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Ashton Area Chamber of Commerce



* This month's meeting will be our Annual meeting. 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! The meeting will be held Thursday, March 21st at noon at the Chamber office.



* The Easter Egg hunt will be Saturday, March 30th @ 10:30 sharp. The location has yet to be determined. (I'm watching for the snow and mud factor) Volunteers are needed! Please call Rachel Hatton if you are available to help that morning.



* It may seem early, but 4th of July plans are beginning! The theme for our parade this year will be: "Here We Have Idaho" in commemoration of this year being Idaho's sesquicentennial year of becoming a territory, signed by President Abraham Lincoln on March 4, 1863. This will be our town's way of celebrating this momentous time. We encourage everyone to get excited and celebrate being an Idahoan!

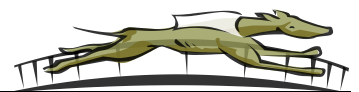


* Anyone wishing to advertise in the newsletter needs to contact the Chamber at the information below, or Rachel Hatton. It costs \$20 for nonmembers and \$10 for members. To join the Chamber of Commerce it is \$75/business, \$50/non-profit organization, & \$25/individual. There are benefits to being a member. New input and ideas are always welcomed and encouraged. We meet every 3rd Thursday of the month at noon. So come and join us!

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: Desert Dog Sled Dog Adventures

The Ashton Area Chamber of Commerce is delighted to spotlight our newest business member **Desert Dog Sled Dog Adventures**. Linda Janssen and her partner Dave Harman started kicking around an idea of a new business in 2010. With Ashton's history of the American Dog Derby and their love of mushing, they felt that they were ready to share that love with others. The business took off by word of mouth from other mushers. And it was done; the **Desert Dog Sled Dog Adventures** was in business. Already giving rides and tours to people from Ashton to Minnesota to France! **Desert Dog Sled Dog Adventures** offers sled dog rides and tours in Idaho's high desert country near the Tetons and Yellowstone Park. The entire business is a team effort! With Linda and Dave at the head of the pack, their team also consists of Matt & Mindy Reymann who help with running the tours and caring for the dog teams, and the 28 dogs are also an important part of the team working hard to earn their keep! Most of the dogs are Alaskan Huskies and two of them are Seppala Siberian Husky. This year Linda raced 6 pups she has raised herself and did very well; placing fourth here in Ashton at the American Dog Derby and recently placing third at a race in Logan. Linda and Dave have built a "dog camp" west of town where they keep their dogs. This is the home of **Desert Dog Sled Dog Adventures**. When you call to do business with them, part of the adventure will be getting a tour of dog camp. Their business is to excite and give everyone an opportunity to learn that there is more to being a musher than just standing on the back of a sled and yelling a command. They will give you a short 101 mushing course on what work it takes to be a musher, as well as a kennel tour to meet & greet the dogs. One of Dave's jobs is to groom the trails. They have their own groomer, so Dave grooms the trail and checks for wildlife before your adventure begins. Since 1917 Ashton has been home to the American Dog Derby, but how many of you locals have ever been on a dog sled? Here's your chance! Just give Linda or Dave a call and they will be happy to take you for the ride of your life! We live in prime country for dog racing. The **Desert Dog Sled Dog Adventures** is family friendly fun! They have various packages that are reasonably priced for different distances and wants whether you prefer to ride and enjoy the scenery or are ready to learn how to be a musher yourself! Give Linda a call @ 208-313-5654 or Dave @ 208-709-3549 today before the snow is gone and enjoy the hospitality and fun that **Desert Dog Sled Dog Adventures** have to offer!



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.

Got Work?

The Henry's Fork Foundation is offering a \$3700.00 internship to a local high school/college student interested in working outside in the Henry's Fork watershed with HFF's research and restoration crew for the summer of 2013. Applications are available at the HFF office and are due by April 1st, 2013. Please contact the HFF office at 208-652-3567, or visit <http://www.henrysfork.org/become-intern> for more details.

Thank You!

A sincere and heartfelt thank you to our friends and family for your many thoughts and prayers the past few months in our behalf. We appreciate all you have done for us through this tough time in our lives. Thank you for your prayers, thoughts, and friendship!
~Sincerely, Tom and Debbie Mattingly



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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.

Community Calendar

- **March 20—Happy 1st day of Spring!**
- **March 20—Kindergarten Screening**
- **March 21—Ashton Chamber of Commerce Monthly Mtg. @ noon @ Chamber office**
- **March 21—School Board Meeting @ 7pm @ District office**
- **March 23—Ashton's Distinguished Young Woman @ 7pm @ NFHS**
- **March 27—N.F. Food Pantry 5-7pm @Ashton Community Center. Picture ID required.**
- **March 30—Easter Egg Hunt @ 10:30**
- **March 31—Happy Easter!**

The next newsletter will come out on **Apr. 2nd. Please have information to the Chamber by the Saturday before. Thank you!

The Ashton Elementary school's auction items are the Easter Basket Parade with many wonderful, fun, and nice things to choose from. During Parent/Teacher Conferences March 27th & 28th their will be items from A-Z and many gift certificates. Totalling about 75 items to bid on, something for everyone! 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 FREE! For more event details visit our on-line Community Calendar at www.ashtonidaho.com
We place events on our community calendars for free!

Thank You!

A sincere thank you to the many who donated material and their talents to help make quilts for the Charlotte fire victims last fall. 1 Twin quilt and 14 Queen quilts were completed and donated to the families who lost their homes in Pocatello last year! Thank you for your generosity of time, talents, and service!



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