



January - February 2021

**AARP will continue to hold off on
In-person meetings still
till Further Notice**

We are STILL crossing our fingers for an April or May 2021 meeting! We are all still looking forward to in-person meetings where we can share our family updates, and bless each other with our encouraging smiles. Hang in there ... we honestly believe will be able to meet again soon.

But until then Hop onto your computer and check out these great upcoming AARP events.



AARP Tax Aide Program

(These dates are preliminary and subject to change we will keep you informed as we know more)

The AARP Foundation is again providing free tax assistance and preparation through its Tax-Aide program. The service is available to low to middle income taxpayers, with a special emphasis on those age 60 and older.

This year appointments are required. Face masks also are required.

Assistance will be offered at the 1912 Center in Moscow on Wednesday's, Thursday's and Friday's from 9:30 to 2:00. This season extends from February 12 thru April 15.

Tax-Aide can prepare most forms including 1040 and supporting schedules, EIC, Child Tax Credit, Other Dependent Credit, Education Credits and Schedule C if no inventory, employees or depreciation.

Taxpayers MUST bring social security cards, photo identification, all income and expense documents, and previous years tax returns are requested.

Contact 208-310-0193 to make your appointment, or email id1do3@aarpfoundation.org with questions.

Please Mail In Your Dues
Pay Your Dues, \$10 send to
P. O. Box 9212
Moscow, ID 83843



Will You Help Latah AARP With a Project?

During our regular meetings during past years, **Latah**

AARP members have donated to various **Food Banks**. Sad to say, thanks to COVID, the need is even greater. Local Food Drives were done for Thanksgiving and Christmas - - we hope you participated. However, those supplies have been distributed and Food Bank shelves are getting bare again. But, the need continues. There are several Food Banks in Latah County and Moscow. Do you have a favorite? If so, might you consider making either a cash or food gift to one? Or, two? Or, you can send cash or checks Now to P. O. Box 9212, Moscow ID 83843, and the collected funds will be divided between various Food Banks. We hope you will participate in this important and needed effort. Every dollar counts. Thank you for your consideration. If you have any other suggestions or ideas for a potential project or effort, please contact President Louise at 882-2789.

Idaho & Latah County AARP Support the Following For Action by the 2021 Idaho Legislature.



- Increased Funding for Education at All Levels Full funding for Kindergarten and Early Childhood Education
- Increased funding for Higher & Career Technical Education
- Increased Funding for Transportation & Infrastructure
- Adopting a Local Option Tax to build Local Infrastructure
- Preserve Medicaid Expansion without Sideboards
- Budget for Expansion with 90% Federal Match
- Do Not Support Tax Cuts for Business & Industry.

To contact your District 5 Representatives, email

Sen. David Nelson at dnelson@senate.idaho.gov

Rep. Carolyn Nilsson Troy at cntroy@house.idaho.gov

Rep. Brandon Mitchell at bmitchell@house.idaho.gov





**Moscow Chamber of Commerce
Hosts COFFEE with
DISTRICT 5 LEGISLATORS**

Dist. 5 Sen. **David Nelson** and Reps. **Caroline Troy** and **Brandon Mitchell** are scheduled to be at the Chamber office for **Coffee with Legislators** every other Saturday at 9:00 a.m. starting **January 23**, followed by February 6 & 20 and March 7 & 21. The public is welcome to attend. COVID safety precautions will be in effect. If you wish more information, please call the Chamber at 882-1800.

**RSVP FOR AARP IDAHO'S
VIRTUAL LOBBY WEEK,
FEBRUARY 8-12, 2021**



Every year, AARP Idaho brings more than 100 participants to the Idaho Capitol to talk to lawmakers about aging issues. This year will be different. We are going virtual!

With this opportunity, we are extending the event to a full week and are inviting people from across the state to participate from their home. We have free AARP Idaho swag for the first 400 people who register. (Expect the package to be sent

directly to your address in March.)

More information will be coming soon.

I would like to participate in AARP Idaho's Virtual Lobby Week, February 8-12, 2021.

Send me more information!

[Survey - RSVP for AARP Idaho's Virtual Lobby Week, February 8-12, 2021 - RSVP for AARP Idaho's Virtual Lobby Week, February 8-12, 2021 AARP](#)

Social Security Benefits Adjusted

Your Social Security benefit increased by 1.3%. IF the average benefit is \$1500+/-, it would mean a \$20 increase. But, Medicare premiums (\$124 in 2020) also increased slightly. That means the actual increase in your check is likely to be \$14-16. You should have received your Social Statement confirming your benefit amount by now.

Smart Driver Class Update

At present no drivers sessions have been scheduled. It is not expected that they will resume until late in 2021.

However, national AARP is researching the possibility of doing the classes "online" in a virtual format.

We will keep you posted if there are any for future developments.



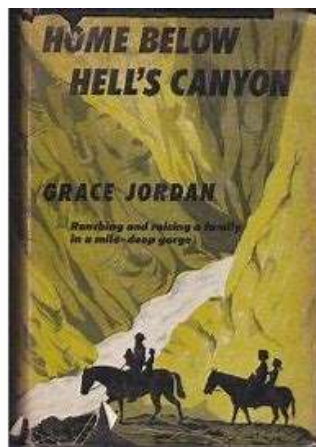
Don't miss the Winter 2021 print edition of *SWSM Magazine* which includes a *SWSM Idaho Conference guide!* If you are registered by Feb. 1 you will receive a free copy in the mail.

