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From January through July, we celebrated six major federal holidays. From September through December, we will celebrate five more federal holidays. In this month of August there are no such holidays. It is almost as if August has no significance. That is so far from the truth.

August can be seen as an opportunity to slow down from large celebrations and to reflect on and take stock of our personal progress over the year thus far. The concept of taking time this month to self reflect is indeed significant. If you made personal resolutions at the beginning of the year, then now is a good time to reflect on those resolutions and to finetune them as we move into the remainder of the year.

August is also an opportune time to spend time with family, before the hustle bustle of a new school year and more holidays. If you have not yet taken quality time for family this year, take advantage of this August bridge between summer and autumn to do just that: Visit loved ones and friends, go on a cruise or road trip, or visit museums or history sites.

As members of the Sons of Utah Pioneers, we already feel a strong desire to learn about our pioneer ancestors and preserve their history. Take advantage of any chapter history treks planned this month—they were organized with you in mind. Many chapters also hold lunch or dinner meetings in August, offering opportunities to hear excellent speakers and enjoy the fellowship of SUP members and their families.

Beyond SUP activities, many of our communities have historical societies that offer meaningful places to visit and learn about local history. Many also welcome volunteers, giving us, as SUP members, another valuable way to support and preserve our shared heritage.

Within SUP, we have designated August as the time to vote for new leadership at the National SUP level. Two well-qualified SUP members are running for SUP President-Elect for 2027. Voting begins August 1 and ends August 30. Please take time to learn about both candidates by reading their biographies and vote for them [HERE](#) on the National Website. I encourage you to participate in this important vote during the month of August.

Our annual Encampment will be held in Idaho in September. Please consider attending and register online through the National Website. Register by August 15 to receive a discount. The Portneuf and Grove City Chapters have worked hard to make this a great experience for us.

May you make August meaningful and significant for yourselves, and, may the principles of faith, family, loyalty, courage, and other pioneer values continue to burn brightly in your hearts!

Wally

Wally Breitenstein Sr. | 2026 National SUP President

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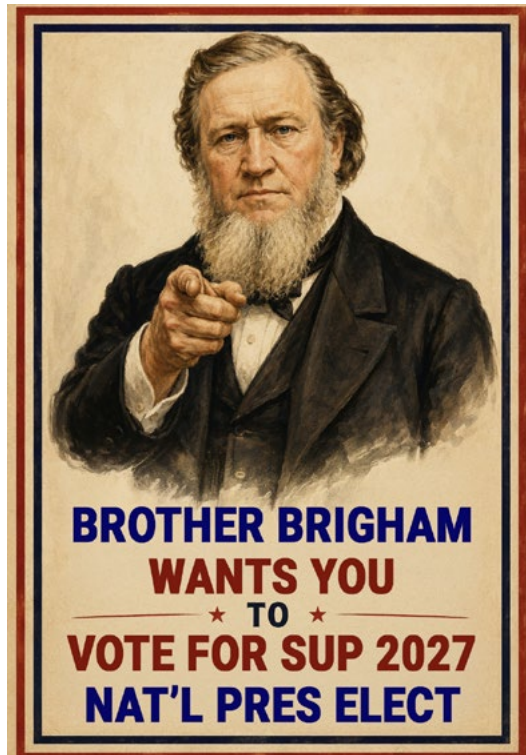
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NATIONAL NEWS

JULY 18



SUPer DUPer Day has gone through a major overhaul and is now Family Heritage Day. Over 600 attendees enjoyed the free admission and various family activities held at This is the Place State Park.



NATIONAL NEWS

JULY 24 | DAYS OF '47 SUNRISE SERVICE



JULY 24 | DAYS OF '47 PARADE HANDCART PULL

Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped pull in the parade and we hope many more will join us next year in this unique experience. To watch the full parade, click [HERE](#).



