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TOUCH THE PAST AND ENGAGE THE FUTURE

By Ann Rydalch

Welcome to our BCHA ongoing goal of touching the past and engaging the future for Bonneville County and our State of Idaho.

Our BCHA fall event will take us back in time. Former Idaho Lt. Governor & Attorney General, David Leroy, will present a one-man show on **Wednesday, Oct. 9 at the Museum of Idaho**, about Idaho's First Territorial Governor William Wallace and his friendship with President Abraham Lincoln. This event is free and will begin with a reception and view of artifacts at 6 p.m., and the program at 7 p.m.

David Leroy will be in period dress and first person, as William Wallace, Lincoln's friend, and will confirm what was recently heard at that time, "the President had been shot." He tells of the friendship Wallace had with Lincoln from the 1840s, their joint labors in Congress to pass the Idaho legislation and recounts how the 16th President by word and deed, was a friend to everyone in Idaho Territory.

David Leroy is a well-known Lincoln expert. He has founded the Idaho Lincoln Institute and provided many talks about Lincoln.

As you may know, BCHA has incorporated with the State of Idaho and has become a not-for-profit 501 C3 organization. We are continuing our voluntary efforts to promote our county history and its people.

Over 100 treasures were identified and voted on by the people of Bonneville County during our 2011 Centennial celebration. Many of those treasures will be covered and many have already been covered during our programs. You can gain further information on our website at www.bonnevilleheritage.org and we also have Facebook coverage at www.bonnevilleheritageassociation/facebook that you can get additional information. Our webmaster is David Nipper and our Facebook administrator is Jessica Donnelly.

Don't forget you can join BCHA for only \$10/year. Our Vice President RoseMarie Doxey is over membership and can help you join. Go to our website for the form.

Touching our past and engaging our future is important for everyone. We hope you will join with us by membership and by attending our events.

SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW BONNEVILLE COUNTY?

A Bonneville County Quiz by David Nipper

(Based on "Bonneville County in the Making", by Barzilla W. Clark in 1941.)

1. What do the towns of Whitetail, MT, Greenleaf, ID, and Purple Sage, WY have in common?
2. The area around Idaho Falls is in Bonneville County. In what County of Idaho was this area located on New Year's Day of 1864?
3. The area around Idaho Falls is in Bonneville County. In what County of Idaho was this area located on New Year's Day of 1865?
4. The area around Idaho Falls is in Bonneville County. In what County of Idaho was this area located on New Year's Day of 1902?
5. Wilson Price Hunt led an expedition across the Northwest to establish an outpost in Oregon for the Pacific Fur Company. The group is often referred to as the "Astor Party". Part of their journey included canoe travel down the Snake River. What happened near the present location of Idaho Falls?
6. When did electronic communications first become available in what is now Bonneville County?
7. What was the first government-chartered transportation company in what is now Bonneville County?
8. What was the first corporation formed in what is now Bonneville County?
9. In 1866, Eagle Rock (later Idaho Falls) got a Post Office. In 1868, The Eagle Rock Post Office was dissolved and moved to another town. Where was it moved?

(Answers are on Page 5)

BCHA NEEDS YOU!

It's October. Did you know that you can become a member of the Bonneville County Heritage Association (BCHA) now for only \$10.00 and you will be a member for the remainder of 2019 and the calender year of 2020. We have two special events each year (free to the public) where you learn more about the history of Idaho, Bonneville County and the towns. Our next event is October 9 at the Museum of Idaho, Education Room. Go to our web site Bonnevilleheritage.org for more information and the membership form. Or call RoseMarie Doxey (208-529-0536) and she will be glad to answer your questions and help you become a member. Idaho history is interesting and for the whole family.

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Abraham Lincoln and Idaho

By Linden Bateman

Very few Idaho citizens are aware of the amazing connections between the establishment of Idaho and our most beloved president, Abraham Lincoln. We will all learn more about that relationship on Wednesday, October 9 at 7 p.m. at the Museum of Idaho in Idaho Falls when David, Leroy, former Idaho Lt. Governor, presents a one man show, in costume, portraying William Wallace, friend of Lincoln, and the man appointed by Lincoln to serve as the first territorial governor of Idaho, which was created by President Lincoln on March 4, 1863. Besides appointing Wallace, Lincoln appointed 14 other territorial officials and promoted the Homestead Act and the Transcontinental Act which brought people to Idaho.

Besides serving as Lt. Governor, Dave Leroy also served as Idaho Attorney General, and Ada County prosecutor. He was chairman of the Abraham Lincoln Centennial in 2009 and has authored a book and many articles and publications on the life of Lincoln.

Besides Leroy's performance, the program will feature a one-time display of Lincoln and Idaho artifacts which can be viewed at 6 p.m. and after the program. The event will be in the Education Room at the Museum of Idaho, 200 N Eastern Ave in Idaho Falls.

ANSWERS TO QUIZ ON PAGE 2

1. All are now located in what President Lincoln first designated as the Idaho Territory. (and yes, they have colors in their names!)

2. Owyhee County

3. Oneida County

4. Bingham County

5. They lost a canoe in the rapids of the Black Rock Canyon of the Snake River in Idaho Falls (probably from the Broadway bridge to the Pancheri bridge). They decided shortly thereafter to abandon the canoe venture and walk.

6. The telegraph first reached Taylor's Bridge (later Eagle Rock, still later Idaho Falls) on July 16th, 1866, the year after the end of the Civil War.

7. The Eagle Rock Ferry, located on the Snake River, a few miles above Idaho Falls.

8. The Onieda Road, Bridge, and Ferry Company. They created the bridge that resulted in the existence of Idaho Falls.

9. To Market Lake, as the Market Lake Post Office. Market Lake later became the town of Roberts, Idaho, and the Eagle Rock Post Office was re-established in 1868.

DO YOU REMEMBER?



Bonneville Hotel, about 1920's.



Bonneville Hotel 1951. Park and Constitution. The Cadillac and Chevy dealership is now the City Hall parking lot.

A revered landmark for many years in downtown Idaho Falls, it will be exciting to see it when the restoration is completed.