

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



The next Ashton Area Chamber of Commerce meeting will be **Thursday, March 16, 2017 at noon** at the Chamber of Commerce office. We will be having board elections and discussing many upcoming events for this summer. If you are interested how to get involved, please contact a current board member and come to our upcoming meeting.

Zion Lutheran Pancake Supper Saturday, March 18th 5:00 – 7:00 PM Donations Accepted For more information – call 346-2895





been such a kind and generous person in our community. Please help her in her time of need. Thank You.

**Red Cross Blood Drive** 

Sponsored by Zion Lutheran

Wednesday, March 22 Ashton Community Center 2:30 – 6:30

Call Julie – 346-2895 to make appointment or go online at redcrossblood.org

Thursday and Friday, March 9th & 10th will be the Operetta!

There will be no school on March 13th. Teacher In-Service.

Kindergarten Screening will be March 28th at

Ashton Elementary. If you have any little ones that will be 5 years old by September 5th, please contact the school @ 652-7601.



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.



As the Moon's shadow crosses into Idaho over the Snake River, the eclipse will traverse over mountainous terrain. Idaho will be a desirable state to view the eclipse because of good weather prospects. On August 21, 2017, a phenomenal natural wonder will take place—a total eclipse of the sun, which turns daytime into night while the sun's corona still blazes in the sky. This will all begin around 10:15am, full eclipse will happen about 11:33am, and all the excitement will be over by about 12:58pm. Yes, that is the time frame that the hundreds of thousands will be coming to enjoy this historical event of our time.

So, now one would ask, "How do we accommodate for the many that are speculated to come?", "How do we entertain, feed, and make some profit of the many tourists that have booked all our lodging for this one weekend for the past year?" These are questions many of our counties, cities, and chambers of commerce are preparing for now.

According to <u>Astronomy Magazine</u> (cs.astronomy.com), the August 21, 2017 total solar eclipse will be the first in the continental U.S. in 38 years. Everyone in the US will see a partial eclipse, but Ashton, Idaho is lucky enough to lie on the center line where totality can be observed for 1 min. and 34 seconds.

Astronomy Magazine offers an exciting description of what to expect of the other worldly experience. "Although the big payoff is the exact lineup of the Sun, the Moon, and your location, keep your eyes open during the partial phases that lead up to and follow it. As you view the beginning through a safe solar filter, the universe will set your mind at ease when you see the Moon take the first notch out of the Sun's disk. Around the three-quarters mark, you'll start to notice that shadows are getting sharper. The reason is that the Sun's disk is shrinking, literally approaching a point, and a smaller light source produces better-defined shadows. At about 85 percent coverage, someone you're with will see Venus 34° west-northwest of the Sun. If any trees live at your site, you may see their leaves act like pinhole cameras as hundreds of crescent Suns appear in their shadows."

"Depending on your surroundings, as totality nears you may experience strange things. Look. You'll notice a resemblance to the onset of night, though not exactly. Areas much lighter than the sky near the Sun lie all around the horizon. Shadows look different. Listen. Usually, any breeze will dissipate and birds (many of whom will come in to roost) will stop chirping. It is quiet. Feel. A 10°–15° F drop in temperature is not unusual."

The Ashton Chamber of Commerce is truly thankful that mother nature has blessed our town with being a place to experience the 2017 total solar eclipse. Come experience it with us! It will be your last chance to experience totality in the U.S. until April 24, 2024! **GO HUSKIES!!** 





- \* City Council will be Wed. March 8th @ 7pm.
- March 22—P&Z <u>Meeting</u> @ 7pm @ City Building.
- \* <u>Job Openings</u>: P&Z Administrator, Lifeguards, and Swim Instructors. Please apply @ City Bldg.



Come and enjoy some yummy Mexican food! Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner Mon.-Sat. 9am-9pm Located at 580 Main St. Ashton, ID Call for your orders to go at 652-7225. <u>We're ready for Summer! Here are our new hours!</u>



or Bank of Idaho, Ashton Elementary or North Fremont High School. Tickets will be more if purchased at the door the night of. The event is <u>March 25th at 6pm at NFHS</u>. There will be lots of fun and food and more fun!

There will be 4 separate teams formed. All proceeds go to support NFHS Athletics.

## Community Calendar

March 7, 2017 Free Copy

- Mar. 8—City Council @ 7pm @ City Building
- Mar. 8—N.F. Food Pantry 5-7pm @Ashton Community Center. Picture ID required.
- Mar. 12—Daylight Saving Time Begins
- Mar. 16—Chamber of Commerce Monthly Mtg.
- Mar. 16—School Board Mtg. @7pm@St. Anthony
- Mar. 17—St. Patrick's Day!
- Mar. 18—Zion Lutheran Pancake Supper 5-7pm
- Mar. 20—Sprin Begins!
- Mar. 22—N.F. Food Pantry 5-7pm @Ashton Community Center. Picture ID required.
- Mar. 22—Zion Lutheran's Blood Drive 2:30-6:30pm

\*\*The next newsletter will come out on **Mar. 21st.** Please have information to the Chamber by the Saturday before. Thank you!

Email info@ashtonidaho.com with your events time and description to get your event posted FREEI For more event details visit our on-line Community Calendar at www.ashtonidaho.com We place events on our community calendars for free!



Amy Calonge is available Tuesday, & Thursday 9-5 and after hours by appointment, she's also available by appointment on Saturdays. Amy offers hair cuts, perms, and colors. She is an art-

ist with colors and does many of them. Linda Janssen is available by appointment. So, get on over to the Hair Fair and talk to Linda or Amy to make your appointment today! Give Linda a call at 208-313-5654 or Amy a call at 208-716-4726 today!



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