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Ashton Area Chamber of Commerce



- ◆ Our Membership drive is in full swing! 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.**
- ◆ Chamber of Commerce Monthly meeting will be **February 16 @ 12:00 @ Chamber office.** This month's lunch will be catered by the Frostop. Please come, everyone's input matters!

ASHTON'S 1ST SOUP CHALLENGE

Come one, Come all! To the 1st Soup Challenge on Friday, February 17th @ 5pm @ Ashton Community Center. Attention all you many wonderful soup makers in our community. Entry fee is \$5 by the individual who wishes to compete with their best soup and each cook must have an Ashton business sponsor (only their name to display by your table-no money from the business) this is to encourage all businesses and community members involvement during the dog derby. **Registration will be accepted at the City Building. Registration deadline is February 14th.** If you would like to come and taste the soups and vote, the charge will be \$2/person at the door.

Prizes: 1st -\$75; 2nd- \$50; 3rd-\$25.

Questions, please call: Sara Bowersox@652-0134 or Rachel Hatton@ 652-0144

*There are many businesses still waiting to be sponsors!! Businesses that are already sponsoring a soup maker include: Fall River Insurance, El Rincon, Lenz's Electronics, HG Lumber, Hair Fair, Five 11 Main, Swiss Precision, and Dan's Plumbing. So let's get more business names involved and come and make your favorite soup!



Thank You!

We would like to say, "thank you" to the people of Ashton. There has been an overwhelming amount of care and concern for Jennifer. She is home now and continuing to get better. Thank you for your generosity, thoughts and prayers. A special thanks to Lisa Pilgrim and all those who helped to put the benefit together. The amount of people who came to show their support was truly amazing. The family took lots of pictures so we could show Jennifer. We would also like to thank those who took care of our animals, making it possible for us to be at the hospital. We are truly blessed to live in such a great community! Sincerely, Ted and Connie Hansen

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:

In this tough economy, the Ashton Area Chamber wants everyone to know how much we appreciate our members!!! Without the members, the Chamber would not exist. So we know very clearly where we would be without you!! Do you know where Ashton would be if the Chamber didn't exist? Hundreds of hours, over 5 months, go into the planning and preparation for the 4th of July celebration, and almost as much goes into the Easter Egg hunt. Can you imagine a brand new group of volunteers trying to start these events from scratch? Each year, an average of 300 phone calls come into the Chamber office requesting information about our businesses. We answer those calls, directing people to our restaurants, lodging, hardware stores, and many other businesses. We mail out about 50 information packets, as far away as Finland!!!, to people looking at our area for vacations and relocations. Those people find out about Ashton when they visit our website @ www.ashtonidaho.com with over 7,000 visitors. Imagine how much less traffic our businesses would get if there were no website, no phone number, and no one to answer the questions!! And, oh! Don't forget this newsletter! The Chamber focuses on telling you about the businesses in our community in a way that no regional newspaper ever could. Without you, the members, the Chamber would not exist. Not only are your membership fees our main source of income, but the time you invest in working with the Chamber in all the ways listed above are really what make us tick! We hope we can count on you to become an active member this year!



Come Share Your Stories...

Did You Know?...A new year has started and once again we stop and evaluate the who, what, where, when, and why of our lives. As a result the Ashton Archives has decided to try adding a new section to its files. Often short stories or bits of information are shared but never written down. From now on a tape recorder will be available to quickly take down a story you would like to share. The stories will be transcribed and put in written form. The following stories are two examples of how diversified a contribution might be.

Jane Daniels shares, "My mother went to Harvard." This was her answer to, "What college did your mother attend?" she graduated from Emerson College, but she does have a certificate from the all male prestigious Harvard that states she audited a course in 1920.

My mother was also remembered for her actions. Back when skirts covered your ankles, my mother was watching a football game standing along the edge of the field since there were no bleachers. The referee made my mother mad. When the loose ball rolled by her feet she slipped it under her skirt. After searching and not finding any ball, the upset referee finally announced that either the ball had to be returned immediately or the game would be forfeited. Mom gave the ball back.

