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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. I want to encourage you to become an active member of BCHA for only \$10 per year. We have also made it easier for businesses to join as we are now a 501 C3 organization. The membership money is used towards our activities and financial awards for our student contest winners. You can go on our website, [www.bonnevilleheritage.org](http://www.bonnevilleheritage.org), and join with us.

We honor Idaho Heroes during each Idaho Day program. The first businesses were recognized on March 4, 2016. Ten individuals and businesses were recognized for the contributions they have provided in helping build Bonneville County. Those ten were: Richard Adams, Johnson Brothers Planing Mill Inc., LaDean Harmiston, Representative Linden Bateman, Post Register, Chesbro Music Company, Idaho Falls Rockettes, D. V. Groberg Company, Idaho National Laboratory and Farr Candy Company. In 2017, we honored Idaho Falls Symphony, KID Radio, Greater Idaho Falls Chamber of Commerce, Larry Echo Hawk, Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center, Idaho Falls Trinity United Methodist Church, Richard Broulim of Broulim's Food, The Advanced Test Reactor at Idaho National Laboratory, Larsen Farms with Richard Larsen & Blaine Larsen and Jack Gerard. In 2018 we honored Alturas International Academy & the preservation of O. E. Bell Building, The American Legion & their 100 year anniversary, Steve Carr and his work with the American Red Cross, Jim Jones our former Idaho Attorney General & Supreme Court Justice & decorated U.S. Army Veteran of the Vietnam War.

We have sponsored a variety of free events since 2012. In August of 2012 we highlighted the Idaho Dinosaur presentation at the Museum of Idaho; in September we held the Treasures Tour of downtown Idaho Falls and recognized John VanOrman in honor of his continued efforts to maintain the historic significance of his building in downtown Idaho Falls. In 2013, BCHA participated in the Southeast Idaho Kick-off banquet for the "Let's Get Territorial: Idaho's 150<sup>th</sup>" in the Shoshone-Bannock Hotel & Events Center in Fort Hall. In April of 2013, BCHA sponsored a luncheon and silent auction honoring Abraham Lincoln and his connection with Idaho and had Lincoln historian & former Idaho Lt. Governor, David Leroy as our speaker. Then August 2013, BCHA recognized a hero, Frank and Belinda VanderSloot and the VanderSloot Foundation in honor of their efforts to maintain the historic significance of the New Sweden School.

Touch the Past, Engage the Future, continued

In October 2013, BCHA Treasures Presentation, “Water to Dry Ground: Irrigation in Bonneville County” was presented. September of 2014 was a Treasures Tour of five parks located in Bonneville County. Many Treasures Tours continued and a highlight was the tour in September of 2018 as we featured, Idaho Remember Vietnam War at the Vietnam Memorial in Freeman Park. Several dignitaries participated with Tom Hally, President of the Idaho Falls City Council giving a welcome, Nancy Shamel giving remarks about Building the Vietnam Memorial and our keynote speaker was Idaho Secretary of State Lawrence Denney with an interesting message about his years in the service.

I was proud to have carried the Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 101 legislation in 1987 as a State Senator that established the Vietnam Veterans’ Memorial to be located in Freeman Park in Idaho Falls, Idaho and for it to be the official Vietnam Veterans’ Memorial within the State of Idaho. The Resolution also passed the House of Representatives, carried by Representative Sessions.

**The next Idaho Day Celebration will be held Wednesday, March 4, 2020, at the Colonial Theater in Idaho Falls.** The silent auction, under the direction of Kathy Nave, will begin at 6 pm in the Carr Gallery and the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers will be entertaining people from 6 pm to 7 pm in the theater, and the Idaho Day program will begin at 7 pm. The State theme for this year is “Inspiring Idaho Women”, in honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women receiving the right to vote, and our BCHA theme is “Idaho Women in White”. This program will highlight and pay tribute to many. A short film, “Idaho Women in White”, written by Linden Bateman and David Nipper with filmmaker Paul Jenkins of Jenkins Film & Video, will be shown. This film will be narrated by Rebecca Pyper. Always a highlight, will be the singing by the 4<sup>th</sup> grade students combined choir from Westside & Dora Erickson Elementary Schools in District #91 directed by Jennifer Korenke-Stanger, District #91 Elementary Music Specialist, accompanied by Penny Dixon and Bruce Stanger on the guitar.

