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September

Chamber Of Commerce 714 Main St. P.O. Box 351 Ashton, Idaho 83420 (208) 652-3355

Ashton Area Chamber of Commerce



- * Our monthly meeting will be this Thursday, September 18th @ noon @ the Chamber office. Lunch will be provided by Big Jud's.

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- ◆ Spud Harvest will be Sept. 22nd— Oct. 3rd (No School)



- ◆ Homecoming will be October 10th!

Go Huskies!

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:

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows began in 18th Century England. It was



THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE
INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS

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**. 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"! A few years ago 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 following Joyce's retirement. A year or two ago the Nygaard's stepped down and Ann Oldham is now the manager. 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 Ann Oldham @ 351-1674 to schedule your organizations time for fundraising at the Flea Market for 2015 today! ***There is space to rent where Arrowhead was located. Contact Rulon Grube @ 652-3977.

City of Ashton News



◆ **City Building will be *CLOSED* Sept. 16-19.**



Located in the front of the Chocolate Moose is a full service Floral & Gift Shop and a Greenhouse! Specializing in flowers for funerals, weddings, dances, and everyday special occasions. Owner Rebecca Siddoway is excited to extend her business

from Teton to Ashton and serve our community with her talented green thumb! She also delivers your order for special occasions like birthdays, anniversaries, funerals, or just thinking about you. Give her a call at 652-5000 and place your order today!



The nursery is now open for all your flower and vegetable garden seeds. They also have chicken and rabbit feed available at the nursery. Swiss Precision is also available for home repairs or remodels. So give them a call today and give your back a rest while they do the work for you!
Call Swiss Precision today at 652-7831

Thank You!

While it has been two weeks since the 2014 version of the Mesa Falls Marathon, I still have a smile on my face when thinking of the entire experience! You (Jake), and all the volunteers of the Ashton area, are remarkable in the personal touches you all provided throughout the week-end. It has been said that the “devil is in the details” or that “little things make a difference” and the Mesa Falls Marathon drove those points home. Obviously, the weather could not be controlled, yet the work done to repair some of the washed out areas on the first part of the course were phenomenal. And, then throughout the race itself, mother nature presented a few more “opportunities”, yet everyone greeted the runners with such hospitality. I found myself looking forward to the aid stations and having a chance to visit with the volunteers. And, never (in over 30 marathons) have I seen each aid station provide such a consistent array of energy sources—even for those of us at the back of the pack.

I belong to a running group here in the Dallas area...and have been singing your praises since returning home and encouraging any interested in a morning spent with awe inspiring nature... and equally inspiring volunteers...to run Mesa Falls.

Please share my appreciation with any and all volunteers and aid station workers. You all make a difference!

Thank you, Karen Giles (a marathon runner from Texas)

Community Calendar

- Sept. 16-19—City Building will be **CLOSED.**
- Sept. 17—Constitution Day!
- Sept. 18—Ashton Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting @ noon @ Chamber office
- Sept. 18—School Board Meeting @ 7pm @ NFHS
- Sept. 23—First Day of Autumn
- Sept. 24—N.F. Food Pantry 5-7pm @ Ashton Community Center. Picture ID required.



The next newsletter will come out on **Sept. 16th. Please have information to the Chamber by the Satur-

We encourage all to continually support our Ashton Businesses!!



GO HUSKIES!!



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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