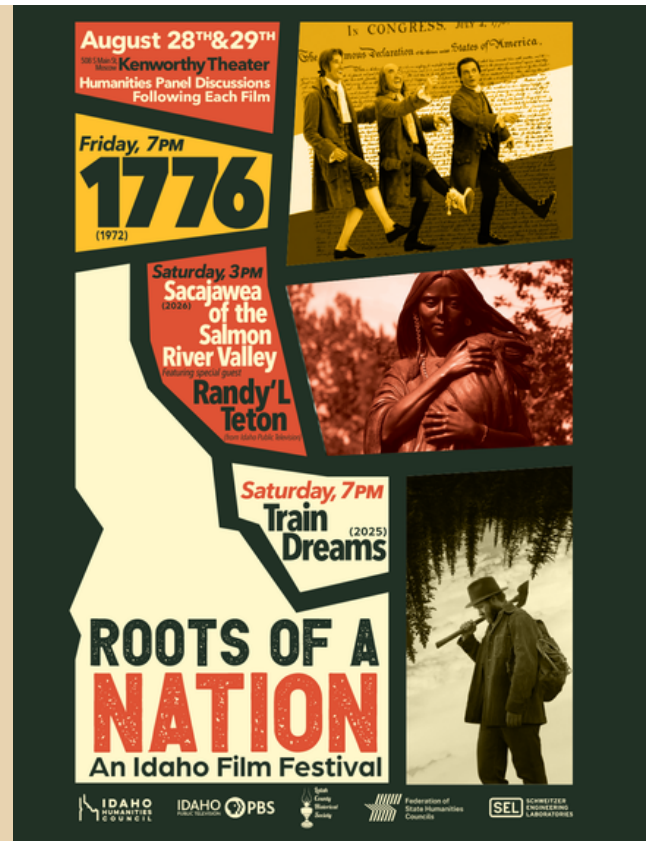


Latah County Historical Society

Summer Newsletter

AUGUST 2026



Roots of a Nation: An Idaho Film & Folklife Festival

1912 Center ■ August 29, 10 am - 2 pm

Free hands-on history activities, storytelling, and music will help connect families with American and Idaho history through participation, listening, and shared experience.

What to Expect

- Hands-on history activities
- Storytelling
- Music
- Family-friendly ways to connect with American and Idaho history

Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre

Screenings & Panel Discussions

- 1776 (1972) - August 28, 7pm
- Sacajawea of the Salmon River Valley (2026) - August 29, 3pm
- Train Dreams (2025) - August 29, 7pm

Featured Panelists

- Dr. Russell Meeuf
- Dr. Rebecca Scofield
- Dulce Kersting-Lark
- Randy'L Teton - Sacajawea screening

Recent Donations

April 15, 2026 through August 7, 2026

General Donations

Rodney Dale
Oz & Ginny Garton
Genesee Valley Daoist
Hermitage
Guardian Property Services
Tom LaPointe
Living Faith Fellowship
Chris Parodi
Terry & Mike Peterson
Larry Verdal
Kathleen Warren

Idaho Gives

Eric Bennett
Mark & Susan Boehne
John Bolles
Kylee Britzman
Connie Brumm
Tenley Burke
Ariana Burns
Beth Casey
Lois Devereaux
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Robert Sappington
Susan Scott
Cheryl Simmons
Megan Stedman
Katherine Strickler
Christopher Strong
BJ Swanson
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Denise Thomson
Ross Warren
Kelly Zakariasen

McConnell Mansion Window Project

Jim & Genie Casey
Claira
Genesee Valley Daoist
Hermitage
Moscow Central Lions Club

Jaime Jovanovich-Walker
Margaret Kenyon
Scott Krauss
Nora Locken
Saundra Lund
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Grants

Idaho Humanities Council
Innovia Foundation
Latah County Community
Foundation
Moscow Women's Giving
Circle

America 250 Support

City of Moscow
Indivisible Moscow
Moscow Central Lions Club
Moscow League of Women
Voters
Rotary Club of Moscow

Bruce & Rebecca Miller
Lisa Morris
Moscow Food Co-Op
Janice O'Toole
Nancy Ruth Peterson
Pottenger Family Foundation
Susan Ripley & Murf Raquet
Alyson Roy

Thank you for your support!

Visit latahcountyhistoricalsociety.org to learn more about LCHS and how you can support our mission of preserving and celebrating Latah County's history!

Director Remarks

Phew – It's been a whirlwind summer with so many America 250 commemoration activities and programs. I hope you were able to join us at one of our many anniversary events.

Even though we've passed July 4th, the commemoration isn't over. I encourage you to join us for the *Roots of a Nation: An Idaho Film & Folklife Festival* at the end of the month, and our American Revolution screening and discussion, and Suds with a Scholar in September. These September events will detail the Declaration of Independence: who did the Declaration impact, who was excluded, and where are we on those exclusions 250 years later. We know there is more work to be done, so let's discuss how our community can strive towards equity and explore the history of that struggle.

