaware Ave.

Wednesday, January 27

12:00 PM **Ribbon Cutting- Peterson Planning Strategies**
-Chamber Board Room

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 FFA ENRICHMENT CENTER

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

4:00 - 6:00 PM

The FFA Enrichment Center is a premier multipurpose event, leadership, and educational facility located on the edge of DMACC's Ankeny Campus. The facility opened its doors in early 2010, and has maintained a focused commitment on offering high quality service to our clients. The FFA Enrichment Center is dedicated to providing a high quality learning environment and support services for educational programs and events hosted by recognized members and partners of the Iowa Agricultural Education community, events affiliated with DMACC, and is open and welcome to the general public.

The FFA Enrichment Center offers 30,000 square feet of rentable space. This space features:

- 12 small breakout/meeting rooms or used as combined 6 large breakout/meeting rooms
- 2 large conference rooms (each seats up to 240) or as a combined conference room
- Atrium or Lobby area well suited for cocktail receptions, vendor shows, wedding celebrations and more
- Responsive, customer-oriented services
- Accessible, functional, comfortable and competitively priced learning environments
- Convenient location and parking

In addition to serving as an events venue, the FFA Enrichment Center offers premier leadership, personal and organizational development services. Programs are offered for youth and adults in the form of youth leader retreats, leadership training for groups of any size, group strategic planning and facilitation, and Strengths Coaching for teams and individuals. This training is accomplished via hands-on workshops, seminars, conferences, and courses developed and facilitated by FFA Enrichment Center staff. Programming can be tailored to the needs of any group. Topics of these services can include, but are not limited to: strengths-based development, service-minded leadership, communication, team building, personal leadership styles, time management, Habitudes®, mission statement and goal setting, and strategic planning. All coaching, consulting, and facilitation work is offered at competitive and reasonable rates. Menus of leadership services are available upon request. For more information on renting the FFA Enrichment Center, or taking advantage of our leadership development services, please visit our website at www.ffaenrichmentcenter.com.

FFA Enrichment Center

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Business Spotlight



Central Bank

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We understand that a broken appliance throws a wrench in your busy life. Westside will work with you to find a time that is most convenient, and we offer an online scheduler you can access on-the-go.

Shear Madness Haircuts for Kids

Erin Nanke
1701 SW Delaware, Ste. 150
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Shear Madness Haircuts For Kids is a FUN place for KIDS and stress-free for parents! Kids sit in a car, airplane, motorcycle or even a fire truck and select a movie of their choice while getting a haircut. We also have regular size chairs for older kids and adults to sit in and watch a movie or play XBOX while getting their haircut. Our specially trained stylists are friendly, patient, knowledgeable and most importantly have great haircutting techniques on moving targets!

Shear Madness Haircuts For Kids provides a variety of other services such as ShEAR Dazzle Ear Piercing, DIVA Days, Spa Manis and Spa Pedis. We host DIVA birthday parties for girls in our private party room treating them to 90 minutes of pampering with hair, makeup and nails plus a special party favor to top off the experience. We host boy parties too! Our party room transforms into a SUPER HERO FACTORY! Kids make and decorate their own super hero masks and capes to keep, complimented with super cool color hair gel and super hero games.

Every Sunday at 4pm we offer hair braiding classes from beginner braiding to advanced braiding, make up application classes and nail art classes. All of our services are "appointment based" but we do accept walk-ins with a minimal wait time.



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Bettina Hewitt is a state licensed massage therapist on Ankeny's south side. Graduating from Body Wisdom Massage School in Urbandale in 2013, she studied a variety of courses to include the specialties of: Deep Tissue, Myofascial Therapy, and Foot Reflexology in her 750+ hours of training. She has continued her education since then with studies in Clinical Aromatherapy and Maternity & Infant Massage. Bettina manipulates the muscles of the body to relieve pain, help rehabilitate injuries, improve circulation, relieve stress, increase relaxation, and aid in the general wellness of her clients. She discusses with each client what they hope to achieve through massage to personalize a unique treatment plan. Contact Bettina for more information or to schedule an appointment today because LIFE IS BETTER WITH MASSAGE.



**Bettina Hewitt,
LMT**
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Smitten for Mittens

The Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce is collecting new mittens/gloves/hats to be distributed to those in need this holiday season.

For every item donated, your business will be entered to win a free lunch in 2016 as part of the Chamber's Tastebud Tuesday program!

Donations will be taken until January 15, 2016

TRC 2016

TOTAL RESOURCE CAMPAIGN

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

The Ankeny Chamber's TRC will be kicking off
in January 2016!

Taking part in TRC is a great way to boost
business development!

Contact the Chamber to learn more and get involved!
Training will be held on January 13th at the chamber office.

Discover & Explore Scenic Ireland

October 19-26, 2016

Informational Session:

January 13th, 2016

At 4 PM in the Chamber Office

Contact Megan@ankeny.org for more information



TASTEBUD TUESDAYS!

The Stone Shop was our December recipient of Tastebud Tuesdays! Lunch was provided by Dominos! Thank you to our Presenting Sponsor, 1st National Bank, Ankeny!

Chamber Facts!

What date is the 2016 Annual Dinner?

Email megan@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.

December's Chamber Facts

Who is the 2016 Chamber President?

Answer: Doug Beech

Winners: Kevin Harrington- Leaning Tower of Pizza
Lewis Todtz- South Story Bank and Trust
Steve Hidder-Ankeny Real Estate Service

Ribbon Cuttings



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Erin Eischeid

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Annual Dinner Celebration

ANKENY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2016

February 4, 2016
Courtyard by Marriott, Ankeny

Presented By



6:00-7:00 PM ~ Social Hour

7:00 PM ~ Dinner and Program

Registration required with names of attendees and meal choices.

Register at www.ankeny.org by February 1, 2016.

\$50 per person - Cash bar.

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