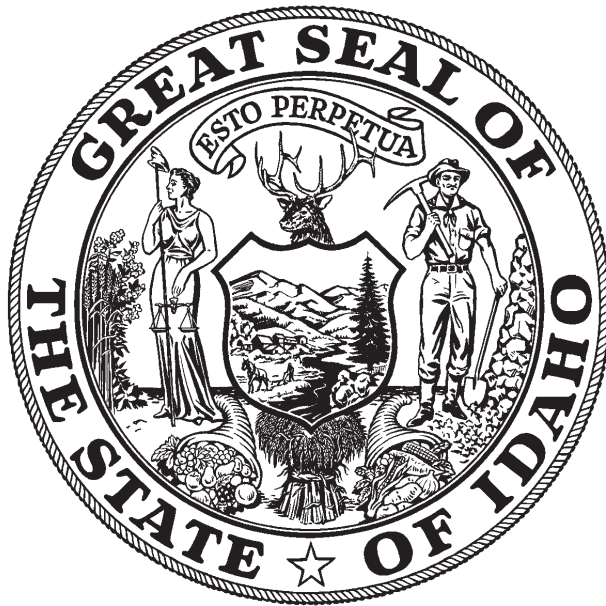


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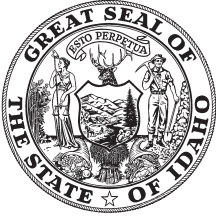
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SECRETARY OF STATE

DEDICATION

Dear Fellow Idahoans:

This year I am dedicating the Idaho Blue Book to a friend, a colleague, and a former Legislator, Jim Stoicheff, better known as “Stoich”.

I was privileged to serve with “Stoich” in the Legislature for a number of years. While “Stoich” was a Democrat, in fact the Minority Leader for many years, he was also a populist. He always put people and issues above party politics.

I can remember having “Stoich” on my side of issues that typically weren’t in line with his party. He was more about getting it right for his “people”.

At the end of my first session in the Legislature, I recall receiving a postcard from “Stoich” critiquing my first year in the Legislature. He told me what I needed to work on...along with a “well done” and a thank you.

Jim Stoicheff passed away in 1999. He was truly one of a kind. I can’t help but wonder what we in government service could accomplish if we all displayed the character and civility of Jim Stoicheff.

The story that follows is a tribute to Jim recalled by another of his colleagues, former State Senator Kermit Kiebert . It so accurately captured the man we both admired that I requested his permission to use it here.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lawrence Denney".

Lawrence Denney
Secretary of State



Jim “Stoich” Stoicheff

A long-time Idaho legislator, James F. Stoicheff was a man of many colors — and many names. Most people knew him as “Stoich,” a few might simply call him “Jim,” and his acquaintances at home in Sandpoint would call him “the governor” on occasion. Those who knew him best, however, would add one more name to the list. “His middle name should have been “frugal,” because he practiced it not only in his daily life, but in his Legislative endeavors, from his car to his haberdashery,”

Stoicheff was popular for his bright-colored polyester jackets, colorful character, congeniality and bipartisan politics. The fiscally conservative Democrat appealed to all parties—so much so that he often ran unopposed in election years.

Stoicheff did a five-year stint in the State Senate from 1969-1974 before trying his hand in the race for State Superintendent of Public Instruction. As an example of his frugality, Stoicheff probably didn't spend \$100 on his campaign.

Instead, he walked door to door, across the state, from Port Hill to Soda Springs. “He had tremendous will power.” Stoicheff ultimately lost the superintendent race, and he had to withdraw from his position in the Senate to make the run. That opened up the seat for me. Stoicheff then ran for office in the House of Representatives, where he served from 1979 until his death in December, 1999.

Stoicheff was a champion of education, so while he never voted for a tax increase, the lawmaker voted on bills to spend the money, particularly when it came to supporting kids and the elderly.

Stoicheff and I became friends, often through basketball and friendly competition, when we were both elementary school principals in Bonner County — Stoicheff at Southside Elementary in Cocolalla, and I served at Hope Elementary.

Before moving to Idaho, Stoicheff met his wife, Jerry, while attending college in Texas, and the couple married in 1954. After settling in Sandpoint, they adopted four children: James Jr., Cynthia, Robert and Deborah. His wife, who finished Stoicheff's Legislative term in 2000, died in October, 2004.