Latah County Historical Society to Host Program:

Grace Jordan's Home Below Hell's Canyon

Wednesday, January 27, 10:00 – 11:30

A great program for Idaho History Buffs. The book covers the period when the Jordan



family (He became Idaho Governor) lived on a homestead in Hells Canyon. There are copies of the book available at both Latah Libraries and LCHS. For details, call LCHS at 882-1004 on Facebook you will also receive a Facebook notification when the event starts.

Election of Chapter Officers and Board Members

Efforts to conduct an electronic election are not realistic therefore most current board members & officers have agreed to continue to serve into 2021.

According to bylaws, elections must be held after notice and at an *'in person'* Member Meeting. Current officers & board will serve until there is a meeting.

Also, we do need some additional Board Members.

If anyone is interested in serving in any capacity, or, wishes to nominate someone, please contact either or both Secretary Carolyn Strong (cstrongsta@yahoo.com) or President Louise Regelin (regelinl@genesee-id.com) at 208-882-2789.

Smart Women Smart Money financial conferences offer women of diverse ages and circumstances an opportunity to learn the necessary information to take control of their financial lives. The range of backgrounds includes young teens to women who are well into retirement. The message of the conference is that it is never too early, or too late to learn about finances. We provide this education through general sessions and smaller breakout sessions. Attendees may choose topics that will lead them on a pathway to financial freedom and success.

One of the most important elements of this conference is it is provided at no cost to the attendees. Our goal is to make financial education available to everyone. The funding for this conference comes from our community, from generous sponsors such as the ones listed on this page. Without these private sponsorships, this conference wouldn't be possible.



Since March, **Idaho Governor Brad Little**, health officials, financial experts, legal experts and AARP Idaho have participated in statewide telephone town halls to provide updated information and answer questions regarding the ongoing coronavirus situation in Idaho. You can listen to past telephone town halls [HERE](#).

The hour-long conversations (all noon MTN) will continue every two weeks:

- Tuesday, January 19th from 12 – 1:00 MT (11:00 – 12:00 Pacific)

There are three ways to participate:

- dialing toll-free 866-767-0637 at the time of the call (participants call then press *3 and be connected to ask their question directly)
- registering to be called in advance at <https://vekeo.com/aarpidaho/>
- streaming live at www.facebook.com/aarpidaho

This is an interactive forum and participants are encouraged to call and speak directly with the Governor. Tens of thousands of Idahoans have joined these calls over the past month. Questions may also be submitted ahead of time via email at aarpid@aarp.org.

This important call is available for anyone regardless if they are an AARP member or not

Have You Made Your 2021 Resolutions?

If You Haven't, You Might Try These?

1. DO make some Resolutions
2. DO consider Reducing Some Expenses
3. DO Practice Gratitude -- say Thank You
4. DO call/contact Friends & Relatives
5. DO take steps to Put Your Affairs in Order
6. DO Give Gifts - Time? Money? Ability?
7. DO make specific/measurable Resolutions
8. DO put it in writing & post someplace visible
9. DO Reward Yourself when Make Progress
10. DO Be Flexible AND Keep Trying

Do something! Think about it. Happy New Year!

Louise Regelin, President

Read Your AARP Bulletin

If you haven't, please read your December issue of **AARP Bulletin** which arrived recently. There is excellent information about COVID & many other issues. Idaho is preparing to provide COVID vaccinations to people 65+ soon. If you haven't contacted your Health Provider, you may wish to do so. It seems Walgreen's & Safeway in Moscow might be major providers, as will Gritman Medical Center.





SENIOR CITIZEN TEXTING CODES

ATD	At The Door
BFF	Best Friend Fell
BTW	Bring The Wheelchair
BYOT	Bring Your Own Teeth
FWIW	Forget Where I Was
GGPBL	Gotta Go Pacemaker Battery Low
GHA	Got Heartburn Again
LMDO	Laughing My Denture Out
OMMR	On My Massage Recliner
OMSG	Oh My! Sorry, Gas
ROFLACGU	Rolling On Floor Laughing And Can't Get Up
TTYL	Talk To You Louder



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Interested in Serving Your
Local AARP Chapter?

Your Latah AARP Chapter is looking for people who are interested in serving on the Chapter Board or as Officers.

If you are interested in serving or wish to nominate someone, please contact President Louise at 208-882-2789 or by email at regelinl@genesee-id.com

If you have newsletter information you feel our local AARP Chapter members would be interested in, please email it to Rhonda Comstock at comstock@moscow.com



AARP Idaho Presents MOVIES FOR GROWNUPS

Idaho AARP is offering four movies for Grownups in January & February. The movies are: **What They Had** (1/28), **The Upside** (2/4), **Breathe** (2/11) and **The Public** (2/19). Shows begin at 6 p.m.PT. These films are shared to honor our Family Caregivers. Questions & how to Register? email aarpid@aarp.org. You Must Register for Each Movie.