We also had another successful ice cream social. Our thanks to everyone who attended as we experimented with a new day and time to alleviate some of the heat we've seen in the last few years. Hopefully you liked the cooler

temperatures and I'm thankful that the smoke didn't blow in until after we wrapped up the event. If you have any feedback regarding the switch to a Saturday or an 11am to 2pm timeframe, please let us know as we begin planning for our 50th social next year. As always, this event would not be possible without our fantastic volunteers, Board of Directors, and generous businesses around town who donate to help us put on this annual treasured event.

We hope to begin Phase Three of the McConnell Mansion restoration this summer, with work commencing on the third bay of windows and the original front entry rebuild. Thank you for your continued support of LCHS and the work you all do to preserve and share our wonderful community's history.

- Hayley



THE 49TH

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

OUR THANKS GO TO THESE BUSINESSES & INDIVIDUALS FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT:

Appaloosa Lace Guild
City of Moscow
Arlin & LeeAnn Colborg
DeWitt/Thomson/Lindsey Families
Linda Edwards
Hog Heaven Muzzleloaders
Inland North Waste
Inland Northwest Broadcasting
Latah County
LeNelle McInturff
Mallard Blue

Steven Moore
Ron Goble
Rosauers
Safeway
Scott Krauss
Tri-State Outfitters
Unitarian Universalist Church of the
Palouse
Larry Verdal
Joanne Westberg



6TH ANNUAL HISTORIC RECIPE CHALLENGE

Adventurous bakers are invited to test their skills with this historic recipe, published by the Latah County Press in the early 1900s.

NO-KNEAD KOLACKY

½ C. milk (scalded)
3 Tbs. shortening
3 Tbs. sugar
1 ½ tsp. salt
½ C. water
1 cake compressed yeast
1 egg
3 C. all-purpose flour (sifted)
Prunes (pitted) OR apricots OR tsp.
of jam

Frosting

1 C. confectioner's sugar
4 tsp. warm milk
1 tsp vanilla

Combine milk, shortening, sugar, and salt. Cool to lukewarm by adding water. Add yeast and egg. Add flour and cover and let stand for 15 minutes. Roll dough on well-floured board to ½ inch thickness; cut into rounds with a 2-inch cutter. Place on greased baking sheet. Let rise in warm place until double in bulk, about 1 hour. Press indentation in center of each round. Place pitted prunes or apricots dipped in dust in each indentation. A tsp. of jam may also be used. Bake in moderate oven at 350. Then drip frosting over warm kolacky.

Submitted by Alice Lee

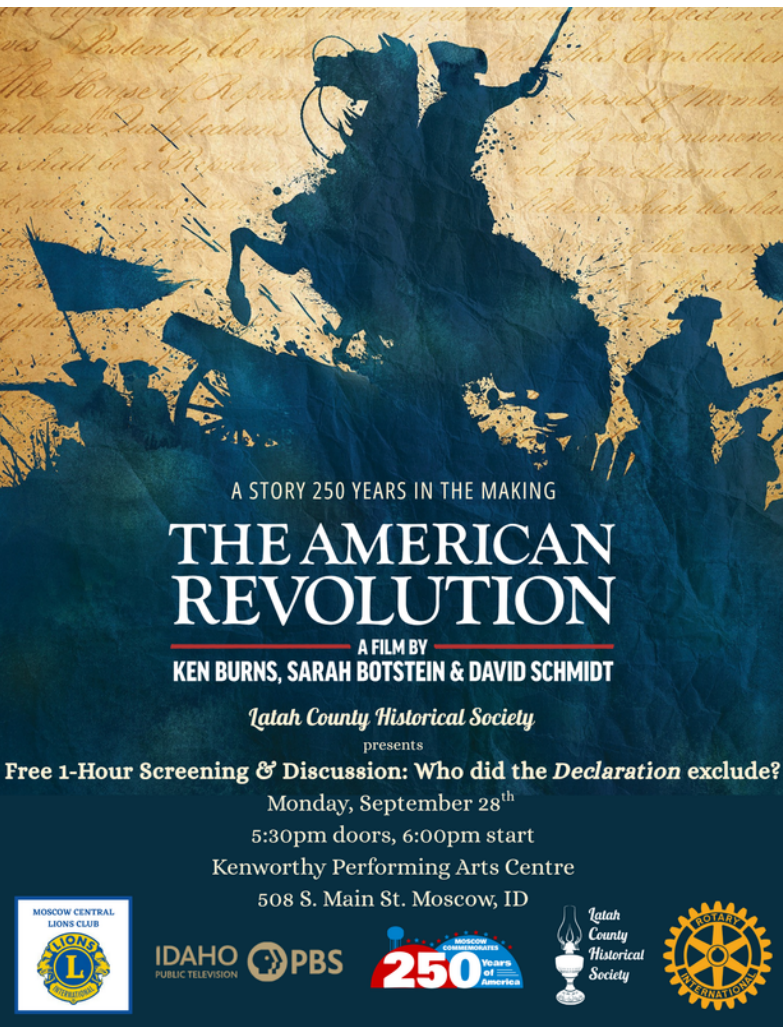
Follow the recipe and bring 6 pastries to the fair!
Please include the recipe.

