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Ashton Area Chamber of Commerce



As the holidays approach us and you are thinking about Christmas gifts; try finding your Christmas gifts in Ashton at our local businesses. Maybe a gift card for groceries, dinner, or a milkshake. Get that lucky guy something from the hardware store.

Buy your sweetheart a trip to one of our many beauticians for a nice hairdo, manicure, or pedicure. Maybe you are in the mood for a new chair from the furniture store or something original from those who are crafty with wood or candy. There's no doubt that there is something for everyone on your list here in Ashton! So save your gas for another day and shop locally for the holidays!!

* Our monthly meeting will be **Thursday, Dec. 20th @ noon** and lunch will be provided by *Hot Stuff* this month.

Business Spotlight:

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows began in 18th Century England. It was deemed odd to find



people organized for the purpose of giving aid to those in need without recognition and pursuing projects for the benefits of all mankind. Their deep history began in North America, with the United States and Canada in 1819, and is continually expanding throughout the world where they are a worldwide fraternity in 26 countries. The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are striving to make the world a better place in which to live, seeking to improve and elevate the character of mankind. **The three links stand for Friendship, Love, and Truth.**

Ashton's Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to spotlight the Ashton branch of the **Odd Fellows** as our newest members. They organized in 1906 and later their building was built in 1907. Besides being home to the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs it was also home to a bank, harness shop, and hardware store. After those businesses left, it became Hugh Hammond and Louie Smith's Plumbing Shop until the early 1970's when they moved shop to where Dan's Plumbing and Heating are now. Following their move, the Rebekahs opened the Flea Market as a fundraiser to give scholarships to seniors which they continue to do today.

At one time, the Upper Snake River Valley had Odd Fellow and Rebekah lodges from Aberdeen to Dubois, today only Pocatello, Idaho Falls and Ashton have both lodges. Until the mid 1950's many of the leading businessmen and citizens were members, but by that time the government started to take control of a lot of the things the **Odd Fellows** were doing locally such as education for orphans, burying the dead, caring for widows, and relief for the distressed. Today the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodge has about 25 members who are still doing things to benefit the community. The most evident one is ownership and providing the Flea Market for the community's use for over 40 years now. Many non-profit organizations are able to use this unique "department store" to fundraise for their many causes. In the late 1990's, Joyce Leonard was hired to manage the Flea Market. This is when it changed from a "garage sale" to a "business"! Last year Joyce retired from this job and the **Odd Fellows** took over management of the Flea Market from the Rebekahs. They hired Lowell and Karen Nygaard to manage the operations at the Flea Market today. The Flea Market is more than a thrift store to many. Whether you shop or rent it to raise funds for your organization, one knows what a great asset it is to our community. So if you see an "Odd Fellow" or a Rebekah please thank them for keeping this "unique boutique" around for our town!

Call Lowell and Karen @ 652-7980 to schedule your organizations time for fundraising at the Flea Market for 2013 today! **December's Schedule @ Flea Market:** 3rd-8th—Fundraiser for the Flea Market; 10th-15th—N.F. Food Pantry; 17th-22nd—United Methodist Women; 24th-29th—Odd Fellows (the Flea Market will be open until noon on the 24th and closed on the 25th).

Community Christmas Program

It's time once again for our annual Community Christmas Program. So if you can dance, sing, play an instrument, or have a talent of some sort you would like to share with us it is time to wipe the dust off and share it with your community! Please call Teresa Hansen @ 652-3965 or Brandy Burlage @ 652-3942 if you would like to be in the program **BEFORE December 5th.** The Community Christmas Program will be on **Sunday, Dec. 9th @ 6pm @ NFHS**



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.

City of Ashton News

* **City Council is on Wed. Dec. 12 @ 7pm @ City Building**



*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.*



Stronks and Sons has teamed up with Big Dog Satellite T.V. and will be having an event Friday, December 7th from 8am-6pm!

Your local cable company is going out of business. We are here to help! Come check out the best deals available for the best TV and customer service available. Already have TV and paying to much? We would love to help you out!

Stop by **STRONKS & SONS** and we can show you the options that you have! Can't make it? Call Chad Stegelmeier at 208-552-1333 to setup a FREE in home estimate!!!

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Christmas Cantata

Zion Lutheran church would like to cordially invite the public to attend their annual Christmas Cantata entitled this year as:

“Emmanuel God With Us!”

Arranged & Composed by Lloyd Larson

When: Thursday, December 20th

Time: 7:00pm

Where: Zion Lutheran Church

Community Calendar

- Dec. 7—National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- Dec. 9—Ashton’s Community Christmas Program @ 6pm @ NFHS
- Dec. 9—Hanukkah Begins
- Dec. 12—City Council @ 7pm @ City Building
- Dec. 12—N.F. Food Pantry 5-7pm @ Ashton Community Center. Picture ID required. (only time this month!)
- Dec. 13—School Board Mtg. @ 7pm @ NFHS
- Dec. 15—Bill of Rights Day
- Dec. 20—Chamber of Commerce monthly mtg. @ noon @ Chamber office
- Dec. 20—Zion Lutheran Christmas Cantata @ 7pm
- Dec. 22—First day of Winter
- Dec. 25—MERRY CHRISTMAS!
- Dec. 31—NEW YEAR’S EVE



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

The Ashton Elementary school’s auction item is will be a \$150 gas card from Nov. 26-Dec. 7th. This will be followed by an Island Park Cabin rental package (which includes dinner at Trouthunter, snow machine rental and much more) from Dec. 7- Dec. 21. Go to the school and bid in the office during school hours!

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!



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