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#### <u>Important Dates:</u>

Flavor Day 2017— November 11, 2017

Check our website for additional shows & dates.

# **Celebrate Ice Cream in July!**

### July is National Ice Cream Month

It is your time to shine, ice cream retailers: *July is National Ice Cream Month!* A time to celebrate, promote, and SELL ice cream like no other time of the year. Get your store decorated, set your promotions (ideas available in this and past "Sundae Times" issues on our website, "Distributor and Retailer" page—PW: *chocolate*), and plan your celebration menu/specials. Host a baseball game, inviting the city/township leaders to play against the Chamber of Commerce members. Include an ice cream social for your town: Pay one price for a scoop of vanilla and they add the toppings from a topping bar. Sell special patriotic treats. Sponsor your town's fireworks display in exchange for bringing your event trailer to sell treats before the show.

**Sunday, July 16th, is National Ice Cream Day**, so plan something special for that day, too. Get your store noticed by calling your local paper to invite the reporter out for an ice cream treat and the history of ice cream. They are going to cover an ice cream store, it should be yours!

#### Ashby's Logo'd Wearable Items Now Available to Order On-line!

It is easier than ever to order your employees' aprons, hats, visors, T-shirts, etc. at the new Ashby's Sterling on-line store, sponsored by T R McTaggart. Go to https://ashbyssterlingicecream.itemorder.com/sale to get started.

# New Cone Sign Available to Advertise Ashby's Sterling Ice Cream

Now you can choose our 2-sided, triple cone sign in place of our "Hand Crafted" outdoor sign (new customers) when signing up to sell Ashby's Sterling Ice Cream. If you are an existing retailer, you can purchase the signs for \$35 each, plus S&H; or use your SCOOPS Points (100).



#### Can You Have Too Many "Visual Aids"?

Yes, you can! How often do you go around to the customers' side of the counter, window, drive thru, etc.? If you haven't done so in a while, please do! You may notice that sometimes too much information can be TOO MUCH information. Spend the time to analyze all your signs, posters, pictures, menus, "special of the day" sign. Make notes on how you can streamline all the menu information into neatly printed menu boards, so the customers can find all of the offerings in logical places: Ice Cream Cones, Sundaes, Specialty Desserts, Hand Packed, Drinks, Food, etc. If you added something new and just stuck a new poster or sign up to advertise it, it will surely add to the visual "mess" and hold up the order line.

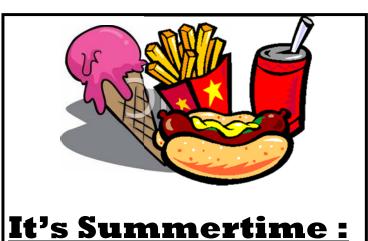
Frame, or at least laminate your posters and place them around the dining area—they don't all have to be behind the counter. Use behind-the-counter space to place a large menu board with all of your listings organized as mentioned above. You can have a menu designed and custom printed for a little bit of money, depending on the size of the board/ your menu. Your store will look neater, more professional, and your customers will be able to find what they are looking for quicker, thus ordering quicker.

#### Introducing Our New Store Graphics

Ashby's Sterling Ice Cream has a brand new store design (below) that is relatively inexpensive. We have paid for the basic design work—you pay for the custom addition of your menu and the printing. Materials are low tack decal for the wall, magnets (on cabinets), and corroplast menu boards. And for every \$125 you spend, we will give you 1) 3-gallon tub of ASIC to help off-set your costs.

To order: contactus@ashbysicecream.com.





We know it will be hot and sunny this summer, so be prepared with your promotion schedule and "Special of the Day" calendar. To give you a couple of ideas, we created the dessert items below:

#### Bye, Bye American Pie:

Fill a graham-cracker pie crust with softened AS Vanilla, Blue Moon, and Strawberry ice cream layers. Smooth and mound in the middle. Drizzle with strawberry sauce. Pipe whipped topping around the edges of the pie and in the middle. Add "rosettes" of whipped topping and cherries in the middle of the rosettes for garnish.

#### Red, White, and Blue Parfait:

Layer Strawberry ice cream, whipped icing, Paintball Blitz or Blue Moon, and more whipped icing in a clear parfait dish. Garnish with a cherry and a mini flag.

#### 4th of July Cookie Treats:

Scoop vanilla ice cream onto a large, sugar cookie and let it soften just enough that you can add another cookie on top and press flat. Roll edges in red, white, and blue sprinkles. Place in storage bag and freeze.

#### Baseball, Hot Dogs, and Apple Pie Sundae:

Place a scoop of vanilla ice cream in a sundae dish. Top with warm apple pie filling, crumb topping (flour, sugar, and melted butter —mix until crumbly), optional: caramel. Garnish with whipped cream , and a cherry.

#### Hot Dog Dayz of Summer:

If you sell food, offer a hot dog combo meal with a drink , fries, and ice cream treat.



