

Nuggets of Fun and Nostalgia for Treasure Valley Golden-Agers

They Mailed Her to Grandma

On Feb. 17, 1914, a little girl from Grangeville, Idaho, was mailed to her grandmother's house.

Decades before overnight shipping or priority mail became the quickest way to mail goods around, the United States Postal Service was still figuring out how and what can be mailed.

One of the most poignant deliveries was that of Henry 'Box' Brown, a black slave who in 1850 mailed himself in a three-foot box from Richmond, Virginia to the Anti-Slavery office in Philadelphia. The delivery took 26 hours, after which time Brown emerged from the box safe and sound. He sang a Biblical psalm to announce his newly-gained freedom.

The Post Office first offered free mail delivery for city residents in 1863 and it wouldn't be until 1890, the same year Idaho became a state, till free delivery was even considered for rural residents. At the time, people had to go into town to pick up their mail. In 1899, free delivery was finally offered on rural routes and came to Idaho in 1900.

It wasn't long until people in rural areas were trying to get larger goods delivered to their front door. So the U.S. Postal Service began parcel post delivery, making it possible to send something bigger than a breadbox to someone's door. People definitely took advantage of it, shipping everything from bricks to children.



May Pierstorff

Limits on what could be mailed changed three times in 1913, going from three pounds to eventually 50 pounds. So parents found that they could mail peculiar parcels through the post office.

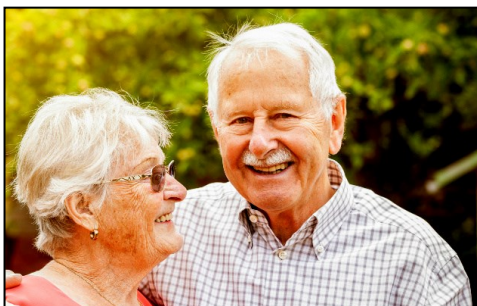
"Folks were just trying to be innovative and use this new service to the ability that they could, and in a way, they were really pushing the limit," Hannalore Hein, an Idaho historian, said.

Between 1913 and 1915, seven children were mailed, according to the National Postal Museum. One Idaho girl was one of them and one of the last.

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USPS Timeline

- 1775** - Benjamin Franklin appointed first Postmaster General by the Continental Congress
- 1847** - U.S. postage stamps issued
- 1855** - Registered Mail begins - Prepayment of postage required
- 1860** - Pony Express began
- 1863** - Free city delivery begins - Postage rates become uniform, regardless of distance
- 1873** - U.S. postal cards issued
- 1893** - First commemorative stamps issued
- 1896** - Rural free delivery begins
- 1913** - Parcel Post begins
- 1918** - Scheduled airmail service begins
- 1950** - Residential deliveries reduced to one a day
- 1963** - ZIP Code inaugurated
- 1974** - Self-adhesive stamps tested
- 1992** - Self-adhesive stamps introduced nationwide
- 2004** - Priority Mail® flat-rate box introduced
- 2007** - "Forever" stamp issued
- 2017** - Informed Delivery available nationwide



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"She is known as 'Mailing May,'" Hein said. "A little girl that was shipped through the mail, through the postage system."

Five-year-old May Pierstorff lived in Grangeville and her grandmother lived in Lewiston and the train ticket to get them together was too expensive, nearly three times more than mailing the little girl, according to Hein.

On Feb. 19, 1914, May was sent packing with her 53-cent postage pinned to her coat, and just shy of the 50-pound limit, she was shipped off. May made the 73-mile journey through the woods and to grandma's house riding in the mail compartment of the Camas Prairie Railroad.

"If you could figure out a way to box it, you could figure out a way to ship it," Hein said.

Free rural delivery and low-cost bulk mail service led to a steep rise in mail traffic. The low prices encouraged businessman W.H. Coltharp to send more than 80,000 bricks via horse-drawn wagon and train to Utah for the construction of a bank building in 1917. This in turn resulted in the imposition of a maximum weight limit for mail of 200 pounds per customer a day.



The U.S. Postal Service is one of the few government agencies authorized by the U.S. Constitution. It has always sought to utilize the quickest means available for mail delivery. From horses, ships, and trains the Postal Service moved on to cars and airplanes.

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Six Thoughts with Lots of Meaning

- One day all of the villagers decided to pray for rain. On the appointed day, all the people gathered at the town square, but only one boy brought an umbrella. *That is faith.*
- When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. *That is trust.*
- Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but we still set alarms to wake up. *That is hope.*
- A sweet old lady had this written on her shirt: "I'm not 80—I'm sweet 16 with 64 years of experience!" *That's attitude.*



- We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. *That is confidence.*
- We see the chaos in the world, but we still get married and have children. *That is love.*

Live your life to the fullest—filled with faith, trust, hope, attitude, confidence and love. Then it will be truly full!