2026 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT | POCATELLO, IDAHO

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JOIN [US](#) AT THE TYHEE STAKE CENTER
12146 W. Tyhee Rd., Pocatello, Idaho
September 17-19, 2026

Schedule of Events

Thursday, September 17th

- Temple Sessions at 9:30 am, 10:30 am, and 11:00 am (arrive 30 minutes before each session)
- 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm Registration & activities at the Tyhee Stake Center, (DUP) - pioneer games, crafts, family history, local history, western night.
- 6:00 pm Welcome and Dinner
- 7:00 pm Speaker: Bryan Murray, retired judge speaking on Pocatello history, followed by entertainment - Boyd Murdock, Roy McKee (music), and Todd Andrus (cowboy poet)

Friday, September 18th

- 8:00 am Registration
- Full-Day and Half-Day Tours
- 6:00 pm Dinner and Guest Speaker Timothy J. Dyches, Emeritus 70 - [more info](#)
- Entertainment by Angel Tones

Saturday, September 19th

- 8:00 am National Board Members Meeting.
- 9:15 am Business Meeting for all SUP Members.
- 9:15 am Spouse's meeting: Jynnea Smedely, Speaker
- 10:15 am General Meeting, Catered Luncheon & Farewell

- Theme -
"Gateway to the Northwest"

Full-Day Tours (Box Lunch provided for each attendee)

Friday, September 18th

- 1 - ATV Trail head at 9:30 am.
1st meet at 8200 West Portneuf Rd. at 9:00 am (Mink Creek Ward building [Map](#)). Then proceed as a group to the trailhead.



Scout Mtn. Rd. is located on the West side of Scout Mountain in the Bannock Range, just south of Pocatello, Idaho, within the Caribou-Targhee National Forest. It is accessed via the Mink Creek Recreation Area (South Fork of the Mink Creek Rd. off of the main Mink Creek Rd. via Bannock Hwy). The area features steep, forested terrain (Douglas fir, aspen) and is accessible by hiking and motorized trails, including high-clearance 4x4 vehicles. **Important Note: Out of State attendees - get Idaho ATV permit from the Idaho Dept. of Parks and Recreation.**

Note: All buses leave at 8:30 am from the Tyhee Stake Center

- 2 - Visit Malad-Samaria Area
- bus Leaves at 8:30 am from the Tyhee Stake Center.



Home of the largest concentration of Welsh people outside of Wales. Visit the Oneida Museum in Malad and the Heritage Square in Samaria. Visit the original Olive Davis Osmond Cabin, mother of the famous Osmond family of performers.

- 3 - Visit historic Chesterfield townsite and Soda Springs.

[More Info](#)



- 4 - Visit Blackfoot, Idaho historic sites and Potato Museum, Sho-Ban Museum and Honey Bee operation.

[More Info](#)



- 5 - Visit American Falls Idaho historical sites - Register Rock, Massacre Rocks, Oregon Trail, Power County Museum and potato processing.

[More Info](#)



Half-Day Tours (Lunch provided at Caldwell Park at 12 noon)

Friday, September 18th

- 6a - Visit Idaho State University (Celebrating 125 year anniversary) - Leave at 8:15 am in the morning in your personal auto to the ISU Student Union Bldg. Visit Strategic Rocks, Northern Utah Railroad Monument, ISU Campus History, Performing Arts Center, and ICCU Dome. [Performing Arts Center](#) [ICCU Dome](#).
- 6b - Visit Idaho State University (Celebrating 125 year anniversary) - Leave at 1:00 pm in your personal auto to the ISU Student Union Bldg. for the Presentation of the 1st Nuclear Power by Richard Lindsay, tour the Nuclear Lab and Engineering Bldg., and LDS Institute Bldg. [Nuclear Reactor Lab](#)
- 7a - Visit historic Pocatello - Leave at 9:00 am in your Personal auto to the 1st Ward Bldg. Monument, then visit the Museum of Clean and the historic ZCMI Memorial Building. [More Info](#)
- 7b - Visit historic Pocatello - Leave at 1:00 pm in your Personal auto to the Bannock County Museum. Visit the museum, Fort Hall Replica then the miniature railroad. [More Info](#)

Lodging Options

Dump Station for campers 850 Barton Rd., Pocatello, ID - open May 15th through November 15th

Hotels and places to stay
[Trip Advisor for Hotels & Places to Stay in Pocatello](#)



Best Western
1415 Bench Rd.
Pocatello, ID
(208) 471-5212



SONS OF THE UTAH PIONEERS

National Trek

OCTOBER 13-23, 2026

IN CELEBRATION OF 250 YEARS OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE
1776-2026



SIGN UP NOW!
ONLY 6 SPOTS LEFT!

