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Ashton Area Chamber of Commerce



4th of July

Ashton's Annual 4th of July Celebration

Tuesday, July 4th is only 4 weeks away:

Here's the plan:



7:30-9am—Rotary Breakfast—

\$6/person @ Rotary Pavilion in City Park

10:00am—Parade:

"Fun"tastic Fremont

theme by Mrs. Howell's 1st graders

*Grand Marshal: Ross Wynn

11am-2pm—Flag Ceremony, booths in park, Entertainment, & Classic car show in the City Park

NEW! Funtime Carnival with Rides in old NFHS Football Field.

1pm-5pm—City Pool Open! Wear your Red, White and Blue and get in for \$2/person

10:00pm—Fireworks @ NFHS Soccer Field

To participate or questions please call Rachel Hatton @ 652-0144



Spotlight:

The Fremont County Historical Society

The FCHS was reorganized about 4 years ago to try to reestablish an organization in the county since the former FCHS organization had folded up about ten years ago.

The previous organization had a small museum in St. Anthony but then lost its lease when the building they were using was sold and moved. The artifact and archival collection had been placed in storage for the past ten years, on which the Fremont County Commissioners were paying the bill on the dusty storage unit.

A year ago negotiations were underway with the City of Ashton for the use of the old City Building as a combined Archive and Museum, but the City Council took a pass at the time.

When Hersh Lenz passed away, owner of Lenz's Electronics on Main Street in Ashton. His building became available. Tom Howell and his family had formed a 501(C3) non-profit, and approached Hersh's daughter Deanna and her husband about the purchase of the building for the use as a museum. A deal was struck with the Lenz heir. They donated a significant portion of the value of the building, and the Howell's offered it to the FCHS to be used as the future museum.

Since that time grants have been pursued to help with the remodeling and upkeep of the building. Great support has been received from the Richard Vasak Trust, CHC Foundation, Valley Wide Cooperative, Land of Lakes Foundation, Bank of Idaho, and the donation of some money and a showcase from Fall River Electric.

Once the building was secured, the group approached the Fremont County Commissioners about acquiring the former collection being held in storage. The Commissioners were more than happy to stop paying storage after all these years, and agreed to contribute an annual sum towards the operation of the building.

Current exhibits include a tribute to the American Dog Derby, a large native American artifact collection, a very interesting railroad collection, a fur and skull display by Jared Baum, and a display from the Ashton Seed Growers Association.

Current Board of Directors are Tom Howell, Bernetta Hansen, and Judy Smith. **Plans are to be open for the Fourth of July. No admission will be charged, but a free-will donation is encouraged.** Other local volunteers have been helpful with the openings and loaning different items for display.

Future plans are to have talks with the City about the eventual combining of the Archive and the Museum which is common in any other community. The Ashton Archive has been collecting small artifacts during this time and the FCHS took over a bunch of archival material from the previous county collection.

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.

The Circus is coming to Ashton!

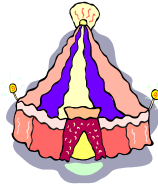
City of Ashton News



Saturday, July 1st

**Two shows times!
2:00pm & 4:30pm**

**Buy your tickets today at
Stronks, 511 Main, or
Bank of Idaho!**



- * *Ashton Archives* has started digitizing information. They are looking for volunteers to help document items. They are also in need of older obituaries to include in the archives. If anyone is interested in helping with this project please contact the *City Building @ 652-3987*.
- * *Ashton Swimming Pool* is open from 1-4pm Mondays-Saturdays. Check out \$2 Tuesdays!
- * The City Building will be **Closed** for the 4th of July.



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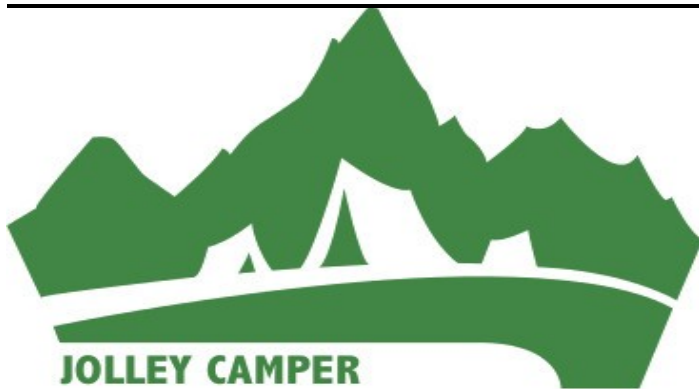
Ashton VBS 2017 "Digging for Treasure: Parables Revealed" July 10-14, at Ashton Community UMC. FREE CHILDREN ages 3-Grade 5. Dig into a VBS that's all about Jesus' parables and the treasure to be found in his words. At first, Jesus' parables seem simple. But it takes listening and digging deeper to discover the treasures of the kingdom of heaven.

