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We're Moving!

The time has come! The Kuna History Center is moving from 415 W 2nd St into its new digs at 329 Main Street in downtown Kuna. The date for the move has been tentatively set for Friday, Feb 20. We will meet at the old History Center by the skate park at 9 o'clock that morning to pack up. Volunteers from the Northwest Lineman College will arrive in the afternoon to help with the lift and carry. We'll have coffee and doughnuts available in the morning and will serve soup and sandwiches in the early afternoon for all volunteers. Please join us and lend a hand if you have some free time.



The City of Kuna has generously offered this space, site of the former City Hall, for our use. They received a grant to refurbish the building and have been busy at work. The interior has been remodeled and they are in the process of remodeling the exterior as well. Windows have been replaced and they are repainting.



Inside, we will have two large rooms plus a kitchen area, an office and a restroom. As you can see, this will more than double the size of our facility. We are in the process of looking for display cases, dress forms, and mannequins. If you, or anyone you know, have been waiting for the right opportunity to donate, now would be a great time!



1st Oral History completed. On January 20, Lee Downum recorded an interview with his aunt, Letha Downum German, who currently resides in Nampa. Mrs German, celebrating her 100th birthday this month, lived most of her life in Kuna.

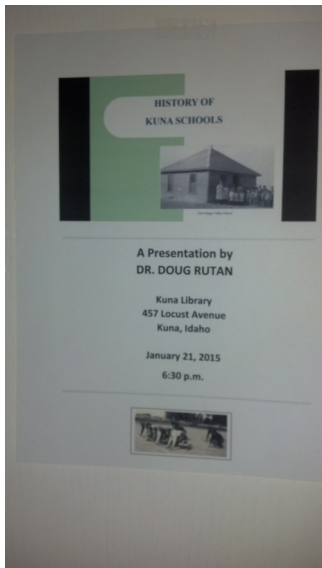
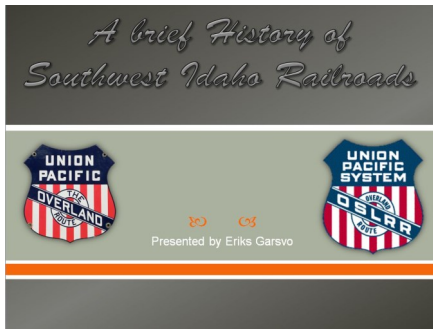
If there is someone you want to interview for Kuna's Oral History Project, please contact Dave at 861-9131 for information.

Recent Events

History of Southwest Idaho Railroads

Sponsored jointly by: Kuna Historical Society, and Meridian Historical Society.

On November 19, Eriks Garsvo gave a well attended presentation of the History of Southwest Idaho Railroads at Meridian City Hall. Eriks, dressed in character, brought documents and memorabilia to enhance the experience. This event was also a membership drive from which both societies benefitted.



History of Kuna Schools

Sponsored by Kuna Historical Society and the Kuna Library

Dr. Doug Rutan honored us with a presentation on the History of the Kuna Schools at the library on January 21st. The presentation included pictures of most of the old schools and a history of the families who were instrumental in the founding of the schools and the donations of lands on which they were built. Despite rather heavy advertisement, there were only about 12 people in attendance. Dr. Rutan did give us a copy of the Power Point presentation, which we hope to have available at the History Center in the near future.

Upcoming Events:

Kuna History Center move to new location.

Friday, February 20 and continuing Saturday . All day starting at 9 am at the old site. See page 1 for details. We will also be unpacking and putting away on Saturday at the new site most of the day.

Ideas or Suggestions for Field Trips or Presentations?

We have nothing scheduled as yet for the Spring. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact any Officer.

100+ Years ago in Kuna

The Idaho Daily Statesman

November 10th, 1914

RECOVER STOLEN HORSES

Sheriff Finds Outfit Hired by Man Who Disappeared.

CALDWELL—Due to the prompt and efficient work of Sheriff Breshears and Deputy Sheriff Carmicheal of Canyon county, a valuable span of horses, a set of double harness and a buggy belonging to A. R. Shipley, a Caldwell liveryman, were recovered at Kuna, Saturday night.