Billy's Pain

During a Sunday School lesson, little Billy learned how God created human beings.

The boy became especially focused when the teacher explained how Eve was created from one of Adam's ribs.

Later that week, Billy's mother saw him lying on his bed hurting.



"What's wrong, Billy?" she asked, very concerned.

His reply was priceless: "Mom, I have a bad pain in my side. I think I'm getting a wife!"

Joey's Need

Joey (yelling from upstairs): "Dad, I need help!"

Dad (running upstairs): "What's wrong?"

Joey: "I need a hug!"

Dad: "I already tucked you in. I thought it was an emergency!"

Joey: "Love is my emergency!"



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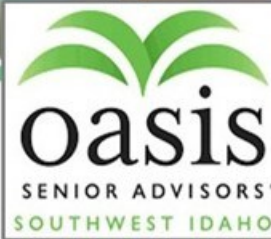


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Take As Instructed

An elderly gentleman went to the doctor. After the examination, the doctor told him, "You have some problems with your heart, but if you take these pills and follow my instructions carefully, you should be fine.

So the doctor gave the man the pills, and the patient asked, "Do I have to take them every day?"

"No," replied the doctor, "take two on Monday, skip all day Tuesday, take two on Wednesday, skip all day Thursday and go on like that."



Two weeks later, the doctor walked down the street and saw the patient's wife.

"Hello, Mrs. Jacobs," he said, "How's your husband?"

"Oh, he died of a heart attack," she said sadly.

"I'm so sorry to hear that," says the doctor, "If he took those pills as I directed, he should have been fine."

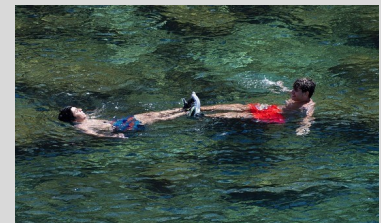
"Oh, he took the pills just fine," said Mrs. Jacobs. "It was all the skipping that killed him!"

Economy Cruise

A man was walking down the street in Dublin when he saw a sign in the window of a travel agency that said "River Cruises - 100 Euros."

So he went into the agency and handed the guy €100. The travel agent then picked him up, carried him outside and across the street, and threw him into the river.

Another man walking down the street five minutes later saw the sign, walked in the agency and pays the guy €100. The travel agent picked him up, carried him outside and across the street, and threw him into the river.



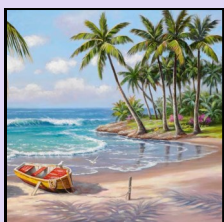
Sometime later, the two men were floating down the river together, and the first man asked, "Do you think they'll serve any food on this cruise?"

The second man said, "I don't think so. They didn't do it last year."

Shout out to everyone who can remember their childhood phone number but can't remember the password they created yesterday.



Old age has come at a bad time. Just as I was beginning to know everything, I'm now forgetting everything I knew.



Melinda was at her therapist.

The therapist asked her, "If you were stranded on a desert island, who would you want to be with?"

"My cousin, Lenny," she quickly answered.

"Why Lenny?" asked the therapist.

"He has a boat!" she said.

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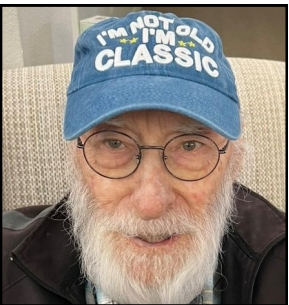
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March 7, 1917—107 years
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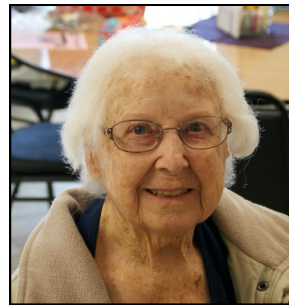
Polly Chastain
March 8, 1927—97 years
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Faye Vink
March 3, 1928—96 years
Nampa Senior Center



Glen Benedict
March 21, 1928—96 years
Nampa Avista



Ruby Finley
March 16, 1929—95 years
Caldwell Autumn Wind



Al Pemble
March 16, 1930—94 years
Nampa

Patrick and Martin are working on a building site. Patrick says to Martin, "I'm gonna get the day off. I'm gonna pretend I've gone mad!"

He climbs up the rafters, hangs upside down and shouts, "I'm a lightbulb, I'm a lightbulb!" Martin watches in amazement.

The foreman shouts: "Patrick, go home. You've gone mad."

