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September 14th - 17th, 2023

3rd Annual Historic Recipe Challenge

Adventurous bakers are invited to test their skills with this historic recipe, first published by the Women's Civic Improvement Club of Bovill in their cookbook, "Recipes of 1924."

Cream Cake

3 eggs
1 C. sugar
1 C. cream
2 C. flour
3 T. baking powder
flavoring

Mix eggs, sugar and cream together. Sift flour and baking powder, and add to first mixture. Add flavoring and bake as a loaf. Ice or decorate as desired.

Submitted by Mrs. C.G. Nogle of Bovill, ID

Contest sponsored by Latah County Historical Society

1st and 2nd place winners will receive gift baskets including books, home goods, and gift cards.

Find submission guidelines and more in the 2023 Latah County Fair Book, available in local newstands and online!
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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](http://latahcountyhistoricalsociety.org/join) to learn more!
Upcoming Events

Moscow: Fashion Through the Decades
Moscow Clothing History Exhibit | McConnell Mansion | 110 S Adams Street
Last day to visit! Saturday, September 2nd, 1 pm – 4 pm

Robinson Unboxing Event
OCTOBER 23, 2023
KENWORTHY PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

In 1996, Alfred Robinson, son of Psychiana founder Frank Robinson, donated a large collection of material to LCHS with the understanding that it would not be opened until October 2023. Please join us for this historic event. More details coming soon.

COMING THIS FALL TO THE McCONNELL MANSION:
The Mary McConnell Borah Exhibit
Curated by Sandra Kelly
OPENING OCTOBER 17TH
Director's Remarks

Hello History Lovers!

With the close of summer, I've been thinking back to all that we accomplished these past few months. Thanks, as always, for your attendance and support at the Ice Cream Social, Suds with a Scholar programs, the “Out in the Middle Nowhere” screening, and the presentation on the experience of Japanese-American students on the Palouse during WWII. We've been busy and preparing for the fall slate, as everyone heads back to school and waits for the weather to change.

Lately, historic preservation has been on my mind a lot – not just in terms of the upcoming McConnell Mansion window project, but also because downtown Moscow has recently seen the demolition and renovation of two historic buildings. The demolition of the Keeney building at 125 E. Third St. and the Davids' building renovations at 302 S. Main St. has me thinking a lot about the preservation of historic structures. The Davids' building is individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places, while the Keeney building is included in the wider Moscow Downtown Historic District National Register listing. One of the misconceptions that people have is the thought that because a property is listed on the Register, it must have some protections against demolition or renovation. The truth is that National Register listing does not guarantee protection or preservation of any structure. Instead, National Register listing recognizes a historic site’s significance related to local or national history, embodies distinct physical characteristics of design or construction and is largely unchanged in its original appearance, or is associated with an important individual from our past. Additionally, listings increase public awareness and appreciation for historic properties, and are taken into consideration with federal projects. Lastly, property owners of listed structures may be eligible for federal tax benefits and preservation grants. Private property can be renovated, demolished, or restored at the behest of the property owners.

All of this is to say that our historic properties and sites have no protection simply by being listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Its up to us, concerned citizens, to protect our precious buildings. Data have shown that maintaining historic structures is good for cultural heritage tourism, sustainability efforts, and connects us to our shared past and collective environment. These are just a few of the reasons LCHS continues to operate the McConnell Mansion as our museum, and why we are working towards restoring the windows of the mansion. We want to ensure the museum is around for future generations to learn about and experience history. I hope you will advocate with us for the important work of historic preservation throughout our communities and support our restoration work on the McConnell Mansion.

Local groups working in historic preservation are the Latah Preservation Commission and the Moscow Historic Preservation Commission. Also, the Idaho State Historic Preservation Office and the nonprofit Preservation Idaho work to support historic preservation state-wide.

- Hayley
Message from the President

Last night, what with the rain and the fall-like weather, instead of curling up with a good book, I decided to curl up with some Latah County Historical Society online oral histories. I listened to Louis Boas and Theodore Sherman talk about their experiences as students at the University of Idaho in the 1920s. They discussed the traditions that continued into the 1970s, when they were interviewed, as well as the innumerable changes they had seen over the years. It was a good way to spend an evening as the University, established in 1889, began another year of classes.

Louis Boas also shared his memories of Frank B. Robinson, his partner in a Moscow newspaper. Robinson started the mail order religion Psychiana soon after he came to Moscow in 1928. Psychiana became a worldwide phenomenon that Robinson led until his death in October 1948. Several years ago, Frank’s son, Alfred, donated five sealed boxes of Robinson materials to LCHS, not to be opened before October 2023. We are planning an Unboxing Event to be held this October 23 at the Kenworthy Theatre, and you can share in the excitement of the evening. For background I highly recommend the book Psychiana Man by Brandon Schrand. This book is available in the McConnell Mansion gift shop, along with many other worthwhile historical publications.

I have really enjoyed the oral histories available under “Resources” on the LCHS website. We are continuing to record recollections, so if you or someone you know has local stories that should be shared, please let us know. I hope to see you at our Unboxing Event.

- Joanne Westberg

Congratulations!

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

July 30th.
Cream Social on tractor at the Ice Cream Social on a historic tractor.

Youth play on a historic tractor at the Ice Cream Social on July 30th.

May 31st.
Screening on "Out in the Middle of Nowhere" at Moscow Brewing for the "Out in the Middle of Nowhere" screening.

A crowd gathers at Moscow Brewing for the "Out in the Middle of Nowhere" screening on May 31st.

Gary Eller performs the Idaho Songs Project at the McConnell Mansion on May 1st.

Youngsters play on a historic tractor at the Ice Cream Social on July 30th.