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**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 have changed and are now held the second Wednesday of each month, noon to about 1 pm, at Johnny Carino's on Hitt Road, where we discuss and plan for our activities. I want to also encourage you to become an active 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.

The next Idaho Day Celebration will be held Monday, March 5, 2018, 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. Our Bronze sponsors are the Bank of Commerce, Johnson Brothers and Richard Groberg Realty. The silent auction, under the direction of RoseMarie Doxey, will begin at 6 pm in the Carr Gallery and the program at 7 pm in the theater. The State theme for this year is Idaho Day 2018 – Idaho Remembers World War 1, in recognition of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the armistice ending World War 1 on the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month in 1918. This program will

highlight and pay tribute to all veterans as well. A special film, written by Linden Bateman and David Nipper and filmed by Paul Jenkins of Intermountain Film & Videos, will be shown. Hero awards will be presented to Alturas International Academy, the American Legion, Steve Carr and his service to the American Red Cross, and to Jim Jones, former Idaho Attorney General, Former Idaho Supreme Court Justice & decorated U.S. Army Veteran of the Vietnam War. 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.

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

By Ann Rydalch, Chair  
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## **SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW BONNEVILLE COUNTY?**

Here's a Quick Quiz

By David Nipper, BCHA Webmaster

(Hint: Most of the answers can be researched on the Bonneville Heritage Website - <http://bonnevilleheritage.org>- or on Google Maps)

### **Quiz on Bonneville County and the Events of 1918:**

1. In 1918 the "Spanish Flu" killed between 50 and 100 MILLION people. Approximately how many died in Bonneville County?
2. Where did the Spanish Flu get named "Spanish"?
3. How did the "flu" affect children?
4. How did Bonneville County deal with the flu outbreak?
5. World War I (The Great War) caused the United States to institute a military draft. How many residents of Bonneville County registered for the draft? How many were women?
6. How many Bonneville County men died in the Great War?
7. How did the Mayor of Idaho Falls respond to the war in 1918?
8. When did the "Great War" end?

(Answers are found on page 5)

## A NEW MUSEUM IS COMING and Can Use Some Help!

The Quilt Heritage Museum is soon to be the newest member of the local museum family. The Museum board has been working in Eastern Idaho for about 10 years, accumulating the resources needed to acquire a brick and mortar home. This should become a reality within the next two years. We will be expanding our quilt collection and augmenting it with quilts from within the local community both for display and study. The museum is a 501(c)3 organization which seeks to preserve quilts and educate people about this heritage art form with all its rich history and sociological importance in Idaho. We are dedicated to supporting the individuals and organizations that make quilting a contemporary force in Idaho. We hope you will come visit when our doors open.

**The Quilt Heritage Museum is creating a Quilt Resources data base for Eastern Idaho. We are looking for information about area quilters who we can profile. We are compiling quilt-related information of historical interest. We are keeping a file of quilts that may be available for loan for our future exhibits and/or lectures. With your knowledge of local people and history would you be able to assist us?**

The information you give us does not obligate you to anything. We do not share your information without your express permission. If you would like to help us with quilts or data, or know of anyone else who might be interested, we would be immensely appreciative. Leave word at either of the following contacts, and we will get back to you. From a shared love of history, we look forward to working with you.

Quilt Heritage Museum:

quiltheritagemuseum.org Marsha Nipper: marsha@ida.net



**ANSWERS TO QUIZ ON PAGE 2 :**

1. About 300. Many deaths may not have been reported by doctors as the flu could go from first symptoms to death by pneumonia in as little as a few hours.
2. The flu probably originated in Kansas, but became "Spanish" when the King of Spain contracted the disease and it became a big news item.
3. One in five children who contracted the flu died of it.
4. Schools were closed and public meetings banned from October 1918 until the flu ended.
5. 4924 Men, no women
6. 24 - Idaho lost 358 in all
7. George Edgington resigned his office - and joined the Army as a Captain - he survived and returned a hero.
8. In 1918, at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of that year.