So Patrick leaves the site. Martin starts packing his tool bag up to leave.

"Where do you think you're going?" asks the foreman.

"Well, I can't work in the dark, you know!" says Martin.

Original or Crispy?

My teacher asked the class what our favorite animal was. When it was my turn, I told her, "Fried chicken."

She said I wasn't funny, but she was wrong, because everyone else laughed.

My parents told me to always tell the truth. I did. Fried chicken is my favorite animal.

I told my dad what happened and he said she was probably a vegetarian. He said they love animals very much.

I, too, love animals.

Especially chicken,

pork and beef.

Anyway, my teacher sent me to the principal's office. I told him what happened, and he laughed, too. Then he told me not to do it again.

The next day, the teacher asked me what my favorite LIVE animal was. I told her it was chicken.

She asked me why, so I told her it was because you could make them into fried chicken.

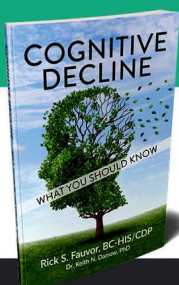
She sent me back to the principal's office. He laughed and told me not to do it again.

I don't understand. My parents taught me to be honest, but my teacher doesn't like it when I am.

Today, my teacher asked me to tell her what famous military person I admired most.

I told her, "Colonel Sanders."

Guess where I am now.



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I OBJECT TO THAT OBJECT

I NEED TO READ WHAT
I READ AGAIN

EXCUSE ME BUT THERE'S
NO EXCUSE FOR THIS

THE BUTCHER WOUND UP
WITH AN OPEN WOUND

THE PITCHER SHOULD
WIND UP AND THROW
THE BALL TO THE WIND


THE LONG-TIME
EMPLOYEE DECIDED IT
WAS TIME TO RESUME
UPDATING HIS RESUME

A MINUTE MINUTE IS A
SMALL PIECE OF TIME

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DRESS BROUGHT A TEAR
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I'M NOT CONTENT WITH
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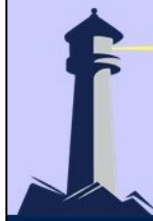
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Marriage
5. What should you never eat for breakfast?
Lunch and dinner
6. If you throw a rock into the Salt Lake, what will it do?
Get wet.
7. Is it possible to go 7 days without sleeping?
Yes if you only sleep at night
8. If it takes 8 men 10 hours to build a wall, how long would it take four men to build it?
No time at all, it's already built
9. How can you drop a raw egg onto a concrete floor without cracking it?
Any way you want, because it's really hard to crack a concrete floor

This student just aced his English test!

shot sentences

- a. I like bacon.
- b. You like bacon.
- c. We like bacon.

compound sentences

- a. I like bacon very much, so I eat bacon.
- b. You like bacon a lot, so you eat bacon.
- c. We like bacon so much, so we eat bacon.

Subject First

- a. Bacon is so amazing.
- b. Bacon is very crispy.
- c. Bacon is very steamy.

Adjectives first

- a. Crispy bacon in my mouth.
- b. Amazing bacon in my mouth.
- c. Tasty bacon on a plate.

Adverbs First

- a. Quickly I chewed and swallowed the bacon.
- b. Quietly I devoured all the bacon.
- c. Happily I ate every single strip of bacon.

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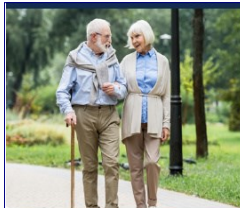
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Old Mrs. Sullivan went to the doctor with bad burns on both ears. "What happened?" asked the doctor. "I was ironing when the phone rang. I picked up the iron by mistake and put it to my ear," she replied sadly. "What about the other ear?" the doctor asked. "It was a bill collector and they called back."

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Bad Luck of the Irish

Father O'Malley answers his phone.
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"Yes, it is."
"This is the IRS calling. Is Patrick O'Connor a member of your parish?"
"Yes, he is."
"Did he make a \$20,000 contribution to your parish Fund?"
"He's about to," replied the father.

Sean Murphy from Dublin went skydiving for the first time one Sunday afternoon. Unfortunately, his parachute failed to open, but landing in a tree saved him.

A farmer from a nearby village happened by. "I could have told you this was going to happen," he said. "Nothing opens around here on Sunday!"

Milestones



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March 21, 1939 —85 years
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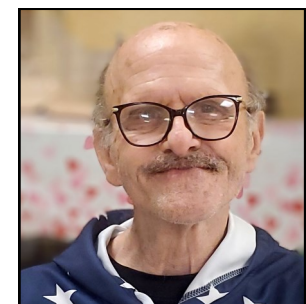
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March 10, 1939—85 years
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