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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 1 @ 7 AM

Executive Board Mtg

April 4 @ Noon

Education Committee Mtg

April 5 @ 9 AM

Legislative Coffee

April 7 @ Noon

Public Affairs Committee Mtg

April 8 @ 7 AM

Board of Directors Mtg

April 8 @ Noon

Golf Committee Mtg

April 15 @ 5:30 PM

SummerFest Committee Mtg

April 23 @ 11:30

Membership Luncheon

ankeny young professionals

happy hour social
sponsored by Marquis Builders

April 4 @ 5 pm

Old Chicago

2732 Delaware Suite 101

breakfast & learn

sponsored by Hy-Vee Drugstore

April 8 @ 7 am

Casey's Corporate office

1 SE Convenience Blvd

what's for dinner?

april 17

802 SE Oralabor Rd

Ambassadors' Corner

Presented by



Ambassador of the Month



James Odson

James Odson is located at Iowa Financial Partners, 2501 SE Tones Drive Suite 100, Ankeny IA 50021. You can contact James at 515-289-0222 or james.odson@prudential.com.

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

April 2 @ Noon ~ RC – Bridal Connections
(710 N. Ankeny Blvd)

April 8 @ Noon ~ RC – Happy Trails
(2005 S. Ankeny Blvd. Suite #600)

April 9 @ 11:15 AM ~ Ambassador Mtg

April 9 @ Noon ~ New Member Reception
Sponsored by United Rentals

April 15 @ Noon ~ RC – Allstate Insurance Aaron Hill

April 16 @ 4:30 PM ~ RC – Iowa Sleep Disorder Center
(400 SE Delaware)

April 17 @ 5 PM ~ BAH – 1st National Bank, Ankeny
(1205 N. Ankeny Blvd)

April 18 @ Noon ~ RC – Bond Enterprises
(201 S.E. Shurfine Dr. Suite 9)

April 23 @ 4:30 PM ~ RC – Supreme Lending
(2302 S.W. 3rd St)

April 25 @ Noon ~ RC – Merle Norman
(1975 N. Ankeny Blvd. Suite 108)

Business Spotlight



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1st National Bank Ankeny puts you first by having experienced Ankeny bankers. Tom Friedman, Mike Goedeke and Deb Jensen have over 55 combined years of experience of putting Ankeny businesses and homeowners first. Banking should not be about what makes sense for the bank, it should be about what makes sense for the customers. At 1st National, that principle is the foundation for all we do; it is why we put you first. It's what banking should be.

1st National Bank, Ankeny

1205 N. Ankeny Blvd.

Ankeny, IA 50023

(515) 965-3969

www.FNBames.com



Denise Robson (left), Hy-Vee assistant manager, nominated Christina Ryan (center) as a Leader of Tomorrow. Dr. Anne Laing, chair of the Chamber's Education Committee, presented Christina the award.

Leader of Tomorrow

Christina Ryan began working for Ankeny Hy-Vee's Kitchen about two years ago. As a full-time employee she has been a huge asset to the catering team. She has taken on the task of setting up Ankeny Hy-Vee's catering website. She is a full-time student at DMACC and is in her second semester of its Culinary Arts program. One of her future goals is to be a kitchen manager for Hy-Vee.

Welcome New Members

Waste Management of Iowa

Michael Bakken ~ Account Manager

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Des Moines, IA 50317

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7 Flags Health & Fitness

Josh Norstrud ~ Manager

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Ankeny, IA 50021

(515) 963-7676

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Kallem Interior Design

Teri Kallem ~ Owner

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www.kalleminteriordesign.com

Kallem Interior Design is a residential and commercial design business in Central Iowa. Teri Kallem has 19 years experience in residential, as well as commercial design

and an extensive product representation background. Teri helps clients bring style and order to their homes and businesses with full service design. Design services include: space planning, paint and wall treatments, custom window treatments, accessorizing, custom bedding, lighting design and finish selections.



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Saraj Torrey ~ Sales Executive

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The Bridal Connection

Dan & Lara Bunkers ~ Owners

710 N. Ankeny Blvd.

Ankeny, IA 50023

(515) 964-5683

www.bridalconnection.com

The Bridal Connection, LLC, is a new bridal shoppe. We offer a full line of exquisite bridal gowns from several vendors including dresses for bridesmaids and mother of the brides, flower girls, special occasions, exclusive prom apparel and accessories.

We are the only authorized full-line Alfred Angelo dealer in the Des Moines Metro area. Our goal is to provide outstanding service while offering moderate pricing to our customers. We have an in-house seamstress who is skilled in the most intricate custom alterations.



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Tom Egli ~ President

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Welcome New Members

Ankeny Dog Park

Jacque Holm-Smith ~ Co-Chair

1205 NE 29th St.

Ankeny, IA 50021

(515) 964-1616

www.ankenydogpark.org



The Ankeny Dog Park Initiative is a steering committee of citizen volunteers working with the City of Ankeny to help develop an off-leash dog park in our community. A dog park is a fenced-in, outdoor space for dogs to run and play off-leash, with specific park rules to help ensure a safe and positive experience for everyone.

Dog parks are a community asset offering many benefits. They*

- * Provide socialization and exercise opportunities for friends, families and neighbors with dogs.
- * Help make dogs well-adjusted and better members of their community.
- * Are desirable neighborhood amenities for newcomers.
- * Create a designated area for dog-related events.
- * Reduce the number of dogs off-leash in other areas.
- * Provide a safe place for the elderly or disabled to exercise their dogs.
- * Promote responsible dog ownership.



Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino

Julie Stewart ~ Director

One Prairie Meadows Dr.

Altoona, IA 50009

(515) 967-1000

www.prairiemeadows.com

Prairie Meadows, in Altoona, is a leader in community betterment and is committed to improving the lives of all central Iowans through charitable giving. Since 1996 Prairie Meadows has given more than \$384 million to promote education, economic development, agriculture, jobs and tourism in Iowa. The rich, entertainment options that await visitors include 24-hour casino action, live and simulcast horse racing, ticketed entertainment featuring nationally and internationally acclaimed artists, full-service banquet and dining amenities, ample space to host business meetings and trade shows, cash-back rewards program and free valet parking.

Prairie Meadows currently employs approximately 1400 workers across 21 major departments, plus an additional 200 seasonal workers during the spring and summer months. Prairie Meadows offers a balanced employee benefits package including 401k; health, vision and dental insurance; wellness program and health club discounts; tuition assistance and opportunities to participate in community events.

RAIN KING

Rain King Lawn Services

Tom Nelson ~ President

205 4th St.

West Des Moines, IA 50265

(515) 223-5609

Rain King, LLC is a professional lawn irrigation company and is structured for service first. The company is starting its 20th year in business. Rain King has more than quadrupled its customer base in the last six years. Much of our growth has been service driven as well as installs. Approximately forty percent of our installs and service are commercial thus our service focus follows. Our services are limited to irrigation, lighting, fertilizer and aeration. This keeps our focus on what we do well, instead of fragmenting the company as many of our competitors have done. Our focus has proved to be the right choice for Rain King and our customers.

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Kelly Wylie ~ Market Sales Manager

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Welcome New Members



MasterpieceEngraving.com

Stan/Debbie Hines ~ Owners

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<http://www.masterpieceengraving.com>

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Because MasterpieceEngraving.com is an Internet based business, even local orders will require some means of shipping or delivery service. This was intentional in our planning as a cost effective means of servicing customers across the nation and in Canada. Our research reflected positive responses from future local customers that were comfortable using the Internet for purchases.



Exec 1 Aviation

Ed Boesen ~ Owner

3700 Convenience Blvd.

Ankeny, IA 50021

(515) 965-1020

www.exec1aviation.com

Exec 1 Aviation is a full service aviation operation catering to all of central Iowa and located at Ankeny Regional Airport. Services currently offered include aircraft charter, aircraft management, new cessna & preowned aircraft sales, aircraft rental, flight instruction and JetA & 100LL fueling services. In addition Exec 1 operates a full service aircraft maintenance and avionics facility. Our newly renovated terminal building includes a passenger lounge, pilot lounge, large conference room, coffee bar and a long list of amenities to serve our customers.

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USA Background Search

Rebekkah Dorhout ~ Sr. Business Manager

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www.usabackgroundsearch.com

USA Background Search, Inc. was founded in 1998 as a full service pre-employment background screening and testing company. Headquartered in Ames, we provide services for a wide variety of industries, and companies all over the country rely on us for the information they need to make sound hiring decisions.

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Chiropractic Associates

Rocky Reeves ~ Chiropractor

304 S.E. Delaware Ave.

Ankeny, IA 50021

(515) 963-4415

Dr. Rocky Reeves is proud to announce the opening of his clinic in Ankeny! Chiropractic care will continue to lead the way in preventative and wellness care, and Dr. Reeves is passionate about helping people achieve better health. Most people know when they hurt their backs, they need to get to the chiropractor to get "straightened out" but people need to realize that chiropractors really can help their bodies function much better. All of us would like to eat better, sleep better and overall feel better but don't realize whom to turn to. We can help at Chiropractic Associates by providing the best chiropractic care, nutritional supplements, massage therapy and rehabilitative exercise to get our patients better and feeling great for years!

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Joe Schneider ~ Director of Marketing

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Tuesday, April 1, 2008
5 - 7 PM

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Hor d'oeuvres, beverages will be provided

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June 24 - TCI, Polk City Chamber
July 22 - Prairie Meadows,
Altoona Chamber
August - Grimes Chamber
September 11 - Karl Chevrolet,
Ankeny Chamber

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Chamber Golf Open

June 19

The Ankeny Area Chamber Golf Open, presented by Prairie Trail and sponsored by Dewey Ford, Sprayers LLC and Van Meter Industrial, is scheduled for Thursday, June 19. The four-person best shot tournament will be held at Briarwood Golf Course and Talons of Tuscany Golf Course with registration at 11 AM and a shotgun start at Noon.

The \$80 per person entry fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart and dinner provided by Outback Steakhouse. Golf information will be sent to all Chamber members after April 15.

Golf will be on a first come first served basis. Forms must be completed with payment included to secure your golf reservation and course assignment.

If you have any questions, please call the Chamber at 964-0685.

FYI

Spring Chamber Membership Luncheon sponsored by Hy-Vee Drugstore

“Dual Membership with the Ankeny Area Chamber and the Greater Des Moines Partnership.”

Wednesday, April 23 @ 11:30 AM
Ankeny Golf and Country Club

11:30 ~ Registration/Networking
Noon ~ Lunch/Program

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