Another example of his frugality, were his old cars, which were thought to be held together by bumper stickers — he never passed up a chance to slap on a new sticker. Nevertheless, Stoicheff would get in his old Ford Falcon, or whichever car he was driving at the time, and drive home to North Idaho each weekend during the Legislative session. I recall the one time I rode home with the man, because although Stoicheff was chain smoking across the entire state, the holes in the floorboards let in plenty of fresh air. While he never touched a drop of alcohol, he loved his cigarettes and coffee.

In all seriousness, Stoicheff was loved by many, including his students, acquaintances in the Legislature and his friends back home. “He was highly respected because of his sincerity in whatever he did.” “He was a classic — there was no one before him, and there will never be another Stoich.”

Thank you to Kermit Kiebert, former State Senator 1975-2000, District 1.

PREFACE

The Idaho Blue Book is published biennially under the direction of the Secretary of State. This twenty-fifth edition offers constitutional, historical and statistical information about Idaho. It also details the structure of Idaho's government and includes biographies of elected officials.

The Blue Book received its name not from the color of its cover, but rather by definition of content. Bartlett's Dictionary of Americanism defines the term Blue Book as "a printed book containing the names of all persons holding office under the Government of the United States. It answers the Red Book of England." Individual states have taken this concept and expanded it to include a wealth of information about state officials and resources as well as statistical and historical profiles.

This office strives for the greatest accuracy possible with this type of publication. However, because of the constant changes, some information



contained within the book are out of date even as this book is being printed.

To make this edition of the *Idaho Blue Book* possible required the assistance of many people throughout local, county, and state government. Their help has been indispensable. You know who you are and I thank you for all of the help and support.

We hope that you find this *Idaho Blue Book* to be an interesting and useful resource on the State of Idaho.

Stanley, Idaho

Photo Courtesy of Jodi Doggett



Preserving Idaho's Historic Places

In this year's Blue Book, many of the photos depict locations that are listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The NRHP is the official list of properties that are considered important in our past, and are worthy of preservation. But why should we bother preserving?

Think about the buildings in your community. Which stand out? Which are the properties that draw your eye as you drive down the street? The places in town that everyone knows? There's a good chance they are historic buildings.

Historic buildings make each community unique and give us a sense of place and belonging by connecting us to our past. These are the places that make us all feel a little sense of ownership, even though we don't actually own them ourselves: the big house on the edge of town; the neighborhood grocery; the town library. Even though we don't always think about it until it's too late, they are the places that, when we lose them, change our communities. They're part of the fabric of our lives and they are irreplaceable.

But historic preservation is also an economic driver. History and historic sites are one of the top tourism draws in Idaho and in the U.S. People travel to have new experiences, so they seek out those sites unique to the places they visit. Preserving a community's historic resources makes sense because it can help to draw visitors and stimulate the local economy.

The Idaho State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) – part of the Idaho State Historical Society - administers several programs that promote historic preservation and bring value to communities throughout the state. The SHPO manages the National Register program, assisting property owners to gain the honor of recognition. The Certified Local Government program offers annual grants to communities and counties, and provides them technical assistance to pursue their own preservation priorities.

The SHPO administers the Federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit program, working with owners of income-producing properties to secure federal income tax credits for the rehabilitation work they do on their historic properties. These projects, like the renovation of the Owyhee Hotel in Boise, help revitalize downtowns throughout Idaho by providing financial incentive to reuse the iconic buildings of our Main Streets. In addition, the SHPO consults with federal agencies on their projects in Idaho, giving local voice to federal action. Through the Section 106 process, the SHPO consults on approximately 1,500 federal projects a year, ensuring that consideration is given to Idaho's cultural resources in the federal decision-making process. Countless irreplaceable archaeological sites and historic buildings have been preserved through these efforts.

The SHPO also offers outreach and education programs, including Idaho Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month activities each May, and has been a leader in creating new knowledge regarding Idaho's past through collaborative projects like the Bear River Massacre archeological mapping project, that has given us a better understanding of the tragic events of 1863.

For more information on historic preservation in Idaho, or any of these programs, visit our website at: <https://history.idaho.gov> or contact the ISHS Administration Office at 208-334-2682, or the SHPO at 208-488-7460.

Text courtesy of Tricia Canaday, State Historic Preservation Office Outreach Historian

Photographs of Idaho's Historic Places

Idaho has over 1,000 National Register listings, comprised of over 5,500 buildings, sites, structures, objects and districts. Clearly, we cannot include them all, but you can see some of them on the pages listed below.

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Union Pacific Mainline Depot

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