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Ankeny young professionals

Breakfast & Learn

December 9 @ 7 AM

Ankeny Public Services Building
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Connect Event

December 9 @ 6 PM

Rookies

Informal event to cheer on our
college basketball teams.

Bowling Night

December 16 @ 6 - 9 PM

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feeling young?

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Ambassadors' Corner

Presented by



Ambassador of the Month



Katie
Kitterman

Katie Kitterman has worked for *The Des Moines Register* and *Ankeny Register* since August 2007. She really enjoys helping small businesses with their marketing and advertising plans. She is excited to be part of the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce, and she looks forward to meeting new people.

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

- Tue., Dec. 9 @ Noon ~ RC @ Ankeny Temporary Service**
(104 E. First St. Suite 212)
- Wed., Dec. 10 @ Noon ~ Chamber Orientation Reception** (Chamber)
- Thur., Dec. 11 @ Noon ~ RC @ VISION 4 Less**
(2409 S.E. Delaware Ave.)
- Thur., Dec. 11 @ 5 PM ~ BAH @ Coldwell Banker Mid-America Group** (2425 N. Ankeny Blvd)



On November 17, 2008, the Department of Labor (DOL) published its final rule to implement the first-ever amendments to the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), signed into law by President Bush in January 2008, which provide new military family leave entitlements and to update the regulations under the 15 year-old FMLA. The final rule will improve communication between employees, employers, and health care providers to make the law operate more smoothly and provide needed clarity for both workers and employers about their responsibilities and rights under the FMLA leave. The Final Rule does not reduce the law's coverage for workers who need FMLA leave. Updating and clarifying the regulations will reduce uncertainty and provide greater predictability in the workplace for everyone.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Tue., Dec. 9 @ 7 AM ~ Board of Directors Mtg**
- Tue., Dec. 9 @ Noon ~ RC @ Ankeny Temporary Service**
(104 E. First St. Suite 212)
- Wed., Dec. 10 @ 11:15 AM ~ Ambassador Mtg**
- Wed., Dec. 10 @ Noon ~ Chamber Orientation Reception**
(Chamber)
- Thur., Dec. 11 @ Noon ~ RC @ VISION 4 Less**
(2409 S.E. Delaware Ave.)
- Thur., Dec. 11 @ 5 PM ~ BAH @ Coldwell Banker Mid-America Group** (2425 N. Ankeny Blvd)
- Thur., Dec. 25 CHAMBER CLOSED**
- Thur., Jan. 1 CHAMBER CLOSED**
- Mon., Jan. 5 @ Noon ~ Public Affairs Committee Mtg** (Chamber)
- Tue., Jan. 6 @ 7 AM ~ Executive Board Mtg**
- Wed., Jan. 7 @ 4:30 PM ~ RC @ Cintas**
(Industrial Park Rd. New Building No Address)

Thinking about your sponsorships?

TRC will be kicking off in January. This will be your opportunity to promote your business to the community. If you are interested in the wide range of promotions that the Ankeny Chamber offers, this will be your chance to get the opportunity that best suits your company. We look forward to promoting your business through the many publications and events the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce participates in throughout 2009.



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Ankeny, IA 50023
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Coldwell Banker Mid-America Group Realtors has been a prominent name in Ankeny real estate for the past 20 years. They have experienced tremendous growth and now have six residential and one commercial real estate office. The number of Ankeny agents has doubled in the past two years to nearly 65 sales associates. It is for this reason that they have moved to their new 12,000 square foot office building at 2425 North Ankeny Boulevard. This fabulous facility will be able to expand another 3000 square feet when the need arises. Coldwell Banker is the largest privately owned real estate company in the Des Moines metro and the number 1 real estate company in the world. Please join us for refreshments!

