

BONNEVILLE  
COUNTY *Heritage*  
ASSOCIATION

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We hope you enjoy this issue of the BCHA Newsletter. Also check out our website [www.bonnevilleheritage.org](http://www.bonnevilleheritage.org).

**TOUCH THE PAST AND ENGAGE THE  
FUTURE**

By Ann Rydalch, Chair  
Bonneville County Heritage Association (BCHA)

Welcome to each of you reading this newsletter. Let me encourage all of you to join with us in our monthly BCHA board meetings. These meetings are held the fourth Monday of each month, 11:30 am to about 1 pm, at Broulim's Food Store in Ammon, upstairs conference room, where we discuss and plan for our activities. I want to also encourage you to become a member of BCHA for only \$10 per year. The membership money is used towards our activities and our student contests. You can go on our website, [www.bonnevilleheritage.org](http://www.bonnevilleheritage.org), and join with us.

We've had a busy year to date. The "Destination Idaho" film by Karen Day, sponsored by BCHA was shown July 13 at the University Place Auditorium. Some 150 people witnessed the story of how Idaho has grown to become a destination and busy state as it explored the state's variety of landscapes.

The next Idaho Day Celebration will be held Friday, March 3, 2017, at the Colonial Theater in Idaho Falls, and is being sponsored by the Idaho National Laboratory on behalf of corporate funds from Battelle Energy Alliance. The State theme for this year is Idaho the Beautiful. Our county theme will be Idaho the Beautiful: Its Conduct and its Heroes. This program will highlight the positive way the State and Bonneville County and its people excel. This annual celebration happens because of legislation passed by Representative

Linden Bateman establishing March 4 as Idaho Day with celebrations throughout Idaho.

Another highlight of our Idaho Day celebration will be hearing from the winners of our student contests. BCHA is working hard to encourage young people to be interested in their heritage by sponsoring programs specifically for them, such as the student contests. Todd Brown, Dist. #91 Curriculum Coordinator and BCHA board member chairs the student contest program and announces the winners of the student contests and their cash prizes, with several of those winners giving their presentations during the Idaho Day program.

The BCHA Treasures Tour, chaired by board members Joe Stewart and David Nipper will be held from 10 am to 2 pm on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2016. It will begin at the Idaho Falls Library at 10 am until 11 am. Then attendees will go to the Sportsman Park where they will listen to four speakers: Joe Stewart, Linden Bateman, Davidjohn Stosich, and Susan Mardis from 11 am to 2 pm. We are encouraging attendees to bring a blanket, or chairs, and perhaps even their picnic lunch, for a relaxed family event. At 2 pm, attendees will be given a map listing places they can visit for a self-guided tour which will include the green belt from Pancheri Bridge to Freeman Park.

Join with us as we attempt to preserve the memories of our state and our county.

By Ann Rydalch, Chair,  
Bonneville County Heritage Association



Would like to invite you to  
**THE TREASURES TOUR**

**Saturday SEPTEMBER 10, 2016      10:00 A.M. THRU 2:00 P.M.**

**10:00 to 11:00 AM - Idaho Falls Library Conference Room** - Green Belt in the Past will be presented by David Nipper. He will create a map that will give information on the Green Belt that will be given to attendees. At the end of his presentation, he will invite attendees to proceed to Sportsman Park where the Treasures Tour will continue.

**11:15 to 11:30 AM - Sportsman Park** - Joe Stewart will give a short introduction to the remaining presentations.

**11:30 to 12:30 PM - Sportsman Park** - Native American Life and Early Pioneer Settlements in Idaho will be presented by Linden Bateman.

**12:30 to 1:00 PM - Sportsman Park** - Early Transportation and Water will be presented by Joe Stewart.

**1:00 to 1:30 PM - Sportsman Park** - Circus Stories will be presented by Davidjohn Stosich.

**1:30 to 2:00 PM - Sportsman Park** - Canal History will be presented by Susan Mardis.

**If you would like, bring a blanket to sit on, a picnic lunch, and water/drinks. This will be a relaxed-family atmosphere event.**

**Come learn and enjoy!**

***Go to our website for added features and information: [www.bonnevilleheritage.org](http://www.bonnevilleheritage.org)***

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## **Are You Feeling Social?**

by Jessica Donnelly

If you're like most people these days, you're probably confused by all the social media options out there! Who can keep track? And do we really need to know what our friends and family ate for breakfast? The answer might surprise you when you consider they are a fun and social way to preserve memories.

