

Latah County Historical Society

Winter Newsletter

JANUARY 2026



Then and Now
Moscow, Idaho
2026 MONTHLY CALENDAR

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There's still time to get your copy of
Then and Now: Moscow, Idaho
a full-size 2026 wall calendar featuring historic photos and
contemporary recreations of 12 Moscow scenes.
Find it in the McConnell Mansion gift shop and the
Centennial Annex, on the LCHS online store, as well as
BookPeople of Moscow and the Moscow Chamber of
Commerce + Visitor Center.
Be sure to get it before it's gone!

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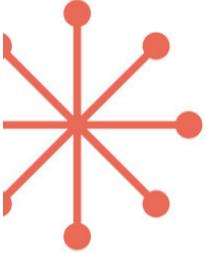
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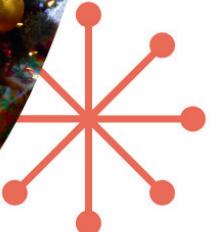
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Thank you for your support!



Thank you!



FOR ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL
VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS AT THE MCCONNELL MANSION



Cookie Bakers and Event Volunteers

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WITH MUSIC PROVIDED BY STUDENTS OF THE
GEORGINA BUSTELO PIANO STUDIO

Thank you

Longtime volunteers Nancy Ruth Peterson and Steve Talbott are retiring from the LCHS board of directors after decades of dedicated service.



Thanks for everything, NRP and Steve!

Thank you to our 2025 BUSINESS SPONSORS



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Is your organization or business interested in becoming
a 2026 LCHS business sponsor?

Email us at lhslibrary@latahcountyid.gov to learn more!

Director's Remarks

Hello and happy 2026! I am so excited to see what 2026 brings for the historical society. As the leading organization involved in the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in our community, history will be at the forefront for many audiences and we are thrilled to be part of commemoration efforts. We are looking forward to providing fun and thoughtful programs related to our country's founding and examine the legacy of the Declaration, which boldly professed that all men are created equal with unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Find us at Moscow's Winterfest on February 7th to learn more or check out latahcountyhistoricalsociety.org/america-250.

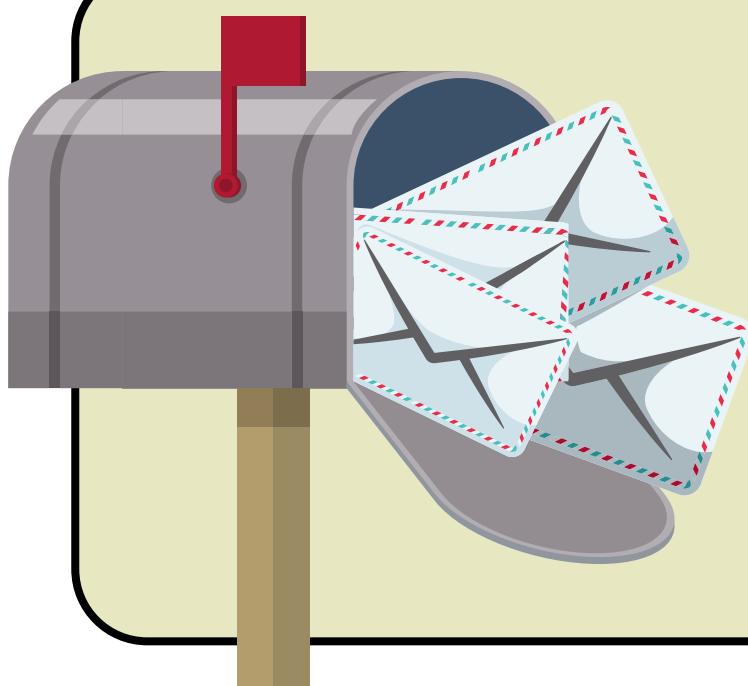
This year we will also see the 140th anniversary of the McConnell Mansion, the 120th anniversary of Moscow's Carnegie Library, the 100th anniversary of the Kenworthy Theatre, and the 50th anniversary of the Moscow Farmers Market. With so many anniversaries, we cannot wait to share and celebrate the local history that makes our

community so special. In Latah County, we are displaying a traveling exhibit illustrating the central role that dryland agriculture has played in our history and development on the Palouse and as a state.

