

March 2009



Chamber Action

210 S Ankeny Blvd

Ankeny, IA 50023

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Carol Thompson
2008 Ambassador of the Year Award

Annual Dinner Celebration



Jim Gocke
2008 Small Business Person Award



Rick Hermann
2008 Outstanding Citizen
of the Year Award



Community State Bank
Mark Degner
2008 President's Award



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After Hours Social

March 3 @ 5 PM

Yankee Clipper - Clipper Tacos

Sponsored by Community State Bank

Breakfast & Learn

March 10 @ 7 AM

Simpson College, Ankeny Campus

Sponsored by RDG Planning & Design

Speaker: Troy Albertson ~ Taxes

Lunch & Learn Community Outreach

March 24 @ 11:30

Bistro Restaurant @ DMACC Ankeny Campus

Speaker: Panel of AYP members from various industries

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Ambassadors' Corner

Presented by



Ambassador of the Year



Carol Thompson

Congratulations to Carol Thompson for winning the Ambassador of the Year award. Carol Thompson is the director of business administration for Candeo and has been a great benefit to our Chamber. She is a new member of the board of directors, volunteers her time on SummerFest, TASTE of Ankeny, Total Resource Campaign and the Ambassador committee. We want to thank her for all her time and hard work. She truly deserved this award.

To learn more about our ambassadors go to www.ankeny.org
Explore Our Committees

The mission of the Ambassadors is to be the welcoming arm of the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce. Ambassadors are appreciated as they mentor, welcome, guide and enhance the membership opportunities of fellow business managers and owners.

AMBASSADORS' EVENTS

Thur., March 12 @ 5 PM ~
BAH @ Flooring America
(1205 S.E. 16th Court, Suite 500)

Thur., March 19 @ 5 PM ~
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CHAMBER CALENDAR

Mon, Mar 2

Noon ~ Public Affairs Meeting

Tue, Mar 3

7 AM ~ Executive Board Meeting

Noon ~ Golf Committee Meeting

5 PM ~ AYP After-Hours Social (Yankee Clipper)

Wed, Mar 4

Noon ~ TRC Reward Lunch

(Ankeny Golf & Country Club)

Sat, Mar 7

9 AM ~ Legislative Coffee (Neveln Center)

Tue, Mar 10

7am ~ AYP Breakfast & Learn: Tax Prep 101

(Simpson College Extension, Ankeny)

Wed, Mar 11

Noon ~ Board of Directors Meeting (Chamber)

4:30 PM ~ TRC Victory Celebration

(The Courtyard by Marriott, Ankeny)

Thu, Mar 12

5 PM ~ Business After Hours @ Flooring America

(1205 S.E. 16th Court, Suite 500)

Thu, Mar 19

5 PM ~ Regional Business After Hours

(755 W. Hickman Rd.)

Tue, Mar 24

5:30 PM ~ SummerFest Committee Meeting

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5-7

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Business Spotlight

Welcome New Members



Ankeny Bark Avenue

Haley Aleman ~ Owner
109 E. 1st Ave.
Ankeny, IA 50021
(515) 964-9898

Ankeny Bark Avenue is proud to offer the city of Ankeny the best dog boarding, grooming, and doggie daycare for your pet. We have ten suites to provide a more personalized stay. The dogs have a very large fenced in yard to run and play. Ankeny Bark Avenue offers full service grooming to all dogs. Also we provide doggie daycare on a smaller scale; we only accept a limited number of dogs a day so your dog can still get individualized love and attention and also have play time with other dogs. Our goal is to provide the best possible care for your pet in a fun, safe, and clean environment. We promise to love your pets almost as much as you do!



Therapeutic Massage Center - Beth Madison

Beth Madison ~ Massage Therapist
513 S.W. 3rd St.
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Education Foundation of Ankeny Christian Academy

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Loren Kruse ~ President
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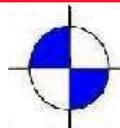
The Education Foundation of Ankeny Christian Academy exists to maximize charitable resources to advance and expand quality educational experiences that equip students to become all that God wants them to be glorify Him and to bring honor to their school, families and communities. The Education Foundation of Ankeny Christian Academy was founded in November 2008. Founding Board of Directors: Loren Kruse, president; Carolyn Cole, vice president; Carmine Boal, secretary; Don Buell, treasurer; Chad Kloppe; Jane McWilliams and Bob Vander Plaats. Advisory Board of Directors: Steve Deace and Steve Olejniczak.