¡Estás invitado! A la Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones 2017 ¡Gratis! Todos bienvenidos! Edades: 3 años a Grado 5 Cuándo: 10-14 de julio; 9 am – Mediodía; Donde: En la Iglesia Metodista Unida de la Comunidad de Ashton; 5 y Idaho Streets, Ashton, Idaho; Contacto: Pastor Desi Larson, (208) -652-7331

Hair Fall

There's a new stylist in town! Looking for a new style this summer? Sharon Fotch has been a stylist for over 10 years. Colors, Perms, Hair Extentions, Straightening and more. Walk-Ins are Welcome! Call Sharon for your appointment today @ 208-260-0450

Linda Janssen—Owner/Stylist is also available on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Call her for an appointment @ 208-313-5654.



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Community Calendar

- **June 14—Flag Day!**
- **June 14—City Council @ 7pm @ City Building**
- **June 14—N.F. Food Pantry 5-7pm @Ashton Community Center. Picture ID required.**
- **June 15—Chamber of Commerce Mtg. @ noon**
- **June 15—School Board Mtg. @ 7pm @ District office**
- **June 18—Father's Day!**
- **June 21—Summer Begins!**
- **June 28—N.F. Food Pantry 5-7pm @Ashton Community Center. Picture ID required.**
- **July 1—Culpepper & Merriweather Circus @ 2pm or 4:30pm @ old NFHS Football field**
- **July 4—Independence Day! (See front for agenda of events)**



The next newsletter will come out on **July 4th. Please have information to the Chamber by the Saturday before. Thank you!

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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Happy Birthday Idaho and the United States of America!



Idaho:

On the morning of March 4, 1863 President Abraham Lincoln signed the act creating Idaho a territory. A few days later he appoints William Wallace to be the first territorial governor. Wallace then designates Lewiston as the territorial capital. In 1865 Boise replaces Lewiston as the capital. Construction on the territorial capital begins in Boise in 1885. **July 3, 1890 Idaho is admitted as the 43rd state in the union.** Emma Edwards wins a contest to create our state seal in 1891; making Idaho's the first seal to be designed by a woman. In 1931, the legislature adopts, "Here We Have Idaho" as our state song, the Syringa as our state flower, and the Rocky Mountain blue bird as our state bird.

The United States of America:

During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the Thirteen Colonies from Great Britain occurred on July 2, 1776, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia declaring the United States independent from Great Britain. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the *Declaration of Independence*, a statement explaining this decision, which had been prepared by a Committee of Five, with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author. Congress debated and revised the wording of the Declaration, finally approving it on July 4. A day earlier, John Adams had written to his wife Abigail:

The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more.

Adams's prediction was off by two days. From the outset, Americans celebrated independence on July 4, the date shown on the much-publicized Declaration of Independence, rather than on July 2, the date the resolution of independence was approved in a closed session of Congress. Historians have long disputed whether Congress actually **signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4**, even though Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and Benjamin Franklin all later wrote that they had signed it on that day. *This information was found on Wikipedia.

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Remember your Country: A story set in the early 1800s tells of Phillip Nolan, a young officer in the United States Army who gets caught up in a plot to overthrow the government. Convicted of treason, he swears in rash anger to never hear the words United States of America. The judge decides to grant his wish, and he is sentenced to exile. Those around him are ordered to never speak to him of America. He comes to be known as "The Man without a Country." Years later, a remorseful Nolan pleads with a young sailor: "Remember...your Country, and that you belong to Her as you belong to your own mother. Stand by Her, boy, as you would stand by your mother." Then he adds, "Oh, if anybody had said so to me when I was of your age." We all have a country. It may not be the largest, the richest, or the most powerful, but it deserves our loyalty and our love and our best efforts to make it better. We can say with hope and faith, "**God bless America: Our Home Sweet Home!**" Just as we read the Christmas story at Christmas time and teach our youth about Christ's birth, we need to teach our youth and each other why this, July 4th, Independence Day, is so important and why it is worth preserving and being thankful for. This country should not be taken for granted, indeed it is the greatest of all the lands to live!

As your Ashton Area Chamber of Commerce we wish you all a safe and Happy 4th of July!

- * **A sincere thank you to the pilots of the Legacy Flight Museum of Rexburg who have volunteered to do our flyover the past few years! Please check out their website @ www.legacyflightmuseum.com, summer hours of the museum are 9am-5pm Mon.-Sat. go and enjoy their many exhibits, not only planes, but cars, trucks and WWII vehicles.**
- * **To donate to the Ashton Fireworks show please call Rachel at 652-0144**
- * **Thank you to the City of Ashton and the North Fremont Fire Dept. Our celebration is a success because of you good people!**

