



Look Who's Turning 50!

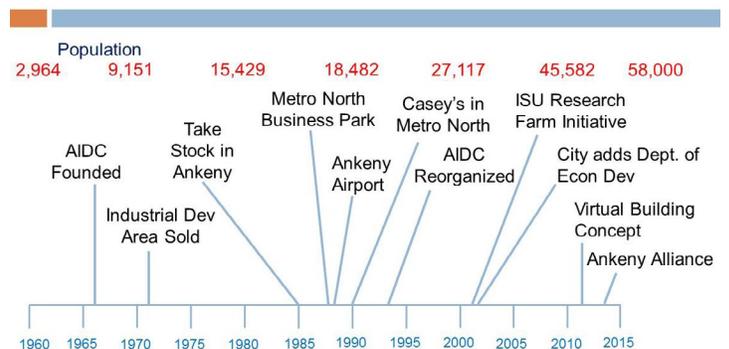
Ankeny Industrial Development Corporation (AIDC) was founded on June 29, 1966. The population was approximately 6,000 at the time. It is an understatement to say a lot has changed since then. We can mark points on a timeline but it is impossible to truly capture all the work that has been done over the years.

According to the book, "Ankeny – The First 100 Years," AIDC established the Industrial Development area north of Oralabor Road between the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad and Delaware Road. In November 1971 the last 133 acres of this area were sold. AIDC donated \$100,000 to the then new library fund and also purchased and gave to the City the building where the police department and city garage were located.

The Take Stock in Ankeny campaign let the business community know Ankeny was open for business. Research was funded to support the establishment of the Ankeny Regional Airport. Legislation was written and passed to allow development of the ISU Research Farm.

We are now enjoying the benefits of this early work. The airport is the third busiest in the state. Prairie Trail is booming. How appropriate that AEDC will soon have its office in The District at Prairie Trail. These are just a few highlights of our history. Throughout the year AEDC will be celebrating our history as we celebrate our 50th Anniversary.

Special thanks to long time member and AEDC 2001 – 2002 Chairperson Steve Boal for putting this timeline together.



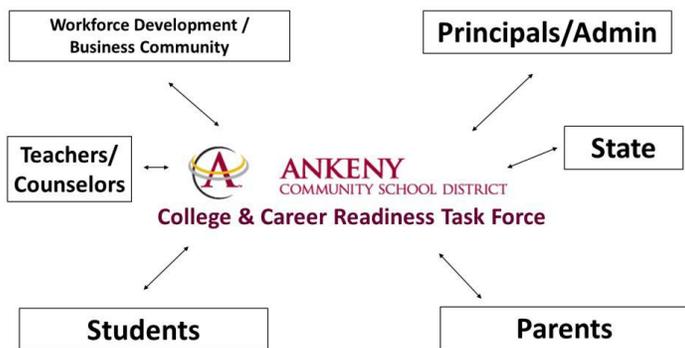
Please Welcome Our New Members!



College and Career Readiness in Ankeny

We've all heard about the Waukee APEX (formerly known as CAPS) program where students spend part of their school day working/learning at Shive-Hattery's West Des Moines office or at one of the other

business partner locations. The Iowa BIG program out of Cedar Rapids also gets a lot of press in innovative education circles. This program was highlighted by Eric Englemann when he spoke at our annual meeting last December. And, of course, you can't talk about education in Iowa these days without mentioning the Lt. Governor's STEM initiative. But what is happening in Ankeny?

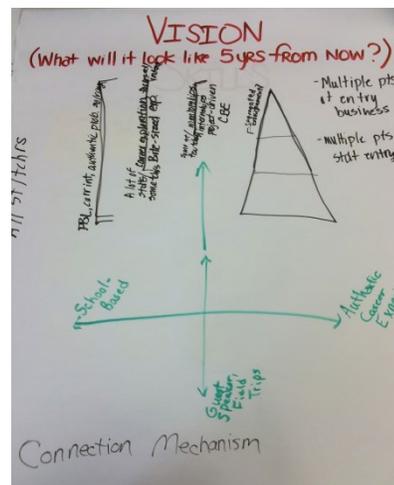


The Ankeny School District has been offering a wide variety of career exploration opportunities for many years and takes many forms. Ankeny has an extensive dual credit program with DMACC. Last

year alone, Ankeny students earned over 1,200 DMACC credits while attending high school. A year ago the school district established the College and Career Readiness Task Force. This task force includes representatives from all district stakeholder groups including the Workforce Development Committee of the Ankeny Alliance.