★ ★ MAJOR SITES WE PLAN TO VISIT ★ ★



PHILADELPHIA

- Oct. 13** Travel Day
Oct. 14-16 Sites in Philly
- Museum of the American Revolution
 - Independence Hall
 - Washington Crossing State Park
 - The Barracks
 - Valley Forge
 - National Constitution Center



GETTYSBURG

- Oct. 17**
National Military Park



WASHINGTON, D.C.

- Oct. 18-22** Sites
Oct. 23 Travel Day
- U.S. Capital Building
 - National Mall (Museums and Memorials)
 - White House (exterior only)
 - Arlington Cemetery
 - Mount Vernon
 - Holocaust Museum
 - Washington D.C. Temple



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REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT
\$400 per person will seal
your spot, check only



SPACE IS LIMITED
Reserve your seat by calling
Pat at SUP 801.484.4441



REGISTRATION DEADLINE
August 1st



PRICE UP TO \$2,800 PER PERSON

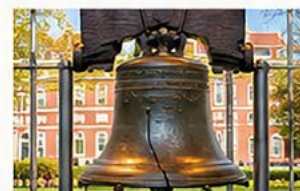
Depending on the number of travelers
sharing a hotel room

We will attempt to match solo travelers
desiring a roommate



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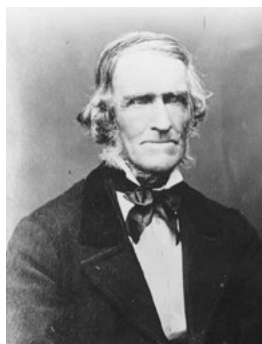




PIONEER STORIES

THOMAS MOULTON, PIONEER OF 1856

Thomas Moulton was born 10 November 1810 at Irchester, England. He was the son of William and Sarah Home Moulton, and his father died when Thomas was 2 years of age. Because of his father's premature death, Thomas was forced early in life to become a child laborer, living 14 years with a family named Tunnel.



At the age of 22, Thomas married Esther Marsh who was eight years his senior. They had two daughters: Susan, born in 1834 and died two years later; and Sarah, born March 5, 1837.

On February 25, 1839, Esther Marsh Moulton died, leaving her husband and two-year-old daughter Sarah. In April 1840.

Thomas Moulton married his second wife Sarah Denton. She was the daughter of Charles Denton and Charlotte Bassfield.

By 1838, several branches of the Church had been organized in England. The missionaries were making many converts to the Church. Thomas Moulton and his wife had become interested in the Latter-day Saint teachings and were baptized December 29, 1841. However, it was not until 1856 that they were able to emigrate. In the meantime, their first six children were born in Irchester, England. The children were: Mary Ann, William Denton, Joseph, James Heber, Charlotte and Sofia Elizabeth.

... On May 3, 1856, the Moulton family set sail on the ship "Thornton" from England with 764 passengers.

While crossing the Irish Sea, Sarah Denton gave birth to her seventh child, Charles Alma. After a six-week trip... the family of ten, arrived in New York harbor on June 14, 1856, and embarked by railroad for Winter Quarters, later leaving for Iowa City, where they arrived on June 26.

Upon arrival in Iowa City, they found the handcarts were not read, which caused three weeks delay. Two

hundred and fifty handcarts had to be made, many of them from green, unseasoned lumber, and were unable to stand the strenuous test that they were subjected to. Several carts had to be abandoned on the plains.

The Thomas Moulton family was assigned to the James C. Willey company, composed of 500 saints, including more than the usual number of aged.

The first 200 miles of their journey was over beautiful grassy plains, with flowers and wild fruits and plenty of fish in the streams.

When they reached Florence, Nebraska, it was necessary to repair many of the carts. Some couldn't be repaired and had to be left by the wayside. The travelers were becoming tired and weary and unable to push or pull the heavily loaded carts. All unnecessary things were discarded. The wagons and cattle were taken by the Indians, and provisions were becoming so low that food had to be rationed. Many became ill and deaths increased daily. Along with these and other difficulties, winter set in early and men, women and children were forced to wade through freezing streams, and to sleep in the open with insufficient bedding. Through deep snows, piercing winds and freezing temperatures the company struggled on. Sixty-six of their number died.

Some Mormon missionaries returning from England overtook and passed the company and reported its plight to the Church presidency in Salt Lake City. Immediately, rescue parties were sent out carrying wagonloads of provisions, clothing and bedding.

The Moulton family arrived in Salt Lake City on November 9, 1856, without losing one member of their family. However, their third son, Heber, had several fingers on his left hand frozen so badly that they had to

be amputated on reaching Salt Lake.

