

Chamber Of Commerce 714 Main St. P.O. Box 351 Ashton, Idaho 83420 (208) 652-3355



- Our Membership Drive has begun! Come and be involved with your Ashton Area Chamber of Commerce! Come and learn the benefits of membership and involvement! Membership dues are \$75/business; \$50/non-profit; \$25/individual.
- The <u>Ashton Chamber of Commerce Newsletter</u> has become a great asset for our community! To advertise it costs \$20/ad each issue for non-chamber members or \$10/ad each issue for chamber members. The Chamber Newsletter is printed twice a month, the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. Information is needed by the Saturday before. To purchase an ad and get your information in on time, please contact Rachel Hatton, leave a message at the Chamber office @ 652-3355, or email your information to our

Chamber email @ info@ashtonidaho.com.

• The Ashton Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting will be Thursday, February 20th @ noon @ the Chamber office. Lunch will be from Five 11 Main.



Habitat for Humanity will be dedicating their first home on Saturday, February 8th @ 3:30 @ the Ashton Community Center. The home is located at 579 Pine Street in Ashton. This is the first Habitat for Humanity project to be funded by the generous donation of the Kurt and Genola Kandler estate.





When: Friday, February 14th Time: 5-7 pm Place: Ashton Community Center



Cost: \$2/person & vote 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</u> <u>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.

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.

Business Spotlight:



It is our delight to spotlight the American Dog Derby this year as they are busy preparing for their 97th anniversary. That's right in three years Ashton will be celebrating 100 years of the American Dog Derby and the committee is working hard to build and work up to this exciting milestone! Co-Chaired by John Scafe and Rhonda Bell (aka: King and Queen with the wife/mother Kathy Scafe by their side) they are really working hard to keep the tradition alive. Started back in 1917, the American Dog Derby has lots of history behind it and many volunteers who have come and gone, dedicating many countless hours to this nationwide known event! Here in Ashton, our race is the oldest American Dog Sled race nationwide! Our race and Ashton has been published nationwide as well because of the Dog Derby; some places would include Musher Magazine, Anchorage Alaska, California, and recently in the Rails to Trails magazine. We are also very well known on sleddogcentral.com! Do you have any fond memories of the races? Have any of your relatives participated through racing or volunteering? What is your favorite part about the dog derby? This year the committee is working hard and looking forward to some new and fun changes. Vet checks will be at the old NFHS parking lot and buttons will only be available at the souvenir booth. This year they have some new souvenirs, including a husky dog pillow pet, and they do accept credit cards. There will be prizes to raffle. Tickets are \$1/ticket or \$5/6 tickets. There is a 30 day claim period if your name and phone number are listed. Otherwise the prize returns back to the dog derby committee to raffle for the next year. And of course our Celebrity race will be at high noon Friday with Mayor Stronks and KLCE's Liza Raley at it again, amongst other contenders to be announced. The soup challenge will be Friday evening and handing out awards will happen on Saturday afternoon after all the mushers are in. The committee is small right now, with a lot of heart, and welcomes anyone who feels like they could help out, whether it be on Friday, Saturday or both. There are many jobs still needing bodies to fill!!The race this year will be February 14 & 15 both mornings beginning at 8:30. The musher meeting will be Thursday, February 13th at the Chriswell's Trails Inn. Booths/Vendors are welcomed during the races and Rhonda is the one to contact if you are interested. It is \$10 a booth per day. She can be reached at 360-0921. Parking will be marked so look for that. The committee wishes to express appreciation to the many donations, sponsorships, businesses, mushers, and spectators each year. Without any of you there wouldn't be a race and the tradition would die! Thank You! The Dog Derby committee will be meeting every Thursday until the race at 7pm at the Senior's Center. Please come and see how you can help! For any questions or more information please contact Rhonda Bell @ 360-0921 or 652-7992, John Scafe @ 360-0988, or Kathy Scafe @ 681-0266. You can also check out their website @ www.americandogderby.com The Museum of Idaho has an exhibit now about dog sled racing entitled, "Race to the End of the Earth". We encourage all to enjoy it and get excited for our tradition to continue this month!