# **Welcome!** to the following new Ashby's Sterling Ice Cream Retailers:

| Cisar            | Gordargo            | SMJ Market                      | Port Arthur   | ΤX | 77642 |
|------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|----|-------|
| Carman & Dennis  | McEntaffer          | Nate & Ally's                   | Winona        | MN | 55987 |
| Chuck            | Powell              | Chuck Wagon Restaurant          | Harrison      | MI | 48625 |
| Ayeshaah         | Syed                | Tutti Fruitti                   | Katy          | ΤX | 77449 |
| John & Kim       | Ehlers              | Jake's Corner                   | White Lake    | SD | 57383 |
| Karen            | Strobel             | Strawberry Fields Market        | Roswell       | GA | 30075 |
| Bobby Swanner    | Dennis Moreau, Mgr. | Ashby's Sterling Ice Cream      | West Monroe   | LA | 71291 |
| Lola             | May                 | The Screen Door                 | Gladwater     | ΤX | 75647 |
| Gerad Burger/    | Tracee Karl, Mgr.   | Park Rapids BP                  | Park Rapids   | MN | 56470 |
| Phil & John      | Rath                | Chilling Station                | Manta         | OH | 44255 |
| Dennis Rasmusson | Matt Jackson, Mgrs. | Charlevoix Dairy Grille         | Charlevoix    | MI | 49720 |
| Bruce & Kelli    | Millbrandt          | Frozen Creations                | Mankato       | MN | 56024 |
| Angie & Pete     | Wilson              | The Dreamery Creamery, Inc.     | Terre Haute   | IN | 47807 |
| Waylon           | Haecker             | Haeckerville Pharmacy           | Missouri City | TX | 77459 |
| Lorie            | Cihak               | Dune Dippity                    | Silver Lake   | MI | 49436 |
| Rich             | Holcomb             | Holcomb's Classics              | Wooster       | OH | 44691 |
| Kelly            | Huffman             | Honey's Frozen Yogurt           | Goshen        | IN | 46526 |
| Marilu           | Marin               | Sabor Xtremo                    | New Caney     | ΤX | 77357 |
| Jeff             | Mann                | Cancun Snow                     | Houston       | TX | 77070 |
| Tri              | Tran                | Frozen Castle                   | Houston       | TX | 77083 |
| Ron              | Brown               | Rosebud General Store           | Rosebud       | MO | 63091 |
| Sharon           | Bergwerff           | Chapel Charlie's Cup & Cone     | Hudsonville   | MI | 49420 |
| Matt             | Baker               | Spotted Cow3 locations          | Adrian        | MI | 49221 |
| Dan              | Shuwayhat           | John's Market                   | Troy          | MI | 48085 |
| Stacy & Jeff     | Crump               | What A Jerky                    | Lapeer        | MI | 48446 |
| Ron              | Burns               | Century Lanes                   | New Carlisle  | OH | 45344 |
| Cathy            | Baxter              | Baxters Little Grocery          | East China    | MI | 48054 |
| Diane            | Miller              | Central Perk Coffee Shop        | Estherville   | IA | 51334 |
| Daniel           | Sronkoski           | The Stand                       | Glen ellyn    | IL | 60137 |
| Marla            | Prince              | Droop Scoops                    | Chickamauga   | GA | 30707 |
| Kailyn           | Sanchez             | Doodle Grub                     | N Liberty     | IN | 46554 |
| Kevin & Linda    | Wilson              | Grandma Bairs Family Restaurant | Kane          | PA | 16735 |
| Paula & Rob      | Crook               | Across the Bay Café`            | Alpena        | MI | 49707 |
| Ed               | Miller              | Teresa Italian Ice              | Normal        | IL | 61761 |
| Herb Kreutzer    | Jeff Lewis          | Sundara Coffee House            | Groves        | TX | 77619 |
| Bud & Shannon    | Craft               | Rustic Gate Creamery            | Jenks         | OK | 74037 |
| John             | Collins             | Beach Bar                       | Clarklake     | MI | 49234 |
| Jacque           | Head                | Sisters Confectionary           | Gaylord       | MI | 49735 |
| Michelle & Tim   | Haidl               | Centre Hub                      | Centreville   | MI | 49032 |
| James            | Horton              | Horton's Pizza Plus             | Arma          | KS | 66712 |
| Nick             | Quinn               | Nick's Grill                    | Plano         | IL | 60545 |
| Debbie           | Rasseu              | Burger Grinds                   | Tyler         | TX | 75701 |
| Brandon          | Zurecor             | Burger Grinds                   | Tyler         | ΤX | 75703 |
|                  |                     |                                 |               |    |       |



## Welcome! to the following new Ashby's Sterling Ice Cream Retailers (continued):

| Bill           | Parker     | Chico Mart                   | Chico                    | TX | 76431 |
|----------------|------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|----|-------|
| John           | Ireland    | Candy Castle Popcorn Palace  | Moore                    | OK | 73160 |
| Ed             | Fuqua      | Swirled Frozen Treats        | Bristol                  | TN | 37620 |
| Jeff           | Weaver     | Rooted                       | Mancelona                | MI | 49659 |
| Roy            | Ezell      | Natty Flats                  | Lipan                    | TX | 76462 |
| Roy            | Ezell      | Natty Flats                  | Minorn Wells             | TX | 76067 |
| Sherry         | Standridge | Mike & Stacys Mercantile     | Oglesby                  | TX | 76561 |
| Bill           | Brown      | Brown's Market Place         | Harbor Beach             | MI | 48441 |
| Josh           | Grannell   | TG's Frozen Desserts         | Warsaw                   | IN | 46580 |
| Paula          | Rasmussen  | Spook Cave & Campground      | McGregor                 | IA | 52157 |
| Tanya          | Balcom     | Scoop and Twist of Macomb    | Macomb<br>Natural Bridge | MI | 48042 |
| Carlene & Dave | Flint      | Natural Bridge General Store | Station                  | VA | 24579 |
| Andy           | Stewart    | Big M Marina                 | Cassville                | MO | 56525 |
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#### You Wanted to Know:

#### Q. What is the correct dipping temperature for my freezer?

A. Ashby's Sterling Ice Cream is a premium ice cream formula with lots of inclusions: fruit, nuts, candies, etc. so your freezer needs to be turned down to a holding temperature of approximately 0 to 5° F. For your back storage freezer, the temperature is best at less than -10° F. You will want to utilize the space below the tub you are currently dipping to temper the next tub, so you aren't trying to dip from a tub that just got pulled out of the storage freezer.

Questions? Contact us at www.ashbysicecream.com or 231.843.0319