



Stakes: Who's homemade soup reigns supreme in Ashton?

1st Place-\$75 2nd Place-\$50 3rd Place-\$25

Registration: \$5/soup entry and every entry needs to have an <u>Ashton</u> business sponsor; sign up at <u>Stronks & Sons by Feb.12th</u>!

Sponsored by the Ashton Area Chamber of Commerce

For questions about event please call Rachel Hatton @ 652-0144 or Sara Bowersox @ 652-0134.



Come and enjoy some yummy Mexican food! Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner 8am-9pm Mon.-Thurs. & 8am-10pm Fri.-Sat. Located at 514 Main St. Ashton, ID Call for your orders to go at 652-7225.



Valentine's Day Special! After 3pm receive 15% off your total bill! Offer only good on Feb. 14th.

Information deadline for the Newsletter is due by 8 AM on the Saturday prior to the first and third Tuesday of the month. Please email anything you would like posted to *info@ashtonidaho.com* or leave a message at 652-3355.



One might ask why is the Ashton Chamber of Commerce important to our community? Isn't it the same as the City of Ashton? What do they do in the Chamber of Commerce? These are all very important questions and ideas your Ashton Area Chamber of Commerce would like the entire community to know. First of all, the Ashton Area Chamber of Commerce is a completely separate organization from the City of Ashton. The City of Ashton is the government body that governs the City of Ashton and the Mayor and City Council are elected by those who live within the city limits. The Ashton Area Chamber of Commerce is an organization that is created to help promote business in the area through providing events such as the upcoming Soup Challenge, Easter egg hunt, and 4th of July festivities. We also answer many emails and phone calls in our office from people around the country inquiring about our area all year around. Some inquire to make vacation plans and others inquire to relocate here. The Ashton Area Chamber of Commerce is important to our community because we are the voice that answers for the businesses and community to those who are from out of town or out of state, who want to know what Ashton has to provide for visitors or those looking to move here. Without this voice, and a general place to get answers about events happening in our town and about what our businesses have to offer; then Ashton would be lost and unknown to those who aren't from around here. Our income is made up only by our members who pay a membership. Right now we are in the middle of our Membership Drive and encourage all businesses and organizations to join your chamber of commerce. We are only as strong as our members and their participation! The Ashton Area Chamber of Commerce is made up of a board of 7 members. We will be having elections in March for a new board. Only members of the Chamber of Commerce may serve on the board and are the only ones who may vote as well.

So as one can see your **Ashton Area Chamber of Commerce** is an important asset to our community and we hope that everyone will *please support your Chamber and become a member! \$25/individual; \$50/non-profit; \$75/business; \$250/premium member.* We also encourage and hope more will jump on board and help with the events that we all enjoy every year and take for granted thinking they will just happen. But they won't if more don't step forward to help. We meet every 3rd Thursday at noon in the Chamber office. Please join us and see how you can help and be a part of your community!

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* City Council is Wednesday, February 13th @ 7pm @ City Building.



WELCOME MUSHERS! On Saturday Feb 16 - Everyone come on by Five 11 Main for a SMOTHERED IDAHO SPUD for \$5 Choose from yummy broccoli cheese or warm your gizzards chili! Good luck to all the mushers and their dogs! See you at Five 11 Main!

Many events are planned for the 2013 American Dog Derby. This is the



96th year of the race here in Ashton; and everyone is encouraged to join the mushers north of town at the "Wye" or trail head to enjoy the festivities! The American Dog Derby is planned for Feb. 14-16th. Friday & Saturday their will be vendors; to be one it costs \$10. Please contact Nathan Ricks @ 652 -0299. Friday will be the Celebrity Run at high noon. Saturday will be the Mutt Races, Snowshoe Races, and Weight pulls. It is suggested to sign up by 9:30am. The Snowshoe Race will begin at 11:00am. If you are unable to attend the races the entire weekend will be broadcasted on 95.5 FM. So tune in whether you are indoors or outdoors and enjoy the festivities!



Winter Sale! Saturday, February 16th from 9am-3pm at Chriswell's Trails Inn Jewelry, Bling Belts, Scarves, Caps, Bling Dog Collars, and more! Come see all the Bling...most items are less than \$20! Cash/Credit/Debit acceped.

For more information call Carla Cavaiani @ 652-7662 or 351-1951



Community Calendar

- Feb. 7—Methodist Ground Hog Supper @ 5-7pm
- Feb. 13—Ashton City Council@7pm@City Building
- **Feb. 13**—N.F. Food Pantry 5-7pm @Ashton Community Center. Picture ID required.
- Feb. 14—Happy Valentine's Day!
- Feb. 14-16—American Dog Derby!
- Feb. 15—Ashton Chamber of Commerce Soup Challenge @ 5-7pm @ Ashton Community Center
- Feb. 18—President's Day!



Commerce Monthly Mtg. @ noon @ Chamber office

Feb. 21—Ashton Chamber of

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- Feb. 27—N.F. Food Pantry 5-7pm @Ashton Community Center. Picture ID required.
- FRIDAYS—Kids Gym 9-11AM; Ashton Community Center; \$1/child.

The next newsletter will come out on **Feb. 19th. Please have information to the Chamber by the Saturday before. Thank you!

The Ashton Elementary school's auction items will be Florence's Chocolates, a candy bouquet, and an evening at the Black Swan Inn. Some great ideas for Valentine's Day! Following items will be a R/C John Deere, Homemade doll clothes, and a complete set of Narnia books. Go to the school and bid in the office during school hours! ...stay tuned to Newsletter for more details!

We encourage all to continually support our Ashton Businesses!!

Email info@ashtonidaho.com with your events time and description to get your event posted FREEI For more event details visit our on-line Community Calendar at www.ashtonidaho.com We place events on our community calendars for free!

