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Our monthly meeting will be **Thursday**, November 17th (a) noon. Lunch will be provided by Ashton Sunrise Café. Lunch is \$10/person. We welcome all members to attend each month!

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Trunk or Treat was a great hit! We had over 500 people turn out with 380 of them ready to Trunk or



Treat! Congratulations to our top Trunks: Sabra Hess and family, Frostop, Eagle Peak Lodge, and Dana Goodwin. Others that were close runner-ups were



Disaster Restoration, Dan's Plumbing, and Lindsay Palmer and her family with their camping theme. We appreciate all who participated to make this a very successful event.



November is such an important month of the year. I am thankful for those who helped to write the Constitution many years ago and for the many brave men and women who have fought to preserve the Constitution and our many freedoms we enjoy here in the United States of America. Election Day in the United States is the day set by law for the general elections of public officials. It occurs on the Tuesday right after the first Monday in November (this does not necessarily mean the "first Tuesday" in a month because the first day of a month can be a Tuesday). The earliest date is November 2, and the latest date is November 8.

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.

Election Day occurs only in even-numbered years. Presidential elections are held every four years, in years divisible by four, in which electors for President and Vice President are chosen according to the method determined by each state. Elections to the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate are held every two years; all Representatives serve two-year terms and are up for election every two years, while Senators serve six-year terms, staggered so that one-third of Senators are elected in any given general election. General elections in which presidential candidates are not on the ballot are referred to as *midterm elections*. Terms for those elected begin in January the following year; the President and Vice President are *inaugurated* ("sworn in") on *Inauguration Day*, which is usually on January 20.

Many state and local government offices are also elected on Election Day as a matter of convenience and cost saving, although a handful of states hold elections for state offices (such as governor) during odd-numbered "off years", or during other evennumbered "midterm years".

Veterans Day is an official United States federal holiday that is observed annually on November 11, honoring people who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, also known as veterans. It coincides with other holidays including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, which are celebrated in other parts of the world



and also mark the anniversary of the end of *World War I* (major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect). The United States also originally observed Armistice Day; it then evolved into the current Veterans Day holiday in 1954.

Veterans Day is not to be confused with *Memorial Day*; Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans, while Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who gave their lives and those who perished while in service.



A Thanksgiving, or Thanksgiving Day, is a holiday celebrated in the United States on the fourth Thursday in November. It has been celebrated as a federal holiday every year since 1863, when, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lin-

coln proclaimed a national day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens", to be celebrated on the last Thursday in November. Thanksgiving was also celebrated nationally in 1789, after a proclamation by George Washington who wanted to "give thanks" for the creation and ratification of the United States Constitution. As a federal and public holiday in the U.S., Thanksgiving is one of the major holidays of the year. Together with Christmas and New Year, Thanksgiving is a part of the broader holiday season.

The event that Americans commonly call the "First Thanksgiving" was celebrated by the Pilgrims after their first harvest in the New World in 1621. This feast lasted three days, and it was attended by 90 Native Americans and 53 Pilgrims. The New England colonists were accustomed to regularly celebrating "thanksgivings"—days of prayer thanking God for blessings such as military victory or the end of a drought. So as many of us vote, remember our Veterans, and prepare for that yummy feast at the end of the month, I hope we will take a moment to recognize how beautiful and special America really is. ~Rachel Hatton

