

BONNEVILLE
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ASSOCIATION

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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 first Wednesday of each month, 11:30 am 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 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, and join with us.

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 Day 2017 -- Beautiful Idaho. 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.

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

Idaho Day

**Hosted by the
Bonneville County
Heritage Association**

Friday, March 3, 2017

Free Admission
7:00 p.m.

*Colonial Theater
498 A Street • Idaho Falls
www.bonnevilleheritage.org*

*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 this **Idaho Day Celebration**

Our theme will be “**Beautiful Idaho**”, and it will begin with the “**Star Spangled Banner**” performed by Sage Patchin. We will be honoring “**Heroes of our State and County**” and awarding the winners of the student contests. Musical entertainment will include the **4th Grade Student Choir**, Students from District 91 under the direction of Jennifer Korenke-Stanger.

- Student Contest Submissions and the selection of Silent Auction items can be viewed in the Carr Gallery from **5:30 p.m.**
- **The Idaho Old Time Fiddlers** will provide prelude music from **6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**
- Silent Auction will be open for viewing and bids from **5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.** All attendees are invited to bid on items donated from local merchants. Proceeds from the Silent Auction will benefit BCHA programs and events.

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SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW BONNEVILLE COUNTY?
Here's a Quick Quiz

By David Nipper, BCHA Webmaster

(Material is from "Bonneville County in the Making", by Barzilla W. Clark):

1. Matt Taylor first estimated the length required for a bridge over the Snake River at Black Rock Canyon (now Idaho Falls) by throwing a rock across the river with a string tied to it. How long was the retrieved string that told him the length of the needed span?
2. In what year was the Oneida Road, Bridge, and Ferry Co. chartered, and by what agency?
3. The Taylor Bridge eventually replaced the Eagle Rock Ferry. How much did the price for a horse and carriage crossing the river change when the bridge became available?
4. Stagecoach ticket prices, for people riding the route using the Eagle Rock Ferry, were competitive in 1864. One company charged \$25 in gold dust for a fare, another charged \$25 in currency. How were these prices different?
5. In what year did electronic telecommunications first see regular use in our area?
6. Stage Station personnel provided many services for passengers in 1865. At the Eagle Rock Ferry, a Mrs. Corbett was so employed, who intervened in a potential gunfight. She was chastised by a bystander for interfering, and responded how?
7. Who placed the first newspaper advertisement for a business located in what is now Bonneville County? When and where did it appear?
8. When the original Taylor Bridge was constructed, the main beams were bolted together with long bolts obtained where?
9. The "Salt Road" passed through what is now Bonneville County. What did it carry, from where and to where?
10. The first town settled in what is now Bonneville County was a "Gold Rush" town in the Caribou district. It was located on a tributary of McCoy Creek. What was it called?

(Answers are found on page 5)

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BCHA Needs YOU!

If you are interested in the 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.

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!

The Bonneville County Heritage Association is currently selling the **Royal Theaters Discount Card** for 2017. They only cost \$20.00 each. There are over 70 businesses participating on the 2017 card. There are some of the same businesses from 2016 as well as new ones. There is a great variety of products or services offered. This is a great bargain! YOU CAN SAVE \$\$\$\$\$\$. The money that BCHA realizes from selling these discount cards will go toward our Student Program for 2017. We work with the local school districts in promoting Bonneville County history in several ways. You can benefit greatly as well as the students from grade school through high school. Contact RoseMarie Doxey 529-0536.

ANSWERS TO QUIZ ON PAGE 2 :

1. 83 feet
2. In 1864, by the 2nd session of the Territorial Legislature
3. Price unchanged! the price for each was set by the same corporate charter (see above), and prices were the same for either mode of crossing.
4. Currency was worth about 45 cents (gold) on the dollar (greenbacks), probably due to wartime inflation, thus the greenback price was less than half the gold price.
5. In July, 1866, the telegraph service arrived in our area. It was extended to Virginia City later that year.
6. By knocking the complainer unconscious with her fist. She weighed over 400 pounds and was much respected.
7. Matt Taylor, in the Daily Telegraph of Great Salt Lake City, in April 1865. It advertised the Eagle Rock Ferry, and the coming "Substantial Bridge Across the Snake River"
8. From a wrecked steamboat on the Missouri River near Fort Benton, Montana
9. Refined salt, from the Oneida Salt Works on Stump Creek (started in 1866, in Idaho, near Auburn, WY). Salt was sold to the mining industry in Montana for \$1 per pound, having been transported there by wagon
10. Keenan City, now essentially vanished, was on Barnes Creek, had a population of 500 in 1870 (add 300-400 more if you count Chinese miners, who were not considered in the statistics of the time)

Intersection of Park and A Streets, Idaho Falls, Early 1950s

Photo Courtesy of Mark Fogg, Hyway Drug

Many of us have fond memories of this time and place. I really loved going downtown shopping and getting a Cherry Coke at Woolworth's lunch counter. At Christmas time, our family shopping tradition was to have my sister go with my Dad and I would go with my Mother and we'd do our shopping for each other. Then we would meet up at Walgreen's snack shop for hot chocolate. I still enjoy going downtown to see what's new, shopping and having lunch at one of our many new eateries.

Linda Beckstead