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## “D I” Block To Be Vacated After More Than A Century Of History

By Mary Jane Fritzen

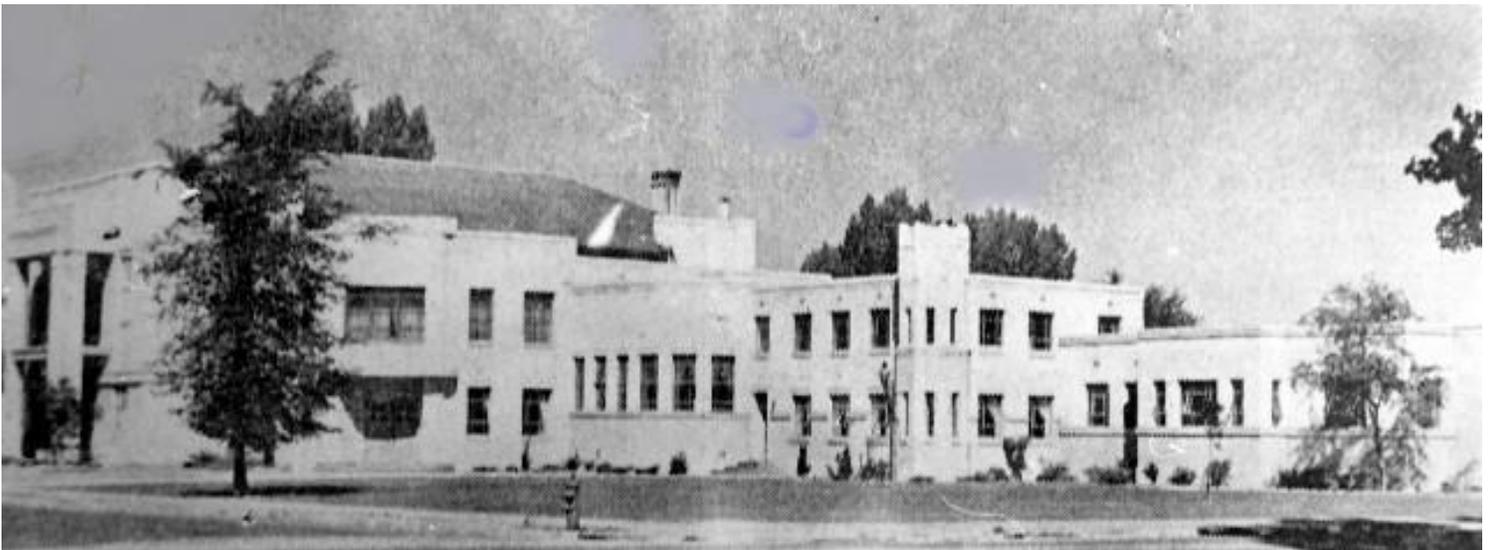
1895. Enough Mormons had come to the rural areas around Idaho Falls that a stake [like diocese] was formed here by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It was named Bingham Stake, because the town was then in Bingham County. Bingham Stake’s headquarters were in Iona, the home of its president James E. Steele.

Eagle Rock Ward [like parish] was located in newly-named Idaho Falls. James E. Steele purchased the block bounded by Park and Capital Avenues and E and F Streets for \$300.00. A rock chapel was built on the corner of Park Ave. and E Street. The rest of the block was available for children to play or for picnicking.

1915. Bingham Stake moved its headquarters to Idaho Falls. A stake tabernacle was built on E St. and Capital Ave., just west of the rock chapel. For several years this auditorium was used for various community events as well as for church services.

1937. The rock chapel was torn down in preparation for construction of a new Idaho Falls First Ward chapel, completed in 1943 beside the tabernacle. Many remember the “tab dances” in about the 1950s as the upper floor of the tabernacle became a dance floor on Saturday nights.

In about 1972 that building was razed and Deseret Industries was built on the location. Other Church facilities— Distribution Center and Employment Center—operated on the east side of the DI. Now that the DI is moving to its new location, 2885 E. 17<sup>th</sup> Street in Ammon, with grand opening March 22-24, the historic block will be vacated, but memories will long remain.



# Idaho Day

Hosted by Bonneville County  
Heritage Association

**Monday, March 5, 2018**  
**Free Admission**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Colonial Theater**  
**498 A Street • Idaho Falls**

*During its 2014 Session, the Idaho Legislature established an official IDAHO DAY to be observed each year on March 4th to commemorate the creation of Idaho by President Abraham Lincoln on that day in 1863.*

Please join the Bonneville County Heritage Association (BCHA) for Idaho Day 2018

## Idaho Remembers WWI

History of Veterans and World War I narrated by Stephen Yates.

- Silent Auction from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. All attendees are invited to bid on items donated from local merchants. Proceeds will benefit BCHA programs, events and student contest awards.
- Student contest winners featured.
- 4th grade Westside & Dora Erickson School Choir and After School/Beyond the Bell Choir featured.
- Film presentation of WWI to be shown, including the names of deceased veterans from Bonneville County, compiled by Linden Bateman and David Nipper, filmed by Intermountain Film & Video.

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Idaho Falls Memorial Drive, 1922, fountain to honor World War I Veterans