Professional Services Enterprise

Nancy Wadsworth ~ Owner
812 S.E. Bel-Aire
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Professional Service Enterprise is owned by Nancy Wadsworth, who has been in the business for over 25 years. Based in Ankeny and serviced by professional cleaning maintenance technicians who are background checked, fully-trained and supervised, PSE is your solutions across the state for multi- office locations. The benefits of consolidating your facility needs with one service provider include increased efficiency and cost-effectiveness. Staffed with veteran personnel, PSE responds to all your special maintenance requests, whether they are routine or emergency related. We provide the following services: window washing, carpet and upholstery cleaning, applications of special floor seals, strip and waxing, construction cleanup and small maintenance issues.



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Welcome New Members



Accelerated Rehabilitation Centers

Kristin Smart ~ Business Development Manager

2525 North Ankeny Blvd., Suite 101

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(515) 965-4594

www.acceleratedrehab.com

Accelerated Rehabilitation Centers opened another physical rehabilitation center in Iowa - Accelerated Rehabilitation Centers are the premier provider of outpatient physical therapy. The Ankeny center offers a spacious and first class exercise setting with innovative treatment technologies. Patients receive one-on-one care, including individualized manual therapy. Chicago-based Accelerated offers 140 convenient locations throughout the Midwest, with eight locations being located here in the Des Moines metro. The continued growth of Accelerated reflects our commitment to providing the highest level of health care by utilizing industry leading physical therapists, cutting edge techniques and top-quality facilities.

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Lindsey Lee ~ Marketing Assistant

475 N.W. Hoffman Ln.

Des Moines, IA 50313

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Polito's Pizza House II

Thomas Polito ~ Owner

1701 S.E. Delaware Ave., Suite 200 Ankeny, IA 50021

(515) 965-2466

Polito's Pizza House II is now open for business in Ankeny. Owners Tom and Tracey Polito opened Polito's Pizza House located in Bondurant in 2001 and are now very excited to bring their business to Ankeny with a second location.

Tom is a graduate of Ankeny High School and had grown up working in the family owned restaurant business. Polito's continues to use the family recipes along with a few new ones of their own with their famous homemade onion rings, bread, sauces and more. They pride themselves in the quality of flavor and freshness that they serve to their customers. They have a variety of items on the menu that include pizza, sandwiches, onion rings and pasta.

Polito's Pizza House also continues to be a family owned business with Tom, Tracey and their children Lucano and Isabella operating the Ankeny location, and with Tom's oldest son BJ (Brant) Polito and his wife Amanda operating the Bondurant location.

Polito's has dine in or carry out and has plans in the near future to open for lunches during the week.

Hours: Tues - Thurs 4-9, Friday 4-10, Sat 11AM - 10 PM



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Dr. Fred Marsh ~ Physician

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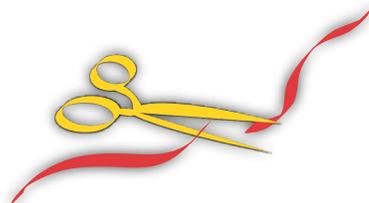
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Be able to demonstrate leadership potential, have a perspective on issues and knowledge of Ankeny and commitment to participate.

Spring Membership Luncheon

Wednesday, April 22

**"Connecting People
Through Recreation"**

Speaker **Todd Redenius**, director of the City of Ankeny's Parks and Recreation Department.

Meet Us for Coffee Legislative Coffees

Dates: March 7 & April 4

The community is invited to join Larry Noble, state senator; Kevin Koester, state representative; E.J.

Giovannetti, county supervisor in timely updates. In addition to information from each, audience members have the opportunity to ask questions of these elected officials.

Legislative Coffees will be held monthly on Saturdays at 9 AM at the dining room of the Neveln Center during the legislative session.

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June 17

The Ankeny Area Chamber Golf Open is scheduled for Wednesday, June 17, at Briarwood Club of Ankeny. Morning and afternoon shotgun starts will be available. Times will be announced at a later date. Information and the registration form will be out mid-April, either by email or mail. Registration is on a first come, first served basis; payment is due at the time of registration. Look for more information and details in the April *Chamber Action*.

Last chance to sponsor an Ankeny Area Chamber event, publication, website or promotional items from April 2009 to March 2010 is **March 11**.

Please call the Chamber today if you are interested in marketing your business through the many opportunities we have designed for our members.

During economic instability the best way to help your business is to spend money wisely. The Chamber is here to promote your business at fair costs to get your name out and into Ankeny and the surrounding area.

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