2025 was a challenging year with so much uncertainty regarding funding. Thank you for your steadfast support in stewarding our invaluable local history for future generations. We could not do this work without you and our wonderful volunteers. We are fortunate to live in a generous community who cares about preserving its history.



- Hayley



Coming soon to a mailbox near you:

Donation receipts and the 2025 Annual Report are on the way. Be sure to keep an eye out for yours!

Message from the President

I'm always amazed when the calendar flips into the New Year. Where did the time go? Yet a certain excitement and freshness also comes in looking ahead to the future. How fitting then, that we at LCHS begin 2026 with our Annual Meeting and Volunteer Appreciation event on January 25th. We have so many incredible volunteers who make much of what we do possible! We are grateful for each person who shares their talents, efforts and time with us. Additionally, we are deeply thankful to our members and supporters whose donations provide pivotal funding for our the fulfillment of our mission through educational programs, events, and restorations work. Thank you for being an integral part of the Latah County Historical Society!

Looking back, our 2025 was full of celebrations, such as the completion of the restoration of some of the bay windows at the McConnell Mansion, and moments to share with both people in our community and visitors alike. Programs like Suds With a Scholar, tours of the McConnell Mansion, and the traveling

Smithsonian Exhibit provided educational opportunities while the Ice Cream Social and Victorian Christmas allowed guests to enjoy the sweets, activities and festivities in a more social atmosphere. We expect this year to be just as engaging as we focus on the celebration of the 250th birthday of our nation. Be sure to stay in touch with LCHS for information on local America 250 events.

Every year brings the promise of possibility, and in 2026 we at the Latah County Historical Society are preparing for the growth both challenges and opportunities bring. Happy New Year!



- Kelly
Zakariassen



Volunteers Needed!

Volunteer judges needed for the

North Idaho Regional Contest for National History Day

February 14 - 1912 Center - 412 E. 3rd St., Moscow, ID

Visit <https://history.idaho.gov/nhdi/> to sign up

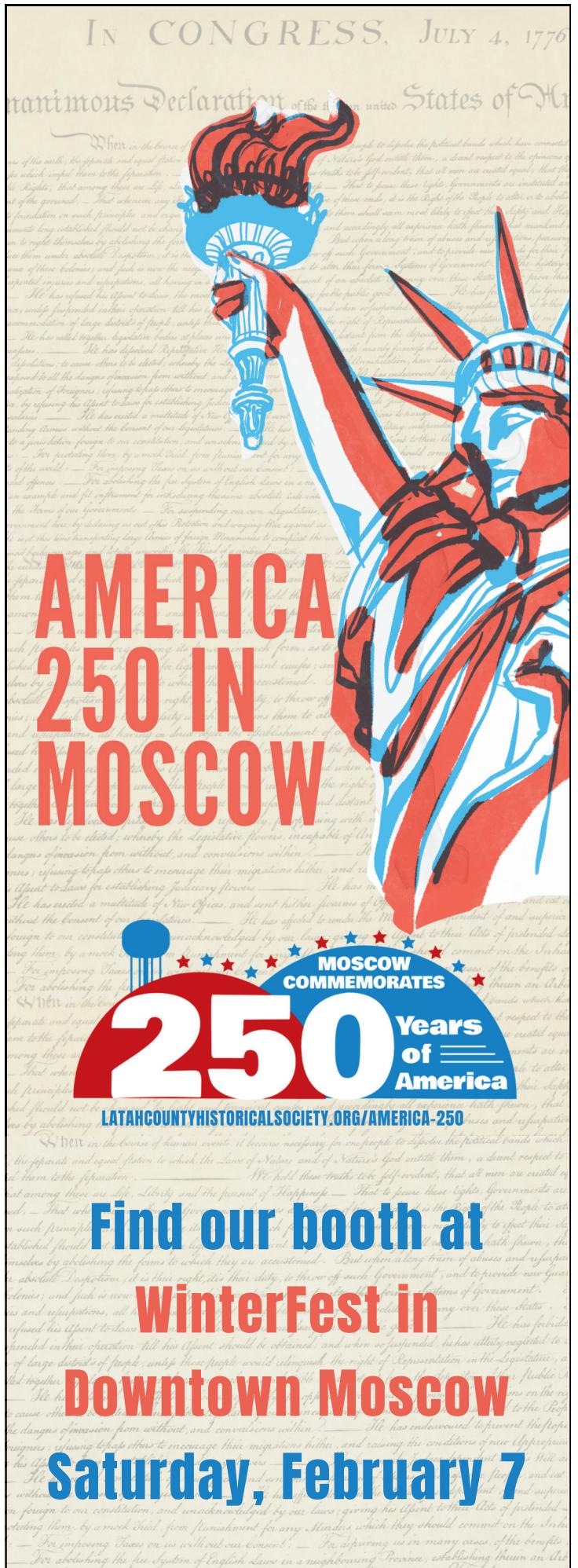
Judge student history projects from 4th to 12th grade, from these categories: papers, exhibits, websites, videos, & skits. Some categories may also be judged virtually.