This task force has done extensive research and visited both the Waukee and Cedar Rapids programs. The group concluded the best solution for Ankeny is to create an Ankeny-specific program that blends the best of what we already have with the project-based learning that is used by these other programs.

The long-term plan is to have a spectrum of offerings for students at varying levels and varying interests. On one end of the spectrum an outside expert would be a guest speaker in a class. On the other end would be students working at an area business on a real world project or business site internship. Many variations will also evolve as the program evolves.



AEDC is Moving to The District in Prairie Trail!

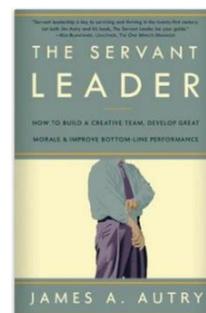


Please note our new mailing address starting June 17, 2016
 1631 SW Main Street, Ste. 204
 PO Box 1292
 Ankeny, IA 50021

Our email, web site and phone number will all remain the same. Please swing by and visit us soon.

Recommended Reading: The Servant Leader by James Autry

“Burnout is not a crisis of time, it is a crisis of spirit,” is one of many great insights offered in The Servant Leader. James Autry is a nationally recognized leadership expert, author and former president of Meredith Corporation’s Magazine Group.



View from My Chair

2016 AEDC Chairperson, Steve Krob



Last month the US Census Bureau confirmed what we have all been witness to for the past couple of years. Ankeny is officially one of the country's boom towns. Between July 1, 2014 and July 1, 2015 Ankeny's population grew by 6.5 percent, the third fastest in the country.

The region has been growing and has been getting more and more attention as a hot spot in the Midwest. But what is really interesting is that in this category (population of 50,000 plus) Ankeny is the only Midwest city to see this much growth. Of the top 15 communities most were in the southern portion of the country with growth rates between 4.3 and 7.8 percent. One third of these were in Texas.

The independent validation is great. It helps tell the story to the many out-of-state organizations that has Ankeny on their radar. But much of the growth we have recently experienced is the result of work done years ago. I'd like to challenge our board and members to look out to 2030. What will Ankeny look like then? And what can we do today to help position Ankeny for an equally bright future?

Additional details on this report are available at:

<http://census.gov/newsroom/press-releases/2016/cb16-81.html?cid=cb1681>

Ankeny Leadership Institute Applications now being accepted

The Ankeny Leadership Institute is currently accepting applications for the 2016-2017 Leadership Class. Entering into its seventh year, the Ankeny Leadership Institute was created to enhance the personal leadership skills of participants, increase their insight on issues facing the Ankeny community and inspire participants to become involved in community leadership roles. Information and applications are available on <http://www.ankenyleadership.org/>.



Front row seated: Jeff Martens, Shawn Culver, Cara Gregory, Carina Vandenakker, Lezlee Schutt, Ann Tiernan, Josh Braby
Middle row: Whitney Garcia, Emily Chance, Elissa Thompson, Lisa Swanepoel, Jane Funk, Maria Landmesser, Ryan Beatty
Back row: Nick Zimmer, Jeff Baxter, Aaron Hannemann, Clay Schneckloth, Kasey Harken, Scott Litchfield, Aaron Shell, Terry Coady
Not pictured: Chad Solberg, Ryan Vogt

This year's ALI class envisioned, planned and implemented Play It Forward. The Play It Forward program collected used sports equipment and distributed it to families with children who otherwise might not be able to participate in a game or on a sport's team. The Ankeny School District and the Ankeny Parks & Recreation Department plan to make this an annual program.



Mark Your Calendars

2016 Member/Board Luncheons

These are the 3rd Thursday of every other month at noon. Please RSVP to mking@ankeny.org if you plan to attend. The 2016 dates are:

June 16, 12-1pm at District 36 (next to Jethro's), Steve Boal, CFO of Accumold, will present on research and development tax credits and TIF

August 18

October 20

December 15

Salute to Industry

October 4, 2016

5-7pm at Northstar Power LLC



Coffee, Conversation and Inspiration

Professional Women of Ankeny, Please join Karen Stiles, Joey Beech and others for coffee, conversation and inspiration. This is an opportunity to connect and be inspired by other professional women in our area.

Our next gathering is July 8, 7-8am in the conference room at Café Diem.

Ankeny Stock Index		
price as of 6/1/16		
Casey's General Stores	CASY	\$123.63
John Deere	DE	\$82.78
Monsanto	MON	\$110.60
NewLink Genetics	NLNK	\$12.08
Sysco	SYG	\$48.70
Ankeny Index (Ave)		\$75.56
Business Record Iowa Index		\$33.11

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