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Business Spotlight

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Mon-Thurs 10-8, Friday 10-6, Sat 10-5 and Sun 12-4

Welcome New Members



Ankeny Mini Storage
Jim & Phyllis Tigges ~ Owner
705 S.E. Dalbey Dr.
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Located right behind WalMart in Ankeny, Ankeny Mini Storage has served the people of Ankeny and surrounding communities for the past several years. As the new owners, (Jim and Phyllis Tigges), we would like to introduce ourselves to everyone in this wonderful community. We tried retirement after owning and operating our own custom home building business for the past 40 years. We learned we still needed something besides golf to keep us busy so we purchased Ankeny Mini Storage. We have 342 units ranging in size from 5x10 to 10x25, and priced from \$40 to \$100. Our facility is fenced and gated with an onsite manager, and we are open six days a week, (Mon thru Sat). All the units have keyed locks installed in the doors, eliminating the need for exterior padlocks for the convenience and security of our customers.

As the new owners we are looking forward to continuing service to all the fine people already living in Ankeny as well as all newcomers. So if you don't know what to do with all that "extra stuff," please stop by our mini storage or call us at the above number. Let us help you find that extra room you need for storage.



MC Motorsports
Natasha McCrory ~ Owner
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(515) 289-4100

MC Motorsports is located at 1465 NE 69th Place, Suite 75 in the Woodside Business park just south of Ankeny off Ankeny Boulevard. Mc Motorsports was founded by two people who are very passionate about ATV's and riding in general. We ride almost every weekend, and when we aren't riding, we are looking to ride or looking for the next great riding experience. In our business THE KIDS COME FIRST!! We are your local DRR dealer who specializes in kids ATVs as well as children's apparel and accessories for all makes and model ATVs and motorcycles. For those not familiar with DRR, they are a children's ATV and accessories manufacturer. DRR has won more national titles than any of the major four brands (Kawasaki, Suzuki, Yamaha & Honda). They pride themselves in specializing in the safety of the kids as well as speed and durability. The DRR ATVs are over 41" wide; they come standard with racing tether, headlights, taillights, 4 wheel disc brakes and an engine that's second to none! As parents, as well as ATV fanatics, we also believe SAFETY COMES FIRST! That's why we also feel it necessary to give your little person the most important piece of protection. With the purchase of one of our ATVs we will gladly throw in a free helmet. We are excited to be an exclusive dealer here in Ankeny for DRR. We could not imagine selling a product we do not strongly believe in. As passionate riders as well as parents, we know it's extremely hard to find children's riding gear of different varieties. That's what we are geared towards children as well as adults. We look forward to outfitting your child in his/her first ATV and apparel. Stop by and check us out!!



VISION 4 Less
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Vision 4 Less is a retail optical outlet offering discount eyewear in one hour. Customers will enjoy guaranteed low prices on a variety of eyewear styles with complete pairs of glasses for only \$38.74. Eyemart Express features over 2000 frames and stocks thousands of lenses to suit most eyeglass wearers. Vision 4 Less is devoted to bringing shoppers value combined with the convenience of an in-store optical lab. The concept is built around providing a great selection of brand name frames at prices lower than the competition along with the convenience of one-hour service. Vision 4 Less is part of Eyemart Express, which began in 1990 in Appleton, WI. Eyemart Express has 80 stores in 17 states. Along with the Ankeny location, Vision 4 Less has a location on Merle Hay across from the mall. Two additional Des Moines area locations are planned for early 2009.



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MSA Professional Services

Todd Ashby ~ Program Manager
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Panda Garden



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NEW OWNERS!

The Panda Garden is Ankeny's premier Chinese restaurant, offering a large, varied buffet as well as menu specialties and take-out. Our most popular items are Mala beef, black pepper chicken & General Tso's chicken!

We would love to provide catering for your next event, whether a business lunch, outdoor party or birthday extravaganza. Panda Garden does it right! Call for details.

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Dr. Matthew Wendt

Nominations Open for Chamber Awards

Nomination forms for 2008 Outstanding Citizen & Small Business Person of the Year are enclosed with this newsletter. The winner will be recognized at the Annual Dinner Celebration on Thursday, February 12. Also enclosed is the ballot for four new members for the board of directors. Ambassador of the Year, will also be recognized.