On December 5, 1856, their oldest daughter, Sarah, was married to John Bennett Hawkings. ... Three weeks later, the Thomas Moulton family moved to Provo, where he worked as a farm laborer. Here their eighth child was born. Thomas Denton, on October 29, 1858. He died 10 months later...

In 1860, the Moulton family moved from Provo to Heber. As the settlers were having trouble with Indians, they took refuge in the log fort built in 1859 and 1860.

On September 16, 1860, their ninth child, John E., was born and three years later the tenth and last, George Franklin.

... Before leaving England, Thomas Moulton felt a little hesitant about undertaking such a long and strenuous journey. His wife went to see one of the brethren, who gave her a blessing. He promised her that she would make the journey safely without the loss of one member of her family. Although their trials were severe and the baby, Charles, reduced to a near skeleton, their children who crossed the plains married and reared families.

(Thomas) was a Blackhawk War veteran in the infantry company of John Gallager.

Sarah Denton Moulton died July 7, 1888, at Heber, and her husband, Thomas on April 17, 1892.

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- 1 Photo taken from FamilySearch.org, submitted by Frank Thompson
 - 2 Submitted to SUP Library by Olympus Hills Chapter President Thomas G Hawkins, great-grandson of Thomas Moulton. Source: "How Beautiful Upon the Mountains", p 526-527, Wasatch County - Daughters of Utah Pioneers.

Monument Trek

North Fork Ferry



IN HONOR OF THE MORMON PIONEERS OF IDAHO BUILDERS OF NORTH FORK (SNAKE RIVER) FERRY
UPTLA #70 | GPS: N43 49 32.04, W111 54 21.47 ELEVATION 4847 FEET (43.8255667, -111.9059639)

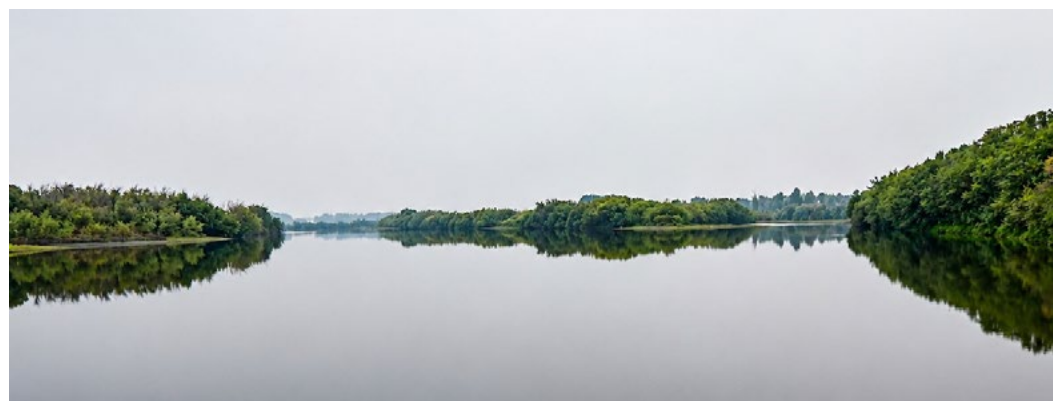
The UPTLA #70 monument is located near Burton, Idaho – 6.5 miles west of the corner of Rexburg’s Center Street and Main Street on Highway 33.

It was erected by the Burton Troops 46 and 146 Boy Scouts of America and the Utah Pioneer Trails and Landmarks Association on August 21, 1939. It memorializes the construction and operation of the first ferry on Henry’s Fork of the Snake River that operated near where the monument is located on March 28, 1883. The ferry was constructed by Rexburg Stake Pioneers to facilitate colonization of the valley.

The ferry was jointly owned by Thomas E. Ricks, William F. Rigby, Francis E. Gunnell, and Henry Flamm, Sr.; built by John Dalling and Peter Flamm; and operated by Celeb Flamm.

Thomas Ricks was a prominent leader in Utah and Idaho. He was a Colonel in the Utah Militia. He was tasked with finding a better route from Cache Valley to Bear Lake Valley and discovered the spring now called Ricks' Spring, located on U.S. 89 near the Utah-Idaho border.

Ricks helped establish Bannock Stake Academy, which became Brigham Young University-Idaho. The institution bore his name for 99 years as Ricks Academy and later Ricks College.



