

Summer 2018 Newsletter

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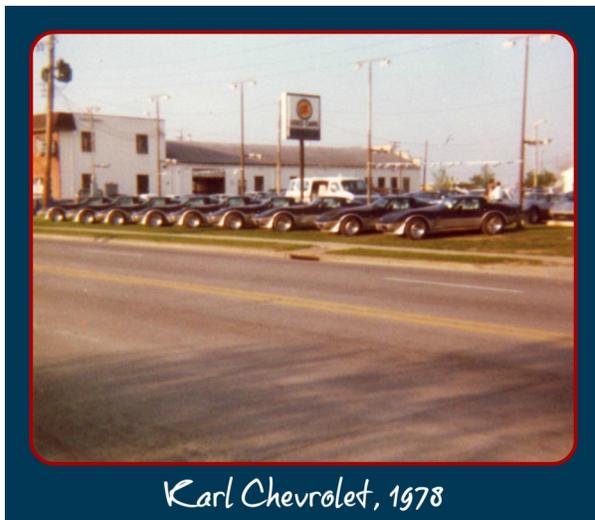
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Annual Ice Cream Social And Silent Auction Sunday, June 24

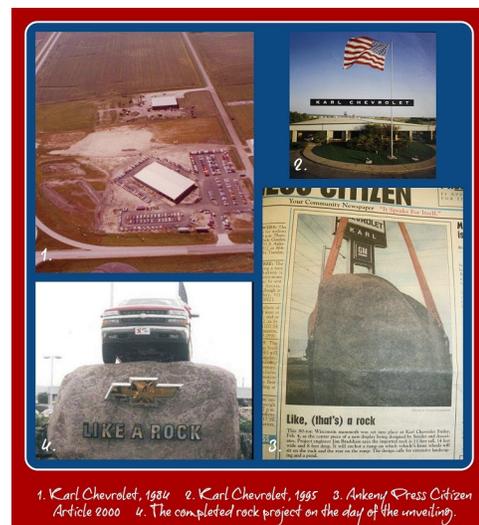
During our Ice Cream Social on June 24th, from 2:00-4:00pm, we will be honoring three local organizations for being a part of the Ankeny area for three milestone anniversaries! Karl Chevrolet will be honored for 40 years in Ankeny; Casey’s General Stores and DMACC will be honored for 50 years in Ankeny. Come celebrate with us—our museum house and barn will be open for you to tour as well! There is a \$4 per person cost for the ice cream social, but museum tours are FREE.

Karl Chevrolet

Carl Moyer, owner of Karl Chevrolet, began his career as the Sales Manager at the Dick Walters Ford dealership at the age of 19. He started his own business, a Chevrolet dealership, on January 9, 1978. It was located in a small one car showroom building on South Ankeny Boulevard. When he started, he had no cars to sell, and no employees—he was the only one working there. In the summer of that year, every Chevrolet dealership in the country was given an Indianapolis 500 pace car to display. Carl bought eight more, and sold them.



Karl Chevrolet, 1978



1. Karl Chevrolet, 1984 2. Karl Chevrolet, 1985 3. Ankeny Press Citizen Article 2000 4. The completed rock project on the day of the unveiling.

*Photos and details courtesy of Karl Chevrolet’s blog and website

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Carl was an amateur cartoonist, and he designed the logo for the dealership himself. It has changed little over the past 40 years, incorporating a stylized backwards 'K' instead of the 'C' his name actually begins with.

The dealership moved to its current location in 1983, when the roads were still gravel, and the dealership was surrounded by corn fields. Carl took his employees on the road to tell people about his dealership, and even made a deal with Bob Seger to use the title phrase from his song "Like a Rock" on Karl's Chevy truck display.

Karl Chevrolet has won numerous awards throughout its 40 year history, including General Motors' (GM) Mark of Excellence Award 16 years in a row, GM Dealer of the Year 14 years in a row, GM Fleet Elite dealer for 12 years, and #1 GM Certified Dealer in the Nation for 10 years. Carl Moyer was given the key to the city in 2008, and the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce named him Citizen of the Year in 2013!

Please come celebrate with us as we recognize Karl Chevrolet for being a part of our community for 40 years!

Casey's General Stores

In 1959, Donald Lamberti leased a service station in Des Moines, Iowa, from his father. After successfully remodeling the station into a convenience store and operating it for nine years, his gasoline supplier and friend, Kurvin C. (K.C.) Fish, suggested that he purchase the Square Deal Oil Company, a service station available for sale in Boone, Iowa. Lamberti followed Fish's advice and purchased the station, which he renamed "Casey's" after Fish and as with his leased store converted the station into a convenience store. The logo on the Boone store is the same logo used today by the Casey's chain.

The Boone store (located in a town of only 12,500) did well, so Lamberti decided to see if he could duplicate his success. He built another store in Creston, Iowa (population 7,000) and that store did well also. Lamberti became more ambitious and decided to open a store from scratch in the even smaller town of Waukee, Iowa (population 1,500 at the time). The Waukee store proved to be the most successful of the three, so Lamberti decided to purchase and open more stores, concentrating on towns of less than 5,000 population (a variation on the tactic used in the early success of Wal-Mart).

By the late 1970s (when Casey's opened its first warehouse) the chain had 118 stores, including the original store operated by Lamberti's parents which entered the Casey's fold in 1977.