Social media is a powerful tool because of the ease it keeps us in touch with our family, friends, and colleagues. Distance becomes less of a problem when your loved ones are a click away! Social media is also interesting for another, less obvious reason. It also is a way to preserve our own personal histories. Part of the fun is looking back and preserving all those precious moments we may have otherwise forgotten. It is a photo of a happy summer day or a particularly good book you enjoyed. It's even that special dish we successfully cooked and were proud about. It's our daily lives that we share with social media and those are our stories. You can look back and enjoy these snapshots of your life because they are the moments big and small.

If you are new to social media, there are many options to choose from. Facebook allows you to have a profile and post updates and photos to friends and families. It also allows you to follow pages of businesses and organizations you are interested in. (Be sure to check out BCHA on FB if you decide to join us!) Instagram, a photosharing social media platform, allows you to keep a record of all your moments in visual form. It's these new digital technologies that we often think are perhaps frivolous, but can be powerful in preserving our own life stories.

Bonneville County Heritage Association's mission is to preserve our heritage and collect memories of the lovely place we call home. As digital technologies continue to become a part of daily life, we are so excited to embrace new methods of historical preservation. As we, and our members, work to preserve the important legacy of Bonneville County, we also look forward to sharing those precious moments and personal histories of our community.

Be sure to visit us on Facebook for events, Idaho trivia, and share your own personal Bonneville treasures! [www.facebook.com/bonnevilleheritageassociation/](http://www.facebook.com/bonnevilleheritageassociation/)

**BCHA – WHY BECOME A MEMBER**

Website: [www.bonnevilleheritage.org](http://www.bonnevilleheritage.org)

The Bonneville County Heritage Association (BCHA) began in 2004 when Mary Jane Fritzen gathered a few volunteers, including County Commissioner Dave Radford, and organized the BCHA to begin making plans to commemorate the County Centennial of February 7, 1911. The year-long Centennial celebration ended in November of 2011.

Now, it is our plan to have BCHA continue its voluntary efforts to promote county history and its people. We need your help to do this.

- Your commitment to join BCHA will ensure promotion of the county history and its people for generations to come.
- Members will receive special invitations to BCHA events.
- Members will receive the BCHA newsletter.
- Members will receive special invitations to tours of the County Treasures developed during the Centennial celebration.
- Members will have the opportunity to suggest promotion of specific county heritage projects, its people and its published books.
- Members will help ensure youth involvement.
- Members may serve on committees or as officers.

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**BCHA BOARD MEMBERS**

- Ann Rydalch, Chair
- Joe Stewart, Vice Chair
- Janet Jensen-Fullmer, Treasurer
- Susan Mardis, Historian
- Steve Taggart, Publicity
- David Nipper, Webmaster
- Davidjohn Stosich
- Greg Stoddard
- Mary Jane Fritzen
- Linda Beckstead, Newsletter & Acting Secretary
- RoseMarie Peterson Doxey, Membership
- Linden Bateman
- Kevin Neibaur
- Todd Brown, Student Contests
- Jessica Donnelly, Digital Programing
- Rebecca Pyper, Grants & Publicity



**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Check one: Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_

Check one: Individual (\$10.) \_\_\_\_\_ Joint (\$20.) \_\_\_\_\_

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Mr./Mrs./Ms./Dr. \_\_\_\_\_  
first name middle initial last name

Joint member name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Yearly dues are \$10.00 (January to December calendar basis)

Make your check payable to BCHA and send along with your membership form to:

RoseMarie Peterson  
1670 Sviskon Way  
Idaho Falls, ID 83402

I am willing to serve on the following committee(s):

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| _____ Membership       | _____ Programs           |
| _____ Publicity        | _____ Newsletter         |
| _____ Historian Clubs  | _____ Topical Meetings   |
| _____ Social Events    | _____ Public Information |
| _____ Programs         | _____ Honors and Awards  |
| _____ Fundraising      | _____ Electronic Media   |
| _____ County Treasures |                          |

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