THE TRAIL MARKER NEWS

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2. Attach 1 quality jpeg photograph to your email
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Henry Michael MillsOgden Pioneer
Mark Thomas.....Murray
Kent Louis TonioliSettlement Canyon
Craig WhitakerBox Elder
Norman Glenn Wright..... Centerville



FOR UPCOMING SUP NATIONAL EVENTS, CLICK HERE

CEDAR CITY CHAPTER - Cedar City, Utah



Cedar City 4th of July Parade

Since the 24th of July parade in Cedar City was permanently cancelled a few years ago, we have been participating in the 4th of July parade instead. This year we had about 15 of our members either ride on a trailer waving American flags, carry the banner or be a parade announcer.

We also held our annual town meeting in the historic Rock Church in Cedar City on July 24th. Two of our scholarship winners were present to be recognized, our 4th grade essay contest winner, Nora Stump from Escalante Valley read her winning essay, and we were treated to some fascinating history by Ryan Paul, a history professor at Southern Utah University.

He began with the detailed history of the building of the Rock Church in which we were meeting. It was completed in 1932 using all local building materials but wasn't dedicated by Heber J. Grant until 1934 when the final debts to build it had been paid. He then transitioned to the visit to Cedar City of President Warren G. Harding in June 1934. Even though the population of Cedar City was only about 2500, over 6000 people showed up to greet the president. Professor Paul related an amazing amount of detail about Harding's visit to Cedar City, Toquerville and Zion National Park. President Harding died five weeks later after returning to San Francisco from Alaska.

HURRICANE CHAPTER - Hurricane, Utah



Kolob Terrace Road

In our July HVSUP Meeting/Party held on Kolob Mountain, 45 minutes northeast of Hurricane, we heard an inspiring patriotic speech with a reminder of our need to study the Declaration of Independence yearly, also to re-read modern-day scriptural references to our preserved nation and God given freedoms we enjoy here by righteous living. This was provided by Deward Stout long-time businessman, paramedic and fire-fighter. Deward is also the son of Dell C. Stout who had served as a prominent leader on many councils and boards and in church and civic capacities. Dell was also a very loved past Mayor of Hurricane. He also was a founding member and

leader of the Hurricane Valley Chapter. It was very nice on this evening to experience a reprieve from the Hurricane Valley heat of 107 degrees to a refreshing 87 degrees and share an evening at the Dutton's Cabilion (Cabin/Pavilion). We then had the privilege of hearing patriotic and pioneer music presented to us by Jarolyn and Trinity Stout (Mother and Son Duo).

These events are recorded and available to view live on the Hurricane Valley Sons of Utah Pioneers (HVSUP) Facebook group and, also on the Brad Winder YouTube Channel a few days after.

OGDEN PIONEER CHAPTER - Ogden, Utah



Hale Family Fiddlers

The Ogden Pioneer Chapter's Annual Picnic with Partners was held on 13 July 2026. The original location was Friendship Park, however, due to the extreme hot weather the location of the "picnic" was moved to a local ward building at 1314 - 27th Street, Ogden. In spite of the extreme heat outside the temperature inside was cool and comfortable in the cultural hall of the church. A wonderful dinner was catered by Russ Lawrence & Family. Rice, pulled-pork, BBQ chicken, cabbage salad, watermelon, macaroni salad, assorted drinks and a wide variety of ice cream bars for dessert. The entertainment was provided by the Hale Family Fiddlers including guitars, bass

guitar, mandolin, banjo, fiddles (violins for those less familiar with country terminology), and vocals. They performed a wide variety of familiar instrumentals and vocals. There was also ample opportunity to "sing along" highlighted by everyone singing the National Anthem at the end. A cry of "encore" was heard from many. The encore number was the "Orange Blossom Special" - everyone had sore hands and sore feet trying to keep up the beat by clapping their hands and stomping their feet with the speed of the music. A few brave souls even got up and danced. As they say for events like this, "A Good Time Was Had by All!"