LCHS is thrilled to support this program by judging and offering \$500 in scholarships for students advancing to the state contest.



HELP US
— CELEBRATE LCHS! —

- **Volunteer of the Year Awards**
- Recap of 2025
- Upcoming in 2026 & Beyond
- Presentation by Dulce Kersting-Lark
- **SUNDAY, JANUARY 25**
- 3PM - 5PM
- **1912 CENTER - MOSCOW**



SAVE THE DATE!

**NONPROFIT
ALLIANCE
BLOCK PARTY**

FEBRUARY 21
12PM - 3PM
PALOUSE PLACE MALL
MOSCOW



**Find our booth at
WinterFest in
Downtown Moscow
Saturday, February 7**

Curator's Comments

Reflecting on 2025, it was a tumultuous time for non-profits and the museum sector. Funding, validity, and necessity were called into question for institutions everywhere. Thankfully, LCHS was only slightly affected by the happenings, and we were still able to serve the public through exhibits, programs, book clubs, research requests, and much more.

As we prepare for America's Semiquincentennial, we look forward to providing even more for the community. Leading the Moscow America 250 Commission, we will be conducting a community-wide oral history project, partnering with local organizations for exhibits, with more to come. And in terms of what to expect from the LCHS collection, expect more oral history interviews, walking tours around town, and digital access to various collections. Of course, we will continue to have the beloved annual events, such as the Ice

Cream Social and Victorian Christmas (it will be a special one this year). You won't want to miss what's in store for 2026.

LCHS is incredibly fortunate to have the opportunity to serve a community that, in return, supports the work that we do. Your continued support has meant everything to the LCHS staff and board. We look forward to what we can accomplish together this year.



- Kaitlyn

Not yet a member of the historical society? Join us!

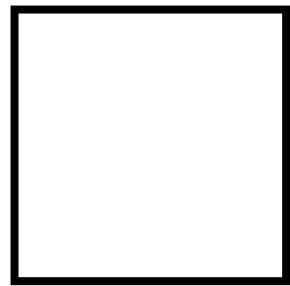
If you believe in the power of local history to create strong, vibrant, welcoming communities, then we invite you to become a sustaining member of our organization. The generosity of members supports all aspects of our operations, from free public programs and maintaining the McConnell Mansion to keeping the lights on in our research archive.

Join at whatever level you are able; every member enjoys the same benefits - reduced entry fees at events, routine newsletters, a copy of our annual magazine *Latah Legacy*, and the satisfaction of knowing that you are preserving Latah County heritage.

Visit latahcountyhistoricalsociety.org/join to learn more!



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Staff and volunteers
at the Voices &
Votes exhibit
installation on
August 21st at the
University of Idaho
Library.



Kaitlynn, Hayley, and
Elaina, judging entries
to the historic recipe
challenge at the Latah
County Fair in
September.



Board members
Ann and LeNelle
decorate the front
porch of the
McConnell
Mansion for
Christmas.



We build good citizens, strong communities, and satisfying lives.