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Ashton Area Chamber of Commerce



Ashton's Easter Egg Hunt

Ashton's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be @ Ashton Elementary, Saturday, April 7th @ 10:30 am SHARP! I am still looking for a couple more bodies to help put the eggs out and help redeem the eggs please contact Rachel Hatton at 652-0144.

A big "THANK YOU" to the over 20 businesses who are supporting this event and a *special* "Thank You" to *Dr. John Toenjes and Doug Hillam* owner of *H&M Construction*, for donating our bikes this year. This hunt couldn't happen without the support of our Ashton Area Businesses!

P.S. The Easter Bunny will be there so bring your camera if you would like a picture taken with your child.



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:

Premium Members

It's exciting to spotlight our *three* businesses who have renewed their memberships this year as *Premium Members: Ashton Living Center, Ashton Medical Clinic, and Frostop Drive-Inn*. Because of their involvement with the Ashton Chamber and seeing how we are working to help promote *Ashton Businesses*, their businesses will each have their own personal banner advertising their business on each of the pages on our website. This is a great benefit for them considering over 7,000 viewers visited our website just last year. *Ashton Living Center* is one of the best facilities up and down the valley if not the best for rehabilitation from surgery or for assisted living and long-term care. The staff there is very caring and highly trained to care for you or your loved one. We are lucky to have *Ashton Medical Clinic* in our community for those little emergencies that come about. And, one would be completely under privileged without the services of the *Frostop Drive-Inn*! Whether your desire is a yummy cheese burger and fries or some delicious fried fish. Or, just needing a sweet treat like an ice-cream cone or a root beer freeze. These businesses have really stepped up and see the value and benefits to being a member and supporting the Ashton Area Chamber of Commerce!

Happy Birthday!

The public is cordially invited to attend an open house to help celebrate and wish Rich Laux a Happy 70th Birthday!



Please join us at the Ashton Christian Fellowship Church on Monday, April 9th from 6-8pm. Refreshments will be served.

City of Ashton News

- ◆ **City Council will be April 11th @7pm @ the City Building.**
- ◆ **Recycling Bins** will be located at the City Building until some gravel is put down over by the east side of the tennis courts, and the area is made more permanent for the bin's location.

Come Share Your Stories...

Did you know?... Ruth Bishop's story is the third one to be shared by the Ashton Archives. To add your story call 652-3987 ext. 17 or 652-3222.

Grossmami's House

When Ruth Bishop started school as a child in Switzerland, she learned to knit because knitting was part of the curriculum. First she knitted a scarf, she graduated to socks, and she has never stopped knitting. Using her hands to make beauty has been a part of Ruth's life.

In 1967, Ruth and her husband were looking for property to buy. Mr. Manwaring wanted to move to Rigby and open his own cheese factory, but Mrs. Manwaring didn't want to sell the cheese factory in Ashton unless they sold their big, old house too. Ruth's husband said he wanted the Ashton cheese factory and Ruth said she wanted the big old house because it reminded her of Switzerland. Ruth already had plans for her sister, Clara Kaufman, and a local carpenter to help her remodel the house room by room.

Several years ago two of Ruth's grandson-in-laws, James Allen and James Helfrich, got together and unbeknownst to Ruth took pictures of her whole house. Ruth says, "They even took a picture of me eating my lunch. I don't know how they got the pictures without my knowing it."

The photos were tastefully woven into a book called "Grossmami's House" with each room showing special memories. One room houses the doll collection, a bedroom has a wall hanging made by Ruth's mother when she was a child, there is a knitted picture of the Bishop cabins at Mack's Inn, and a well used Chinese checker set has all of the original pieces. While Mr. Bishop was still alive, he took a stick and surprised Ruth by carving the piece into a chain.

With the passing years, every member of the family has obtained a copy of the book. Recently Ruth Bishop donated a copy of "Grossmami's House" to the Ashton Archives to be available for Archive visitors to enjoy. You won't be disappointed.



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Community Calendar

- April 6-9—Spring Break
- April 7—Easter Egg Hunt @Ashton Elementary @10:30 SHARP!
- April 8—HAPPY EASTER!
- April 9—Open House for Rich Laux's Birthday @Ashton Christian Fellowship @6-8pm
- April 11—City Council@7pm
- April 11—N.F.Food Pantry 5-7pm @ Ashton Community Center. Picture ID required.
- April 17—Income Tax Day
- April 19—Chamber of Commerce Monthly Mtg. @ 12pm@Chamber office
- April 19—School Board meeting @ 7pm @ NFHS
- April 22—Earth Day
- April 25—N.F.Food Pantry 5-7pm @ Ashton Community Center. Picture ID required.
- April 27—Arbor Day



**The next newsletter will come out on April 17th. Please have information to the Chamber by the Saturday before. Thank you!

Item up for auction @ Ashton Elementary now is 2 filled Easter baskets from March 27-April 5. Next item up for bid will be a newborn baby boy basket. 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!



**Come and enjoy some yummy Mexican food!
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