As 2008 comes to a close and my term as Chamber President becomes apparent. I am thankful for the time, service and wisdom the Board of Directors has given to the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce. This year the Board took on several new initiatives including the first Total Resource Campaign in early 2008 and ending with the first TASTE of Ankeny in the fall. Throughout the year the Board continued to serve with ongoing drive growing the membership and helping with many annual events that were successful throughout the year. This year also was a transition year with the affiliate agreement completed with the Greater Des Moines Partnership. Thank you to the entire membership for the success and determination you have every day in your business that makes the business community as vibrant as it is.

Exexecutive Board

***Terry Peter**, President
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Wade Steenhoek

Huntington Learning Center

save the date

Annual Dinner

Thursday, February 12,

Annual Dinner Celebration

Courtyard by Marriott

Please reserve the date for this Ankeny Area Chamber's event.
More information will be available soon.

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Happy Holidays

From The Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce
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*Best Wishes and Happy Health from
Julie, Cindy, Kris, Shelley, Sharlyn and Anne*



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NOMINATION FORM

2008 OUTSTANDING CITIZEN

Nominations are being accepted for the 2008 Outstanding Citizen Award presented by the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce. This award is to recognize an individual who has made a significant contribution to the improvement of the entire community outside his/her chosen trade or profession.

Ankeny's outstanding citizen is selected by a Chamber committee consisting of representatives from the Chamber and previous award recipients.

Nomination
Deadline:
December 19, 2008

Nominations will not be
accepted after this date.

NOMINEE: _____ TITLE: _____

BUSINESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

Why is this nominee qualified for this award?

NOMINATED BY _____ PHONE _____

*SUBMIT nomination to the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce,
PO Box 488, Ankeny, Iowa 50021, or fax to 964-0487.*

The Outstanding Citizen of the Year will be presented at the
Chamber's Annual Dinner Celebration on February 12, 2009.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- A Chamber member business person with at least 20 percent ownership in the business and an active involvement in the management of the business.
- Demonstrated an active involvement in community betterment.

It is important to note that this criteria is only a guideline subject to the interpretation of the selection committee.

This award is selected by a Chamber committee consisting of representatives from the Chamber and previous award recipients.

2008 Small Business Person of the Year

Nominations are being accepted for the Small Business Person of the Year Award presented by the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce to recognize the achievements of our community's businesses.

This award is to recognize a business person making a significant contribution in business risk and community involvement.

NOMINEE: _____ TITLE: _____

BUSINESS: _____ BUSINESS PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ HOME PHONE: _____

Why is the nominee qualified for this award?

NOMINATED BY _____ PHONE _____

The Small Business Person of the Year Award will be presented at the
Chamber's Annual Dinner on February 12, 2009.

Submit nomination to Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 488, Ankeny, Iowa 50021, or fax to 964-0487.

NOMINATION DEADLINE: December 19, 2008
NO NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.

2009
ANNUAL ELECTION OF DIRECTORS
Single – Slate

The nominating committee has selected the following candidates for election to the Board of Directors of the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce.

OFFICIAL BALLOT
Vote for Five

- Amanda Kuhn, First American Bank
- Joe Miller, HyVee Drug Store
- Ole Olson, Optimal Health Family Chiropractic Center
- Ned Skinner, U.S. Coffee & Tea
- Carol Thompson, Candeo

Write in:

According to the By-Laws regarding the election of Board of Directors: “Of the twelve elected members, one-third shall be elected...annually to serve for three (3) years...A nominating committee of five members shall be appointed to nominate from the membership of the Chamber a number of members to be candidates for membership on the Board of Directors equivalent to the number of vacancies on the Board to be filled...All voting shall be by ballot...”

Return to the Chamber at Box 488, Ankeny, Iowa 50021 or fax to 515-964-0487.

Ballots are due by Friday, December 19, 2008