Heritage Hero awards will be presented this year 2020 to Dr. Jeff Baker of the Healing Sanctuary Clinic and honoring his preservation of the third ward building, Oswald Service and Repair who has done business in Idaho Falls for over 80 years, and North Hi-Way Café, another business that has fed a lot of people in its 85 years of existence. This annual celebration of Idaho Day happens because of legislation passed in 2014 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. This year there were 220 entries from students on a variety of categories.

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

## **STUDENT CONTESTS ARE VITAL PART OF IDAHO DAY**

Since 2015, BCHA has sponsored student contests in association with the annual Idaho Day celebration in order to create student interest in local and state history. Each year, students attending public and private schools in the county are invited to participate in one of the 23 different contests that are held.

Students in grade 4 participate in junior level contests while students in grades 7-12 participate in the senior level contests. Each student entering one of the contests receives a beautiful, Idaho-themed certificate, and contest winners are awarded a cash prize.

Hundreds of students have participated in the annual contests over the past six years.

This year, 220 entries were submitted for the various contests. Each of the winners, as well as those placing second or third, will be invited to the community's Idaho Day Celebration on March 4<sup>th</sup> at the Colonial Theater. Winners will receive their prizes as well as recognition during the program. All contest entries will be on display in the Carr Gallery of the Colonial Theater beginning at 6 p.m. Some of the winners will also be invited to perform their winning entries during the program.

Todd Brown,  
BCHA Board Member

## SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW BONNEVILLE COUNTY?

### *A Bonneville County Quiz*

*By David Nipper*

1. *In 1848, a group of women (and some men) anti-slavery activists met and published this Declaration of Sentiments - "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men and women are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Where did they meet?*
2. *How many black women were present at the 1848 meeting?*
3. *The schism in 1869 between the National Woman Suffrage Association and the American Woman Suffrage Association was about what issue?*
4. *How long did it take before the National Woman Suffrage Association and the American Woman Suffrage Association merged to form the National American Woman Suffrage Association?*
5. *In the 1912 U. S. Presidential elections, what candidate supported Women's Suffrage?*
6. *Which of the United States was first to give women the right to vote.*
7. *Which U.S. Territory gave women the vote in 1869?*
8. *What was the impact of the Edmunds-Tucker Act (passed by the U. S. Congress in 1887) on women's rights to vote?*
9. *In what TWO states did women gain the vote in 1896?*
10. *Which came first, The Amendment prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages, or the Amendment giving women the vote?*  
*(Answers on Page 7)*

**BCHA NEEDS YOU!**

To help support the Student programs, which includes all schools in Bonneville County, BHCA is selling the **2019 Royal Theaters Discount Card**. The discount cards, are a great way to save money through 70 local businesses. There are many restaurants, Dollar Cuts, Grease Monkey, three Golf Courses, Skyline Lanes, Wally’s Auto Care, and Royal Theaters to name just a few. The card costs \$20.00 and BCHA receives a percentage.

If you are interested in Bonneville County, learning more about its history, participating in the tours, special events, student programs, etc. then you need to **become a member** of the **BONNEVILLE COUNTY HERITAGE ASSOCIATION (BCHA)**.

**Membership is a bargain--only \$10.00 per year.**

- . 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.

Contact RoseMarie Doxey (rosemarie2hape@gmail.com, 208-529-0536) or go to our website for more information or to join. You will be glad that you did!

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

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

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

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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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| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership       | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs           |
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## ANSWERS TO QUIZ ON PAGE 4

1. Seneca Falls, New York.

2. None. There was one black man present, Frederick Douglass, who published an editorial in his newspaper supporting Women's Suffrage.

3. Support for the 15th Amendment, giving black men the vote.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony refused to support the 15th Amendment, and the National Woman Suffrage Association was formed. Others thought this unfair, and formed a group called the American Woman Suffrage Association.

4. Twenty years. They merged in 1890, the 15th Amendment having been ratified in 1870.

5. Theodore Roosevelt, whose "Bull Moose" party split the Republican vote and allowed Woodrow Wilson to become President.

6. New Jersey, in 1790. They revoked this right in 1807.

7. Wyoming. Utah Territory followed in 1870. Washington Territory followed in 1883, but revoked it in 1887, then gave it back in 1910.

8. It revoked women's right to vote in the Utah Territory.

9. Utah (for the second time, it's a long story) and Idaho.

10. Prohibition was ratified in 1919, Women's Suffrage in 1920.

## DO YOU REMEMBER?



**The old Idaho Falls Library, now part of the Museum of Idaho. Many term papers were written here!**