The outfit, it is said, was hired November 5 by a man giving the name of G. Combs, who claimed that he wanted to make a two days' drive through the country. When the team and buggy were not returned at the expected time, the case was brought to the attention of the Canyon Sheriff.

While the livery property of Shipley has been located, the officers have no clew as to the whereabouts of the man who hired it—obviously with larceny intent.

The horses were left at the Kuna barn last Saturday morning, and it is considered probably that Combs left there on the next eastbound Short Line train.

The Idaho Daily Statesman

November 12th, 1914

KUNA PERSONALS

KUNA, Ida.—Kuna is to have a real printing office. Charles Shepherd of Boise, formerly of Meridian, moved his plant here the first of the week and expects to issue the initial number of his paper on the 19th inst.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Teed, and Carrie, autoed to Boise Saturday. Mrs. Imogene Draper and son, Bruce, accompanied them home, returning to Boise Sunday.

Born—On Saturday, the 7th, to Mr. and Mrs. E. G. May, a son.

Miss Rose Martin, who spent last week at home, returned to Boise Sunday.

J. T. Christenson and brothers, Ed and Carl, autoed to Boise Sunday.

J. H. Ross has moved his family from Boise to his ranch one-half mile north of town.

The Idaho Tri-Weekly Statesman

December 15, 1887

Refused

We have refused a communication from the postmaster at Nampa which we decline to publish because he has drawn incorrect conclusions and makes unwarranted inferences in relation to the sayings and goings of certain gentlemen in a manner that makes his letter personal, a species of journalism we do not approve of either upon the part of an editor, correspondent or public speaker. Should we publish the production of Mr. Alex. Duffes we do not know how we could refuse to publish a reply, and as he evidently was in no amiable mood when the communication was penned, and such communications beget others of the same temper, it would be quite difficult to tell where the war of words would end.

We fail to see any cause for complaint upon the part of Mr. Duffes. We do not remember when, where or how he has been assailed. Having attended regularly every meeting of the Board of Trade for months past, we can say very positively that his name has never been connected with any dereliction of duty, nor has a word been uttered to his detriment as a citizen, and in this assertion every member of such Board will bear us out. It has been said that it was part of his duty to make a minute of the registered packages and that such obligation detained the mails. In this connection the advisability of applying to the district post office inspector to have the registered letters placed in a pouch by themselves and handed out from the cars to the mail carrier to be delivered at Boise City, was discussed. This was done when the mail came by way of Kuna and gentlemen interested wished to have the old order of things restored. We are unable to see how this reflects upon the Nampa postmaster by any implication.

Mr. Duffes thinks we are aiming at the railroad over his shoulders and that the object is to get two trains each day. Again he is in error. While it might be true that we would rather have two trains daily than one, there is no disposition to put the road to a loss in doing so. Now that there will be but three hours difference in the east and west mails at Nampa, commencing with Sunday next, the general opinion seems to be that one passenger train is all that we can expect.

In our report of the proceedings of the Board of Trade of December 8, the following passage occurs:

"The whole issue in regard to train management then followed. Mr. Hunter explained the cause of delays at Nampa. The time between trains at Nampa is required by the postmaster there to enable him to handle the registered mail;

Do YOU Have a Story?

I often wonder what life would have been like 50, 70, 100 years ago. As the joke goes, "When I was your age, I had to walk a mile to school in the snow, uphill both ways" There aren't many hills around here, so let's not try that one, but really I want to know! What was it like in Kuna's past? What did people do for fun? How did one spend a lazy Saturday afternoon, if such a thing existed? Did people only take trips to Boise once a month? What were holidays like? What was something everyone in town looked forward to each year? My questions are endless! If you or someone close to you lived in Kuna in the early-mid 1900's? We would love to record your early Kuna stories as part of Kuna's history and share them with all those interested in learning the history of Kuna and its people. We will connect you with an oral history taker who will work with you to record your story, and your memories will then be preserved as part of Kuna's history! Please contact Dave Lyon at (208) 861-9131 if you're interested in sharing. We look forward to hearing from you!

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