A sincere "Thank You" to the City of Ashton for their support to help keep this part of our history alive! ASHTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWSLETTER— February 4, 2014 FREE COPY



City Council will be February 12th @ 7:00pm (a) City Building



Five 11 would like to invite you out for Dog Derby weekend and Valentine's Day! We will be serving a pulled pork sandwich with our homemade potato salad and coleslaw on Thursday Feb 13 - Sat Feb 15. Full sandwich \$9.99 or half sandwich for \$6.99. Stop in and see us between races - or bring your date out for Valentine's!

As always we thank you for your support and look forward to serving you!



With so much happening this spring for our State Primary Elections, this is the place to be! Come and be informed on what is happening during this year's legislature session. Learn who is up for election and who is running. And be excited that of the nine counties represented Fremont County will have one of our very own North Fremont High School students there to represent us proud! Freshmen Austin Grube will be impersonating Abraham Lincoln and will recite the Gettysburg Address to the entire crowd of dignitaries from Boise, and all of south eastern Idaho! So mark your calendar's for Saturday, February 22nd @ the Shilo Inn in Idaho Falls. Social hour is at 6pm. Dinner will be served @ 7pm. Tickets in advance are \$25 and at the door \$30/adult. Students are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Call Rachel Hatton @ 652-0144 to get your tickets and support Fremont County and Austin! This ad was paid for by Rachel Hatton, Fremont County GOP Youth Chairman



Swiss Precision is gearing up to be ready for all your snow removal needs! They will plow residential or commercial and will also shovel roofs! They are also available for home repairs or remodels. So give them a call today and give your back a rest while they do the shoveling and work for you! Call Swiss Precision today at 652-7831



Come and enjoy some yummy Mexican food! Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner 11am-8pm Mon.-Thurs. & 9am-9pm Fri.-Sat. Located at 514 Main St. Ashton, ID Call for your orders to go at 652-7225.

Valentines Day Special Feb. 13th-15th 10% off entire ticket all day!

Community Calendar

- Feb. 6—Methodist Ground Hog Supper @ 5-7pm
- Feb. 12—City Council @ 7pm @ City Building
- Feb. 12-N.F. Food Pantry 5-7pm @Ashton Community Center. Picture ID required.
- Feb. 13-15—American Dog Derby
- Feb. 14—Valentine's Day!
- Feb. 17—President's Day!
- Feb. 20—Chamber of Commerce @ noon @ Chamber office
- Feb. 20—School Board Mtg. @ 7pm @ NFHS
- Feb. 22—Region VII GOP Lincoln Day Banquet @ 6pm@Shilo Inn....Come support Austin Grube!
- Feb. 26-N.F. Food Pantry 5-7pm @Ashton Community Center. Picture ID required.
- This Thursday, Feb. 6th the American Dog Derby Committee is meeting @ 7pm to complete plans for the Dog Derby this year. The races are scheduled to be Feb. 14th & 15th. Any volunteers are welcome to join them at the Senior's Citizens for their meetings!

**The next newsletter will come out on Feb. 18th. Please have information to the Chamber by the Saturday before. Thank you!

We encourage all to continually support our Ashton Businesses!!



Good Luck to our students with their studies and activities this winter!



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



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place your order today!

Located in the front of the Chocolate Moose is a full service Floral & Gift Shop and a Greenhouse! Specializing in flowers for funerals, weddings, dances, and everyday special occasions, Owner Rebecca Siddoway is excited to extend her business from Teton to Ashton and serve our community with her talented green

thumb! She also delivers your order for special occasions like birthdays, anniversaries, funerals, or just thinking about you. Give her a call at 652-5000 and

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Mon.-Thurs. 6am-8pm Fri.-Sun. 6am-10pm Valentine's Day Special—Rib eye or Sirloin Steak 2 for \$26 or Salmon or Trout 2 for \$26 both include salad bar, choice of potato, and dessert!

Musher Special Feb. 13-16—Classic Hot Chicken Fry with mashed potatoes and choice of gravy for \$7.49!