

Congratulations Lady Huskies – State Champions! February 19, 2013

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# February

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## Ashton Area Chamber of Commerce



We as the Ashton Area Chamber of Commerce would like to compliment all the wonderful cooks who participated in our 2nd annual Soup Challenge. The soups were all very tasty and yummy! We appreciate the support of the cooks, business sponsors, and the community for coming out and tasting/judging the soups. Our winners this year were: 1st place-Casey Moore and his Enchilada Soup sponsored by Bank of Idaho; 2nd place-Alecia Reynolds and her Zuppa Tuscano Soup sponsored by Reynolds Brothers; 3rd place-Brian Randleas and his Blue Cheese Potato Soup sponsored by 511 Main. Other businesses represented were The Hair Fair, Angler's Inn/Ashton Inn, B'Dazzled, Henry's Fork Foundation, Frostop, Dave's Jubilee, Barber Chicks, H&M Construction, and Stronks & Sons. Thank you for your support!



\* Our next monthly meeting will be this **Thursday, February 21st @ noon**. Next month's meeting will be our Annual meeting and we will be having elections for a new board. Any business or organization that was a member last year or has renewed or joined this year is eligible to vote!



**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.

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](mailto:info@ashtonidaho.com) or leave a message at 652-3355.

## Business Spotlight: North Fremont Food Pantry

About 5 years ago, Reverend Barbara Bunsold and Klara Varga Bainbridge saw a need for a food pantry in Ashton. They wanted it to be community based with the idea of all denominations helping, participating, and donating. Klara approached the City Council and Mayor at a City Council meeting about the idea and wondered where there was space available to have the Food Pantry. They offered the space in the upstairs of the Ashton Community Center, and it was a done deal. They made the Ashton Community Center home for the **North Fremont Food Pantry**. The **North Fremont Food Pantry** recently received their non-profit status. They would like to shout out a big "Thank You" to the businesses, scouts, and individuals for their donations of time, energy, food, and money! The **North Fremont Food Pantry** distributes food every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. You must have photo I.D. and can receive food once a month. The volunteers who run the **North Fremont Food Pantry** make up boxes ahead of time for a family of 2 or 4 which includes about \$35 of food and personal items for a family of 2 and about \$70 of food and personal items for a family of 4. The **North Fremont Food Pantry** serves 35-45 families. That is approximately 120 individuals per month. A challenge that continues for the **North Fremont Food Pantry** is knowing that there are many individuals or families out there that need food but don't utilize the **North Fremont Food Pantry**. The board would like to find a way to reach out to those in need and be able to help them. The **North Fremont Food Pantry** is going to be moving to the other end of the hall by June. This will allow them to have their own entrance and help make it more private for those utilizing this service. Before June there is going to be a great need of volunteers to help with the moving of the food and shelving. And as in any organization striving to help the community, volunteers are always needed on Wednesday nights when food is distributed and other times to sort and shelve the donated food.

The **North Fremont Food Pantry** is made up of a board including: President—Freida Mirelez; Vice-President—Lowell Nygaard; Secretary—Caroline Neubauer; Treasurer—Klara Varga Bainbridge. They meet every 1st Tuesday of each month in the evening. Anyone wishing to help is welcome to attend. For questions please call Freida @ 403-8916. We as the Ashton Area Chamber of Commerce are thankful for the **North Fremont Food Pantry** and the service it provides for our community. We welcome them as our newest members this month.



# City of Ashton News



- \* The Mayor is looking for some high school students to represent the youth in our community and have a say in helping shape our city. If any youth are interested in participating in the Mayor's Youth Council please let Mayor Stronks or Councilwoman Teresa Hansen know. Mayor Stronks @ 652-3467 or Councilwoman Teresa Hansen @ 652-3950.
- \* The City is gearing up for the upcoming summer and the opening of our swimming pool. They are currently taking applications for Swim Instructors and Lifeguards. Please contact the City @ 652-3987 if you are interested.
- \* Please don't forget to move your property out of the City's right of way for the plows. It is at the property owner's risk if anything is damaged.



## AMERICAN DOG DERBY

The American Dog Derby was a great success this weekend. The weather was great for the dogs and

mushers alike and there were great activities for everyone to enjoy. The number of mushers from around our neck of the woods is growing. In the Juniors Race, Holden Paul 11 years old and from Rexburg, took first place. Char Harman from Rigby took fourth in the Junior Race. In the Skijor Race there were two from Idaho Falls, Scott Lee took 3rd place and Matt Reymann took 4th. In the 24 mile race with 6 dogs, Charlotte Mooney from West Yellowstone took 3rd place and our very own Ashtonite; Linda Janssen took 4th place! **Congratulations Linda!** "Tud" Kent was one of the 4 founding committee members of the American Dog Derby in 1917 and was the record holder for winning first place in the American Dog Derby racing 8-10 dogs until this weekend. Jerry Bath from Lander, Wyoming broke his record this weekend winning his 7th straight 1st place in the American Dog Derby. Jerry has raced the 100 mile race and the 60 mile here in Ashton. This is his 14th year racing dogs, and this weekend was his 14th race when he broke the record previously held by "Tud" Kent nearly 100 years ago! A sincere "Thank You" to the committee and many volunteers, sponsors, donations, mushers, and spectators who carry on the tradition!

**Chriswell's Trail's Inn**  
Come and enjoy a great Idahoan meal:  
Breakfast, Lunch, or Dinner  
Open: Daily 6am-10pm

## Community Calendar

- Feb. 21—Ashton Chamber of Commerce Monthly Mtg. @ noon @ Chamber office
- Feb. 21—School Board Meeting @ 7pm @ NFHS
- 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 **Mar. 5th**. Please have information to the Chamber by the Saturday before. Thank you!

*The Ashton Elementary school's auction items are a R/C John Deere tractor, a doll with handmade wardrobe, and a complete set of Narnia books. The next items will be a Canon copier with 5 different features and a \$100 savings bond.*

*During Parent/Teacher Conferences in March there will be many baskets and gift certificates.*

*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](mailto: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](http://www.ashtonidaho.com)  
We place events on our community calendars for free!



## Habitat for Humanity Open House and Resident Survey

**Who: All Ashton Residents**

**Where: Ashton Community Center, Wheat Room (upstairs)**

**When: February 19th & 21st from 5-9pm and February 22nd & 23rd from 9am-5pm**

Please come to the Habitat for Humanity Open House and fill out a Resident Survey. Each completed survey will receive a thank you gift from the Ashton Chamber of Commerce and a chance to enter in a raffle for prizes!

For more information or to fill a survey online please email Greer @ [greer.habitat@dataway.net](mailto:greer.habitat@dataway.net) once your completed survey is received your thank you will be sent to you.



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