Contest sponsored by **Latah County Historical Society**

1st and 2nd place winners in the adult & youth categories will receive gift baskets.



For more info about the historic recipe challenge, visit
latahcountyhistoricalsociety.org/historic-recipe-challenge



A STORY 250 YEARS IN THE MAKING

THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

A FILM BY
KEN BURNS, SARAH BOTSTEIN & DAVID SCHMIDT

Latah County Historical Society
presents

Free 1-Hour Screening & Discussion: Who did the Declaration exclude?
Monday, September 28th
5:30pm doors, 6:00pm start
Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre
508 S. Main St. Moscow, ID









Tuesday, September 29th
Program begins at 6:30

Lecompte Auditorium, 1912 Center
412 E Third St, Moscow

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE 101

with Dr. David Adler

Free & open to the public
Drinks available for purchase









Latah County Historical Society

Moscow Cemetery Tours

Sunday, October 4 - 2 pm
Sunday, October 18 - 2 pm

Learn the histories behind the stones
with local guide Sandra Kelly

\$12 - LCHS members
\$15 - not-yet-members

Space is limited, reserve your spot today at
latahcountyhistoricalsociety.org/cemeterytour



Latah County Historical Society
Presents

DRYLAND AGRICULTURE ACROSS THE PALOUSE

Traveling Latah County Exhibition



Potlatch: Jul. 30 - Sept. 2
Kendrick: Sept. 9 - Oct. 14
Deary: Oct. 19 - Dec. 2
Genesee: Dec. 8 - Jan. 14
Ul Library: Jan. 28 - Mar. 8

*schedule subject to change

More info at latahcountyhistoricalsociety.org/dryland-ag-exhibit

Curator's Comments

Commemoration efforts for America250 have been in full effect in 2026. We have been at the Moscow Farmers Market, collaborated with the Moscow Public Library for an exhibit, begun our traveling exhibit on dryland agriculture, held genealogy programming, conducted almost two dozen oral history interviews, and much more. There is also more to come in the fall and winter to be on the lookout for!

Outside of events and programming, collections and research have also been quite busy. Along with research requests related to genealogy and house histories, we've also been receiving requests related to the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA). As of July 2025, Idahoans who developed certain cancers due to exposure to radiation from the U.S. nuclear weapons program (Downwinders) and their survivors are eligible for a one-time lump sum payment. To assist with claim applications, LCHS utilizes city directories and telephone books

between 1951 and 1962 to prove residency. So far, we've been able to assist over 20 claimants and expect to assist more until the end of 2027. Providing archival support for the applicants, highlights the importance of not only community archives but also the preservation and accessibility work that we complete as an organization. If you or someone you know will be submitting a RECA claim, please visit our website to submit an archival support request.

We are looking forward to what the rest of 2026 has to offer and how we can better serve our community. LCHS would not be able to accomplish our work without the support of the community. Thank you for weathering the storm with us from time to time.

- Kaitlynn



Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA)

Are you looking for additional proof of residence for you or a loved one in Latah County between 1951 and 1962? LCHS can provide RECA claim archival support for your application.

Visit our website at
latahcountyhistoricalsociety.org/RECAsupport
for more information



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Message from the President

Every July on the McConnell Mansion lawn, children get excited about doing laundry the hard way: agitate the clothes by hand in a tub, scrape across a washboard, rinse and put them through the wringer before hanging them to dry. While I don't share their enthusiasm for that process, I am delighted that they and several hundred other guests joined us for our recent annual Ice Cream Social. We served around 575 sundaes and went through a whopping 12.5 pounds of pineapple. Mrs. McConnell would be amazed! And speaking of amazing, I'd like to extend a BIG THANK YOU to all the volunteers who make that event possible and truly special.

Speaking of incredible volunteers... I'd like to extend my gratitude to the members of the LCHS Board. Many of our Board of Directors

could be seen at various posts at the Ice Cream Social—scooping, playing dress-up, serving watermelon, greeting guests. But these amazing people do much more than give just volunteer a few hours a month. They are a thoughtful, resourceful, hard working group whose many hours of service underpin the mission and direction of this organization. I am honored to work with you and deeply appreciate you all. Thank you for your insight and enthusiasm!



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

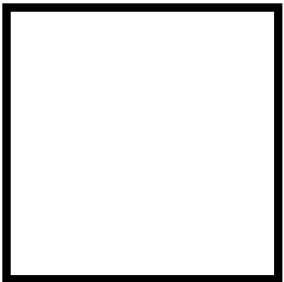
If you believe in the power of local history to create strong, vibrant, welcoming communities, then we invite you to become a sustaining member of our organization. The generosity of members supports all aspects of our operations, from free public programs and maintaining the McConnell Mansion to keeping 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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Kids make Christmas ornaments at the 4th of July Farmers Market America 250 booth. The ornaments will go with the Capitol Christmas Tree to Washington D.C.



Lynne McCreight and Joanne Westberg volunteer at the 49th Ice Cream Social on July 25th.



LeNelle McInturf and Ann Hoste walked in the Genesee Community Days parade on June 13th.



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