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Ankeny Unplugged

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Ambassadors' Corner

Ambassador of the Month



Micah Taintor

Micah Taintor is an assistant vice president of 1st National Bank, Ankeny. His offices include the boat-shaped bank across from Ankeny High School and various coffee shops. He helps people obtain business loans. He is also the 2008 chair of the Ankeny Young Professionals.

Please contact Micah at 515-965-3969 or
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To learn more about our ambassadors go to www.ankeny.org
Explore Our Committees

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AMBASSADORS' EVENTS

June 4 @ 4:30 PM ~ RC @ Supreme Lending (2302 SW 3rd St)

June 12 @ 5 - 7 PM ~ BAH at Prairie Trail by DRA Properties

June 16 @ Noon ~ RC @ Kyle's Bike

(1840 SW White Birch Circle)

June 17 @ Noon ~ RC @ Graham Tire & Automotive Center

(801 E 1st St)

June 20 @ Noon ~ RC @ Merle Norman

(1975 N Ankeny Blvd, Suite 108)

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.



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FYI BAH INFO

Members of the Ankeny Area Chamber and the Ankeny Economic Development Corporation are invited to Business After Hours, sponsored by Prairie Trail, on Thursday, June 12, from 5 to 7 PM at the Home Builders Association of Greater Des Moines HomeShowExpo at Prairie Trail.

The Chamber will have 150 wristbands for free admission to the HomeShowExpo and Business After Hours until Monday, June 9. Each Ankeny Area Chamber and AEDC member is limited to five wristbands which are on a first come first served basis. These can be picked up at the Chamber office and cannot be reserved. Names of the attendees will be needed when wristbands are picked up.

Everyone is invited to tour the 11 homes showcased at the Prairie Trail HomeShowExpo after Business After Hours.

Homes are open until 9 PM.

Please call the Chamber if you have questions.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 2 @ Noon ~ Public Affairs Committee Meeting
- June 3 @ 6 PM ~ AYP Parade Committee Meeting
- June 4 @ 4:30 PM ~ RC @ Supreme Lending
(2302 SW 3rd St)
- June 5 @ 7:30 AM ~ AYP Events Committee Meeting
- June 5 @ 1 PM ~ Executive Board Meeting
- June 10 @ 7 AM ~ Board of Directors Meeting
- June 10 @ Noon ~ Golf Committee Meeting
- June 12 @ Noon ~ AYP Community Committee Meeting
- June 12 @ 5 - 7 PM ~ BAH at Prairie Trail
- June 16 @ Noon ~ RC @ Kyle's Bike
(1840 SW White Birch Circle)
- June 17 @ Noon ~ RC @ Graham Tire & Automotive Center (801 E 1st St)
- June 17 @ 5:30 PM ~ SummerFest Committee Meeting
- June 19 @ 11 AM ~ Chamber Golf Open @ Briarwood and Talons of Tuscany
- June 20 @ Noon ~ RC @ Merle Norman
(1975 N Ankeny Blvd, Suite 108)
- June 24 @ 7 AM ~ AYP Marketing Meeting
- June 25 @ 4:30 ~ Taste of Ankeny Committee Meeting
- June 27 @ 5 PM ~ Ankeny Unplugged



June 12
5-7 PM



PRAIRIE
TRAIL

Welcome to Prairie Trail, a place that will positively redefine the balance between home and work, marketplace and green space, private life and public involvement. Prairie Trail is a 1,000 acre planned community located in Ankeny, Iowa built on the tradition of Iowa's great neighborhoods. It's a tapestry of diverse and distinctive homes, tree-lined streets, neighborhood stores, nearby offices, schools, parks, and greenbelts. It will be a walkable development with less traffic, more sidewalk, and trails that connect the entire development to the City of Ankeny. It's a place where everything is designed to connect the people to the land, to each other, and to surrounding communities in a very traditional and emotive manner. Prairie Trail is a place for people to meet and interact. A place to make a life, not just a living. A place to call home.

Prairie Trail

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Planned Parenthood

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Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa's (PPGI) Ankeny Center opened its doors in late November. Planned Parenthood offers expert, professional and affordable reproductive health care to women and men of all ages. From annual exams and birth control to testing for sexually transmitted infections and basic education, we are here for you. We invite you to become our patient; just call 1.877.811.PLAN (7526) to make an appointment.

As a statewide organization, PPGI serves women and men of all ages in 85 Iowa counties and three counties in Illinois through 17 health centers and an education and resource center. PPGI offers accessible, affordable reproductive health care and education as well as advocacy for health care, education and privacy issues. For more information, visit www.ppgi.org or call 1.877.811.PLAN (7526).



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Brett Burkhardt ~ Principal

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Becci Hall founded Our Financial Concierge to fulfill her dream of delivering unbiased financial resources to families and business with "if it's financial, it's personal" as her defining value. As a 16-year veteran of commercial, private and mortgage banking, she uses this background and expertise to help her clients interpret financial information and execute their plans. Becci adds, "Now, families & businesses have a professional to work with who's only interest is in helping them make informed financial decisions, ones in which they are comfortable."

Becci's clients of many years come to her because she does business with the "if it's financial, it's personal" foundation. She helps her clients define their "personal why" that describes personal reasons for completing a specific transaction, driving the reasons for a specific choice. Since she has no affiliation with any organization, clients have comfort knowing she has only their interests in mind. Becci's referral relationships with accountants, financial planners, attorneys and builders are equally strong because they know she helps their mutual clients execute what they have recommended.



Kyle's Bikes
Kyle Robinson ~ Owner
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Kyle's has a complete service center: bike builds, tune ups, wheel truing, part installations, and even chat with the guys as they wrench. Specialized and Jamis are Kyle's primary brands of bicycles. Kyle himself has undergone extensive training to become a certified Body Geometry Fit specialist, which adds a scientific approach to years of experience to find a position for everyone that maximizes power and comfort.

Kyle's Bikes has two full time employees, Chuck and Mark, who are accomplished cyclists and extremely knowledgeable. The entire staff would like to invite all riders for a ride on Tuesdays at 5:30 pm as we explore the trails and streets of Ankeny. Having the shop become a hub for commuters on their way to downtown and beyond is something Kyle would like to see happen. According to Kyle, "with rising gas prices, we have the alternative! Bicycle commuting saves gas, saves money, improves fitness, aids in weight loss and is a great way to wind down after a stressful day."

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