Casey's became a publicly traded company in October, 1983, with an initial public offering of 700,000 shares. Around this time Casey's began to sell doughnuts in its stores; in December 1984 it introduced pizza into its stores (which is one of its signature items today). In 1990, Casey's moved to its current facility in Ankeny, Iowa. Casey's 1,000th store opened in Altoona, Iowa in 1996, the same year Casey's exceeded US \$1 billion in annual sales. ***Please come celebrate with us as we recognize Casey's General Stores for being a part of our community for 50 years!***

****Excerpts taken from Wikipedia.***

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DMACC

Des Moines Area Community College, or DMACC, as it is often abbreviated, began in Des Moines in 1966, and was then known as Area XI Community College. They moved to Ankeny in 1968. Classes were held in the basement of Ankeny United Methodist Church, space in the former Ankeny Post Office at 315 Walnut, and a leased grocery store and skating rink (which were both in West Des Moines). In 1969, DMACC administrators hired Don Zuck (who is now one of AAHS' board members) as the Director of Campus Planning and Construction. "My job was to get the campus built. It was my job to coordinate all the steps of the construction process," he said.

Temporary buildings were put up on the east part of the campus while plans were made for permanent building construction. Fifty years later, those 'temporary buildings', which were allowed to remain standing by a change in the law, are still in use. Today's 'Building 14' was used for Mechanical Welding classes, 'Building 15' was for the Student Center and Printing, 'Building 16' was the Educational Media Center, 'Building 17' was for Administration, and 'Building 18' was for Data Processing. Those first five buildings were completed in 1969, and then classes were moved to the Ankeny campus. In the Spring of 1969 there was only one paved street off of Ankeny Boulevard that led to a building.

Sidewalks hadn't been poured yet, but walkways had been graded. When the snow from winter finally melted, and heavy spring rains came in, the ground got muddy, so several rolls of snow fencing were brought in and laid down on top of the pathways, so students, faculty, and staff could get from building to building. They took a bus from the parking lot of a nearby restaurant, since there were no paved parking areas yet.

Construction on the first "permanent" buildings ended in 1970. Two buildings completed that year were used for health and business classes. A third building, finished in 1971, was used for culinary arts. Building four was completed in 1975, and was used for Applied Science. The automotive building, number five, wasn't finished until 1979, but building six, which became the library, was finished in 1971. Iowa Governor Robert Ray attended the ground-breaking ceremony for construction on those first "permanent" buildings, which is pictured here.

In 2016, the most recent year statistics are available for, DMACC had 36,681 students enrolled earning credits toward a degree, and 22,556 students enrolled that were not seeking a degree. DMACC has previously been voted by CityView readers as the 'Best Place to Continue Your Education'.

Please come celebrate with us as we recognize DMACC for being a part of our community for 50 years!

**Details are courtesy of DMACC's website, and the featured Des Moines Register clipping.*



Night at the Museum

Please join us at the Ankeny Area Historical Society museum on June 13, 2018, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. You will find the barn museum alive with historic characters from Ankeny's past as we present "Night at the Museum" during Museum Week.

Ankeny's founders, John and Sarah Ankeny, will greet you. A farmer and a miner will be on hand to explain how farming and mining played a major role in Ankeny's history. Rosie the Riveter will tell of her experience of working at the Des Moines Ordnance Plant. A one-room school marm will teach you what it was like to go to school with no computers or white boards. Also on hand will be a pioneer mom whose kitchen used no electricity, an Uptown storekeeper showing you how to shop prior to grocery carts, and a Hawkette telling of Ankeny school's history.

Sunday, August 5—Open House, 2:00—4:00pm ***"Spotlight on Past Community Organizations"***

Please join us as we focus on some of the groups that helped shape the quality of life in Ankeny over the years. We will have photo albums and scrapbooks for over a dozen clubs through the 1960's, 70's, 80's, and 90's. Maybe you know someone who was in Beta Sigma Phi or the Golden Kiwanis. We will also have books from the Jayceettes, Federated Garden Club, Unity Club, Ankeny Quilters Guild, Ankeny Women's Club, and lot of pictures from the Penguins. There is memorabilia from the Fortnightly Club (Eastern Star), American Business Women's Association, and Lions Club. Come and share your stories! A picture can paint a thousand words—but who's counting?

Thank You So Much!

Thank you to the following businesses, groups and individuals who gave donations and memorials to Ankeny Area Historical Society.

Donations

Ankeny Lions	Memory Lane Questers	LeNora Coe
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A special Thank You to John Knox for donating a JD 320 tractor with mower and mowing!

Thank you Cher Cher Questers for your donation which was used to reupholster our dining room chairs!



Pictures taken from Southview and Northview 8th Grade Tours



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Dates for 2018

June 3	2:00–4:00pm	Open House
June 10	2:00–4:00pm	Open House
June 13	6:00–8:00pm	Night At The Museum
June 17	2:00–4:00pm	Open House
June 24	2:00–4:00pm	Open House and Ice Cream Social
June 26	7:00pm	Monthly Meeting
July 1	2:00–4:00pm	Open House
July 8	2:00–4:00pm	Open House
July 15	2:00–4:00pm	Open House
July 22	2:00–4:00pm	Open House
July 24	6:00pm	Board meeting
	7:00pm	Monthly meeting
July 29	2:00–4:00pm	Open House
August 5	2:00–4:00pm	Open House
August 12	2:00–4:00pm	Open House
August 19	2:00–4:00pm	Open House
August 21	7:00pm	Monthly meeting
August 26	2:00–4:00pm	Open House
Sept 2	2:00–4:00pm	Open House

Sept 25	7:00pm	Monthly meeting
October 7	2:00–4:00pm	Open House
October 23	6:00pm	Board meeting
	7:00pm	Monthly meeting
November 4	2:00–4:00pm	Open House
November 27	7:00pm	Monthly meeting
December 1		Cookie Sale and Santa's Treasure Hunt

Mission:

The Ankeny Area Historical Society's mission is to inspire in our community a sense of meaning and belonging by sharing the history and culture of the Ankeny area.
