

Chamber Of Commerce 512 Main St. Rm.#5 P.O. Box 351 Ashton, Idaho 83420 (208)652-3355



The next Ashton Area Chamber of Commerce meeting will be Thursday, June 21, 2018 @ noon @ our new location...The Main Office on Main Street.



Ashton's Annual 4th of July 📆 Celebration 🙂 🍢

Wednesday, July 4th is only 4 weeks <u>away:</u> <u>Here's the plan:</u>

7:30-9am—Rotary Breakfast— \$6/person @ Rotary Pavilion in City Park

<u>10:00am</u>—Parade: "<u>Stars, Stripes, & American Heroes</u>" theme by Mrs. Howell's 1st graders

\*Grand Marshal: Martin Gallagher

<u>11am--2pm</u>—Flag Ceremony, booths in park, Entertainment, & Classic Car show in the City Park

<u>1pm-5pm</u>—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



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:**

On a cold winter day in December 1938, a group of farmers gathered inside an Ashton business to discuss bringing electricity to their farms outside of Ashton. While homes inside town had electricity, the residents outside of town did not. Because of sparse population, investor-owned utilities could



not justify the expense of putting up poles and running lines to those remote outlying residents. President Roosevelt had established the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) in early 1938 to provide loan money and expertise to help rural Americans bring electricity to their farms. The idea of a cooperative was born!

On December 15, 1938, the first official meeting of what would become Fall River Rural Electric Cooperative was held. George Amen, the president of the group, conducted the meeting. The first power project consisted of 67 miles of line.

Ashton area residents George Amen, Rudolph Habekost, Glan Baird, George Marotz, W.F. Griffel, E.D. George, Alex Hill, Francis Bratt and Glan Sharp laid the groundwork as the directors for what is now a cooperative that serves over 14,000 owner-members in three states. Fall River Electric's service area now covers portions of seven counties with 2,378 miles of line and more than 17,000 meters.

This year we celebrate 80 years of providing life-changing electrical power to our members with our annual meeting of members on Saturday, June 16 at Teton High School in Driggs. A free breakfast of pancakes, bacon, sausage, eggs, hash browns and a favorite beverage will be offered beginning at 8am. Commemorative 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary ten inch cast iron skillets will be given away to the first 500 members that attend plus two free LED light bulbs to the first 300 members that visit our energy conservation booth. Dozens of other booths featuring community vendors with free information and free prizes will also be in attendance.

Special guest Elliott Mainzer, Administrator of the Bonneville Power Administration will also be on hand during our business meeting which starts at 10am on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Bucket truck rides for the kids, electrical safety demonstrations, energy rebates and the election of three new directors will also be part of the event.

Any customer of Fall River Electric and their families are invited to attend. Please join us as Fall River Electric celebrates 80 years of commitment of safely and economically providing reliable power and other services which bring value to our owner-members.

Ashton – Driggs -West Yellowstone

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## **Community Calendar**

- June 13—City Council @ 7pm
- June 13—N.F. Food Pantry 5-7pm @Ashton Community Center. Picture ID required.
- June 14—Flag Day!
- June 17—Father's Day!
- June 21—Chamber of Commerce MTG @ noon
- June 21—School Board @ District office @ 7pm June 27-N.F. Food Pantry 5-7pm @Ashton Com-
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\*\*The next newsletter will come out on June 19th. 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!

