



HISTORIC CHESTERFIELD

SPRING NEWSLETTER

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2019 MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

Monday, May 27, 2019 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Memorial Day at Chesterfield has become a yearly tradition for many families. The history that is here to learn and enjoy, will delight young and old. Start the day off with the 5K “Running Back in Time” and then be ready for the many other activities. The restored homes create a deeper appreciation for the way of life these brave pioneers endured. The peaceful, quiet of this beautiful place engenders a closeness to nature with serenity and comfort. The fun, educational activities are enjoyed by young and old. What can replace the mouth watering bread and jam at the Jensen House or the excitement of slipping on a “prairie diamond” ring at the Blacksmith Shop or taking that slow, bumpy wagon ride pulled by those big, beautiful horses? All of this creates treasured memories that will last a lifetime. Please make plans to come and share the day with us.

Monday Schedule of Events

- 9-00 am – 10:30 am 5-K Run/Walk
- 10:00 am Opening Ceremony
Flag Raising Ceremony
- 10:30 am Bakery Opens
- 11:00 am – 4:00 pm
All buildings open for tours
- 11:00 am – 3:00 pm Lunch Available
- 11:00 am – 3:00 pm Activities & Wagon Ride
- 1:00 pm Auction – South of Food Tent

Activities

Available at the Food Tent:

Hamburger meal for \$7.00 includes hamburger or hotdog, chips, macaroni salad with bottled water or pop. Yummy scones, corndogs, pop and water will be available. Butter making, rope making, prairie diamond rings, wagon rides, vintage sewing machine display, dolls, hats and aprons, candy and ice cream at the Brick Store and home-baked goodies in the Amusement Hall.

And don't forget the Auction!

FREE DANCE ON SATURDAY NIGHT - MAY 25TH



Fun for ALL ages – Live Band – Don't miss it!
Bring the whole family and enjoy all the fun and
friendship that has been here at this dance for years!

8:00 pm at the Amusement Hall



A Grant for Sprinkling Systems

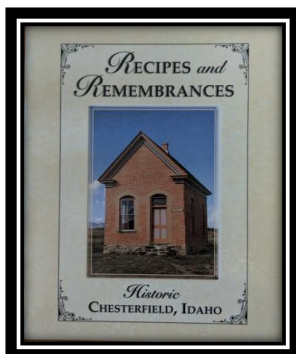
Chesterfield was awarded a \$10,000 grant from The Idaho Community Foundation to install automatic sprinklers on two properties. The properties selected are the Loveland-Simons House and the Perkins Cabin. These are the biggest properties and the hardest to water by hand. The grant will pay for materials, but we here at Chesterfield are responsible for the installation. With the newer type of pipe and connectors, installation is much easier. If you have expertise or would like to help with this project, please contact our site director, Jim Douglass at 208-852-3325. We could use any help that you would like to give.

We are excited and so grateful for this opportunity to improve Chesterfield.



RECIPES AND REMEMBRANCES HISTORIC CHESTERFIELD COOKBOOK

The Historic Chesterfield Cookbook will be available at the Holbrook Store on Memorial Day. This wonderful book contains recipes from some original settlers of Chesterfield and many other local residents. The cookbook is beautifully bound in a 3-ring binder. This is a must have for your cookbook collection.



PROJECTS FOR THE 2019 SEASON

Our goals for the 2019 season on the townsite include:

Installing sprinkling systems at the Loveland-Simons and Perkins cabin.

Updating the inventory at the Holbrook Store to include, ice cream, hot dogs, nachos, and other nutritious treats. We even have a new cash register.

Permanent restroom near the Holbrook Store

Widen and chip the trail to the Oregon Trail Marker

Clean and improve the old gravesite between Holbrook Store and Barlow Museum

Build well surround at the Loveland Simons House

Replace the front steps on the Perkins Cabin

Refurbish doors on Ira Call, Fluiett-Simons and Loveland Simons

ANY AND ALL VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME TO COME AND ASSIST – LET US KNOW WHEN YOU WANT TO COME, AND WE WILL HAVE THINGS READY FOR YOU TO DO!

THANKS TO THE ARM AND HAMMER FOUNDATION

Chesterfield was the thankful recipient of a \$5000 gift from The Arm and Hammer Foundation. Thanks to Terry Johnson for helping Chesterfield acquire this gift. We will certainly find a good use for this generous contribution.