If you are connected in any way to the Ashton area, your story is eligible.

City of Ashton News

- ◆ **Kid's Gym** is going on now through March 18th every Friday from 9:30-11 at the Ashton Community Center. \$1/child and all children must be accompanied by an adult.
- ◆ **Job Listings:** Pool Shift Supervisor and Lifeguards are needed for this summer at the Ashton City Pool. Please apply at the City building by February 17th no later than 4pm.
- ◆ **Recycle Bins** are moving again. East of the tennis courts is the new perspective permanent location for the bins.
- ◆ **City Council** is February 8th @ 7pm @ City Building



Five 11 Main's Musher Special
Chili Potato for \$5
Only while supplies last
February 16-18
Good Luck Musers...and dogs!!



In case you weren't aware, Ashton Elementary collects **Box Tops for Education** to help raise money for field trips and other needs. They receive 10 cents for every box top that is turned into the school. Last year \$1,651 was raised just from collecting these little box tops; that simple! **Box Tops for Education** are found on a variety of products and just need to be *cut neatly* from the product (ie. cereal box, frosting, yogurt, instant potatoes, etc.) and sent with your child, grandchild, neighbor, or you can deliver them yourself to the school's secretary during school hours. This is an ongoing process from year to year, so your continued support is appreciated. Please make sure as you save your box tops that you check their expiration dates. For more info. or questions please call Erin Hill @ 652-7940.

New SCENTSY Consultants

Linda and Bill Jolley are excited to be new Scentsy consultants and want you to know that they are ready to serve you. They have a display at the *Gingerbread Run Café* where they are featuring the new warmer incense of the month. Also, you can receive 10% off the fall/winter catalog items right now! So give Linda or Bill a call today to get your favorite scents @ 652-0139 or email them at idahofishing@yahoo.com. Visit their website at billnlindajolley.scentsy.us

Chriswell's Trail's Inn
Come and enjoy a great Idahoan meal:
Breakfast, Lunch, or Dinner
Open All Week Sun.-Sat. 6am-10pm

Community Calendar

- February 8—City Council @ 7pm
- February 8—Food Pantry Distribution 5-7 Photo ID. Required
- February 14—Valentine's Day! 
- February 16— Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting @ noon @ Chamber office
- February 16—School Board Mtg. @ 7pm @ NFHS
- February 17-18—  AMERICAN DOG DERBY
- February 17—Soup Challenge @ Ashton Community Center @ 5pm
- February 20—President's Day
- February 22—Food Pantry Distribution 5-7 Photo ID. Required

**The next newsletter will come out on Feb. 21st. Please have information to the Chamber by the Saturday before. Thank you!

Item up for auction @ Ashton Elementary now is an Ashton Dining Experience Jan.30-Feb. 10. Followed by an original oil painting by Joyce Leonard. Go bid at the elementary school office during school hours on these fun items!

We encourage all to continually support our Ashton Businesses!!

Email info@ashtonidaho.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!



AMERICAN DOG DERBY

The American Dog Derby is happening this February 16-18! Let the races begin! This will be the race's 95th year, and the committee is working hard to build up to the 100th anniversary of this long time

Ashton tradition!! So it's time to get excited! There are raffles for many nice items including a mountain bike. Donations and sponsorships are still accepted and appreciated. If you would like to have a booth please contact Nathan Ricks @ 652-0299. The public is invited to the "Welcome Musher Dinner" Thursday, Feb. 16th @ 6pm @ Community Center for a delicious Pork Roast Dinner with all the fixings catered by the *Frostap*. Dinner costs \$9/adult and \$4/child. The celebrity run will be on Friday, Feb. 17 @ noon. And the mutt race, children's snowshoe race, weight pull, and awards ceremony will all be on Saturday, Feb. 18. The mushers begin @ 8:30am both days! **All the weekend happenings will be aired on 95.5 FM radio!**



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Dave's Jubilee is a proud sponsor of the American Dog Derby! Join us at the Derby Feb. 17-18!