PORTER ROCKWELL CHAPTER - Salt Lake City South, Utah



Ron Watt

If you look closely, you can find some historic hidden gems close to downtown Salt Lake City. In June, as its Summer Trek, the Porter Rockwell chapter visited four such locations within a couple of miles of each other, that can be easily passed by and not noticed by the casual visitor. Chapter member Ron Watt led the guided tour, beginning at a tiny park commemorating the "First Encampment" of the 1847 Pioneers (1700 S 500 E) after emerging from Emigration Canyon. A short walk through the paths reveals the names of members of that group, maps, and a few short stories about the location. Next, after a short walk

north along 500 E, we came to the site of the Wilford Woodruff farm, with its original home, now modernized. Gilgal Park was our next stop (749 E 500 S), with its eclectic collection of historical-themed statues, monuments, and plaques. Our final stop was the historic 10th Ward chapel (800 E 400 S), one of the oldest church meetinghouses still in use, with its beautiful stained-glass windows and organ. The Salt Lake Chapter holds their meetings there. We concluded our tour with lunch at the Chuck-A-Rama Restaurant next door.

PORTNEUF CHAPTER - Pocatello, Idaho



Dr James H Yzar Jr.

For our February meeting we had Dr James H Yzar Jr. as our main speaker. "Bird" as he is known by many, has recently retired from a long career at Idaho State University. He was on three conference champion track teams as a sprinter. Dr Yzar was counselor and adviser and served as Associate Dean of Students and other positions. He was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by ISU Sports Hall of Fames in 2013.

His presentation was a linking of the SUP Values with historical members of the Pocatello Black community, he was

able to give greater meaning to these values as presented are Faith in God, Devotion to family, Loyalty to Church and Country, Hard Work and Service to Others, Courage in Adversity, Personal Integrity and Unyielding Determination.

Also on our program was Erica Burrus. This was Erica's third year presenting at our chapter meeting. Her presentation was the importance of musical contributions of black performers. She always has given us some interesting items for our knowledge and enjoyment.

SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER - Salt Lake City, Utah



Days of '47 Royalty

Our monthly meeting featured the queen and princesses for the Days of 47 Parade. Young women from throughout Utah were evaluated in March by a panel of judges based on personal goals, education, accomplishments, leadership, values, community service, and their Utah pioneer heritage.

The 2026 Royalty reigned over the Days of '47 Parade, Rodeo, Pops Concert and other events during the month of July. They will continue to represent the State of Utah, Days of '47 and International Society Daughters of Utah Pioneers for the upcoming twelve months.

SETTLEMENT CANYON CHAPTER - Tooele, Utah



Tooele Valley Singers

Settlement Canyon Chapter enjoyed celebrating America 250 on July 2nd listening to Patriotic Songs presented by The Tooele Valley Singers, under the direction of Barbara Wallace, and the Spoken Word by Al Bottema. The Celebration was held at the historic Speirs Farm in Tooele. "The Tooele Valley Singers," is a community choir which has fun with a mix of musical styles. It began over 5 years ago as the Erda Singers to sing at Erda Days. Starting in 2021, the choir gave the first of its annual benefit Christmas concerts at the Old Grantsville Church. They also perform yearly at Temple Square.

The Star-Spangled Banner (Francis Scott key) Performed by: John Stafford Smith, KimTafiti and Choir

Choir:

This Is My Country (Curtis Mayfield) Performed by: Cristi Cary Miller, Jennie Williams, Russ Evans, soloists

My Country, Tis of Thee (Samuel Francis Smith) from Thesaurus Musicus ("Musical Treasure.", London) Performed by: Oliver Warnick

God Bless the USA (Lee Greenwood) Performed by: Riley Ernst

Country Roads (John Denver) Performed by: Tyson Rogers

America, the Beautiful (Samuel A Ward) Performed by: Crystal Stout, Anna Heywood, Mason Heywood, Austin Jasper and choir

Choir: The Battle Hymn of the Republic (Julia Ward Howe)
Arranged by: Peter Wilhousky

God Bless America (Berlin/Ringwald)

Narrators: Angie Foster and Rand Johnson

TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER - Logan, Utah



Patrick Mason

Greetings from the Temple Fork Chapter. July was a busy month with the America 250 Celebrations and the 24th of July activities. Our July chapter dinner and meeting was held on the 20th at the Logan Country Club. Our guest speaker was Professor Patrick Mason. He is a professor at Utah State University in the history department. For some time, he has been researching the life of President Ezra Taft Benson who was

raised in the Idaho side of Cache Valley. The timeline of the presentation focused on President Benson's life from childhood through his time as Secretary of Agriculture to President Eisenhower and serving at the same time as an Apostle. The path President Benson was led on is surely inspired and amazing.