2019 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

This summer the Chesterfield Foundation will host a concert for your entertainment. The concerts will be held in the Amusement Hall at the Historic Town Site. These concerts are open to the public and will begin promptly at 7:00 pm. This is a great time to come early and bring your family and enjoy a tour, a family picnic, shop at the Brick Store and end the day with entertainment and refreshments. We have some great entertainment scheduled this year and hope that you will circle these dates on your calendar and plan to join us. We are only doing one concert this year in hopes everyone will support and enjoy this entertainment. We will accept a donation of \$5.00 a person or \$12.00 a family. Donations go to help with the upkeep and maintenance of the townsite and buildings.

July 20th

Adrian Ruger



Adrian grew up in Bancroft, Idaho. At the age of 3 ½ he learned to play the piano by ear watching his older brother practice. He would look at pictures in a lesson book, associate each picture with its accompanying song and then play it. Adrian studied under



several teachers in his youth, including Bonnie Reed, Mike Hatch and six years of advanced studies with the late Sara Lyn Gibson of Grace, Idaho. He enjoys playing classical pieces and his favorite being the works of Chopin and Beethoven. He is also self taught in country, rock and new age piano styles. If you want a night of great entertainment, mark you calendar for July 20th and come to the Chesterfield Amusement Hall at 7:00 pm.

August - 17th

Talent Show

Last year the talent show was a HIT! We had some fun entertainment and everyone went away happy. We would like local talent or anyone who would like to come and be a part of this fun night. No matter what your talent, please come and share it with us and bring your friends and family. You can contact Penni Jensen at 208-880-0327 to participate in the talent show.



Community Life in Old Chesterfield

Life was hard and the workload unrelenting in Chesterfield. It was not uncommon for women to make their husband's suits and blankets from the wool they carded. At the same time they had large families. Emma Tolman, the mother of sixteen children, described a typical family. The families were large, one without at least 8 or 10 children was not considered family. Children were allowed to run barefoot until 14 or 15 years of age.

Davis Bitton wrote about the work of daily life in Chesterfield. The men and boys, milked cows, fed livestock and performed labor on the farm. Chores were performed twice a day 365 days a year. Other work in the little settlement included clerking in stores, making bricks and working in the creamery. A shoemaker was indeed a person needed in most settlements. Clothing could be made at home, but shoes were another matter. Lamoni Tolman was the blacksmith-dentist. James Yancy remembers how he broke a tooth and finding Lamoni in the hay field, he was sent to the house for forceps. The tooth came out while James was sitting on the seat of the mower.

Sheep and cattle were two of the main industries. A good deal of time was spent herding, moving flocks and herds onto new ranges and keeping a constant vigil on lambing, calving and branding.

It is difficult to understand just how challenging this life was, but these first settlers were brave, strong and dedicated.

If you have paid your yearly sustaining membership dues, thank you so very much. If not, please consider doing that today. These dues help to maintain and restore the buildings and keep the townsite running smoothly. Thank you so much for your support in the past. Chesterfield is here for everyone to love and enjoy. Thanks for being a part of this great heritage. There is a membership form included with this newsletter. If you prefer to donate through Pay Pal, go to <https://www.historicchesterfield.org/donate> and follow the steps there - EASY

The Passing of Two Chesterfield Friends

Boyce Williams passed away on February 14th in Taylorsville, Utah. He was 79. Boyce served as a volunteer in Chesterfield for five years. He helped with the construction of the Davids cabin and the Dode Loveland house. He and Carlie loved to spend time here in the summer where he could fish and enjoy the outdoors. We miss all our treasured friends who have dedicated time and love to Chesterfield.

Anna Lee Tolman, 84, passed away on February 12th in Bancroft, Idaho. Anna Lee had six children, four sons and two daughters. She helped out in Chesterfield for four years with the DUP ladies in the museum and supported many of the activities in Chesterfield. She always had a smile for everyone to brighten your day. She will be missed at the site.



VOLUNTEERING

Chesterfield is always looking and welcoming those who would like to come and volunteer. We can use people for a day, a week or the whole summer. If you come and volunteer for 5 or 6 hours a day, you receive your RV spot for free. Chesterfield is a great place to find peace and tranquility.

If you would like to receive your newsletter through E-mail, that would be great! Copying and mailing is very expensive. Please send a response to:

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THANKS!!!!

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