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Shop in Ashton



Your *Ashton Chamber of Commerce* is pleased to announce that "Shop Ashton" event for Christmas was another great success! We hope all the winners enjoy their prizes from our wonderful businesses and have fun shopping in Ashton with your "Ashton Bucks"! The "Ashton Bucks" expire on January 15, 2011....so go have fun shopping in Ashton!

Kids' Gym at the Ashton Community Center

Fridays, 9:30-11:00 am (drop-in any time)

January 7- March 18, 2011

\$1/child (all children must be accompanied by an adult)

During the cold weather, come to the Ashton Community Center to let your children (ages 0-5) play with other children, and run around the large open space of the gym. Small toys like balls and hula-hoops will be provided. In addition, feel free to bring your own toys.

Please call Melissa Trafton (624-9124) with any questions. (Also, we still need donations of toys, and a volunteer to supervise sign-in and payment on Fridays.)



Chriswell's Trails Inn

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

Business Spotlight:



With a new year beginning it might be time for you to look at some changes in your banking. Maybe some new sort of loan or savings. Well, then you need to head on over to **Bank of Idaho**. Our Ashton branch has been in business for 13 years and with over 70 years of experience between the 6 wonderful employees there, you bet you can find someone to help you out with your financial needs!

Bank of Idaho is happy to have many options for your lifestyle including: online banking, bill paying, and commercial or agricultural loans. They are happy to boast that they offer "big bank products with a small town feel." So, if this is the kind of opportunity or change you need for the new year, then stop in at **Bank of Idaho** and let them help you out! They are open Mon-Thurs. 9-5 and Fridays 9-6. You can also call them at **652-3599**.

City of Ashton News

- **City Council– Tuesday, January 11th @ 7pm in City Council Chambers.**
- **Love the NEW windows in the Community Center!**

Club Volleyball is available for girls in the fourth grade on up through high school. Practice will start at the end of February with competition beginning March 12th. Registration forms have been distributed at school. The registration deadline is Friday, January 21st. For questions call LeAnna Trosen at 652-7995.



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.



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Fremont County Historical Society

A committee of Fremont County residents met this past week to reorganize the Fremont County Historical Society. The effort will have to cover the Ashton and St. Anthony areas as Island Park already has a well established historical society.

Since the private Hess Heritage Museum disbanded this past summer, Fremont County is the only county out of Idaho's 44 counties that does not have a museum.

The first museum in Fremont county was the Sherwood Museum which a private collection in Island Park and was turned over to the State of Idaho about 20 years ago. There was a Fremont County collection in St. Anthony that was housed in a building owned by the Forest Service, but had to go into storage when the building was sold about 5 years ago. This collection needs to come out and be displayed.

Items discussed were, that the Hess family did donate a large antique steam tractor to the city of Ashton, and that the Ashton Seed Growers Association had an interest in funding and taking care of the engine, plus build a seed potato display of antique machinery used by the area growers over the past 80 years.

The 1949 Chevrolet Ashton fire truck now being held by the Museum of Idaho is also available to come back if there is a good facility to house the items.

Other displayed need in the Ashton area are Dog Derby, Bear Gulch and winter travel, Indian artifacts, and railroad displays

Talks are underway that the City of Ashton would make available the land between the visitor's center and the Valley Wide Plaza to build up to two buildings. This then could be open and operated along with the visitor's center, and open by appointment in the off season.

In the St. Anthony area it was discussed that several large empty building may become available, and that the old St. Anthony train depot is available to purchase on negotiated terms with it current owners. St. Anthony is also in dire need of an archive. Island Park and Ashton currently have archives that a recognized by the State of Idaho as being some of the finest small archives in the State. But St. Anthony being the county seat, the need is more urgent than ever.

As the committee proceeds, care has to be taken not to take on or construct buildings that have high overhead and heating bills. The cost of heating small museums in eastern Idaho is a major burden. However it is recognized that an archive has to be heated.

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Community Calendar

- **January 4**—Food Pantry Meeting @ 6:30
- **January 11**—City Council @ 7pm @ City Building
- **January 12**—Food Pantry Distribution 5-7pm. Please bring ID.
- **January 17**—Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- **January 20**—Chamber of Commerce Mtg. @ 12 @ Chamber office
- **January 20**—School Board Mtg. @ 7pm.
- **January 26**—Food Pantry Distribution 5-7pm. Please bring ID.

****Good Luck to all our NORTH FREMONT HUSKIES with school and their events! Be safe this year!!**

We encourage all to continually support our Ashton Businesses!!

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

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!

The Ashton Community Foundation a 501©3 organization will be the umbrella organization to handle the financials. The committee will go after outside grants. Anyone wishing to donate can make tax deductible donations to the general fund, or if a donor wishes, can be tagged to either the Ashton or St. Anthony projects.

Contacts are Tom Howell in Ashton at 652-3450 or Bob Bauer in St. Anthony at 221-0806.

Ashton Area Chamber of Commerce



Membership Drive will be underway this month! Please watch for your invoices to renew or contact the Chamber to join. Dues are \$75/business & \$50/non-profit. There are many benefits! So join your Ashton Area Chamber of Commerce today!