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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I am so grateful to be a member of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. It continues to bring me exposure to amazing people and learning opportunities. I want to share a few events that my wife, Allison, and I were able to enjoy this month due to our association with this wonderful organization.

On May 12, we joined the Ogden Pioneer Chapter on a TREK to Lagoon's Pioneer Village. This chapter hosts the 2025 National Encampment this year and one of the tour options is to visit Pioneer Village (please sign up soon for the encampment at SUP1847.com). The Sons of Utah Pioneers sold Pioneer Village to Lagoon in 1975, and the proceeds provided the necessary funding to construct the current National Headquarters building.



Pioneer Village at Lagoon

On May 14, we attended the Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter luncheon meeting with guest speaker T.C. Christensen. He is an amazing cinematographer with feature films including 17 Miracles, Forever Strong, The Cokeville Miracle and Escape from Germany. His latest project is Raising the Bar: The Alma Richards Story.



*Descendants of Henry Strong Parrish
and Mary Millesant Parks*

On May 22, I was honored to speak at the combined meeting with the Portneuf Chapter and Grove City Chapter. What a wonderful group of Sons of Utah Pioneers and their spouses and guests. I have often been asked if I was related to the Pocatello Parrish family. I wasn't sure, so I got the name of Vicki Parrish Williams from Judy Breitenstein, contacted her, and was even able to meet with her in Taylorsville where she was attending a workshop and performance that her granddaughter was participating in.

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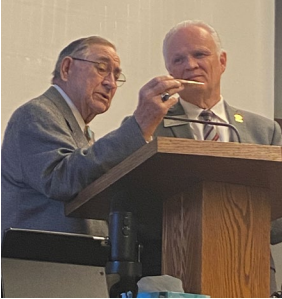
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Vicki and I share Henry Strong Parrish as our great grandfather. Along with Vicki, I met twelve members of the Parrish family that evening that I had never met before - and I already love them! I was also presented with some famous Idaho potatoes as a thank you from Norm Rademacher, Idaho South Area Vice President and was honored to receive a special handmade pen from David Williams that was made from an olive branch from the Holy Land. He has given handmade pens to National Presidents for many years. I really do appreciate his labor of love and will cherish and display this pen forever.



*Portneuf and Grove City
Chapters*

On May 27, we were invited to attend an event at the This is the Place Heritage Park. Penny Magnusson Hannum of Arizona was honored for researching 700 Pioneer Children for the Pioneer Children's Memorial. The memorial features over 40 sculptures depicting the pilgrimage west, as well as 17 Utah Sandstone boulders listing more than 650 names of children who perished along the way.

The Sons of Utah Pioneers cooperated with other organizations to finance the construction of the This Is the Place Monument, and we join with the Daughters of Utah Pioneers in organizing the SUPER DUPER day at This is the Place Heritage Park every year. The Sons of Utah Pioneers created this event.

I want to thank each of you for organizing and participating in these various events each month that do indeed help turn our hearts to our fathers.

Val Parrish | 2025 National President



JULY 21

SUPER DUPER DAY AT THIS IS THE PLACE PARK

JULY 24

DAYS OF '47 SUNRISE SERVICE

JULY 24

DAYS OF '47 PARADE

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PIONEER STORIES

GADFIELD ELM: THE FIRST LATTER-DAY SAINT CHAPEL

Many are surprised to realize that the Prophet Joseph Smith never built a chapel or meetinghouse for the Saints. The Church's first chapel is actually in England.

In July 1837, the first group of Latter-day Saint missionaries arrived in Liverpool. They began preaching in Preston and later expanded their efforts throughout the country. In 1840, during a major apostolic mission, eight of the Twelve Apostles were in Britain. Wilford Woodruff and John Taylor were among the first to arrive, landing in Liverpool on 11 January 1840. Elder Woodruff, with Theodore Turley, traveled south to Staffordshire. He remained in the Potteries with Alfred Cordon while Turley was sent to Birmingham.

On 1 March 1840, prompted by prayer, he decided to go south. With the support of recent convert William Benbow, he traveled to Castle Frome, Herefordshire, to meet Benbow's brother John, a member of the United Brethren—a religious group seeking gospel truths.

Woodruff found the group “prepared for the word of the Lord” as 600 members of the United Brethren already believed in repentance, baptism, and the Holy Ghost. On 3 March, Woodruff arrived at John Benbow's farm, and by 5 March, he was teaching and baptizing. On Sunday, he preached to nearly a thousand people across three sermons. Despite opposition from local clergy his preaching drew large crowds.

One of Woodruff's meetings was interrupted by a constable with an arrest warrant. Woodruff explained he had a license to preach, and the constable listened to the sermon—later asking to be baptized himself. Four other preachers were baptized that day.

Soon, other ministers tried to stop his efforts, appealing even to the Archbishop of Canterbury, who refused to intervene. A pivotal moment came when Thomas Kington, the group's superintendent, accepted the gospel after prayer. His baptism enabled many others to follow. Woodruff used the United Brethren's organized “preachers' plan” to further spread the message. Within a short time, many preachers had been baptized and began teaching the restored gospel.

In April 1840, Woodruff attended a Church conference

in Preston and shared news of the great progress in Herefordshire. He reported baptizing 48 preachers and 112 members within just over a month. Brigham Young and Willard Richards joined him shortly after to assist with the work. On 18 May, they met at a feast day in Dymock, where the first miraculous healing occurred—Mary Pitt, bedridden for years, was healed.

On 20 May, these Apostles met atop Herefordshire Beacon and decided Brigham Young should publish 3,000 copies of the Book of Mormon and a hymnbook. John Benbow and Thomas Kington contributed funds for the effort.

The rapid growth of the Church in the Three Counties led to its first local conferences in June 1840. At Castle Frome and Gadfield Elm Chapel, the work was organized into conferences with dozens of branches. Within four months, over 500 people had joined the Church.

The new flock offered the Apostles their one chapel, originally built by the United Brethren in 1836, and 45 licensed homes for preaching.



In 1842, the Gadfield Elm Chapel was sold to fund emigration to America. It remained privately owned for 150 years until purchased in 1994 by the Gadfield Elm Trust, which restored it. Elder Jeffrey R. Holland dedicated it in 2000, and in 2004, the deed was transferred to the Church and rededicated by President Gordon B. Hinckley. Today, it serves as a free historical site.

Monument Trek

Organization of the Relief Society



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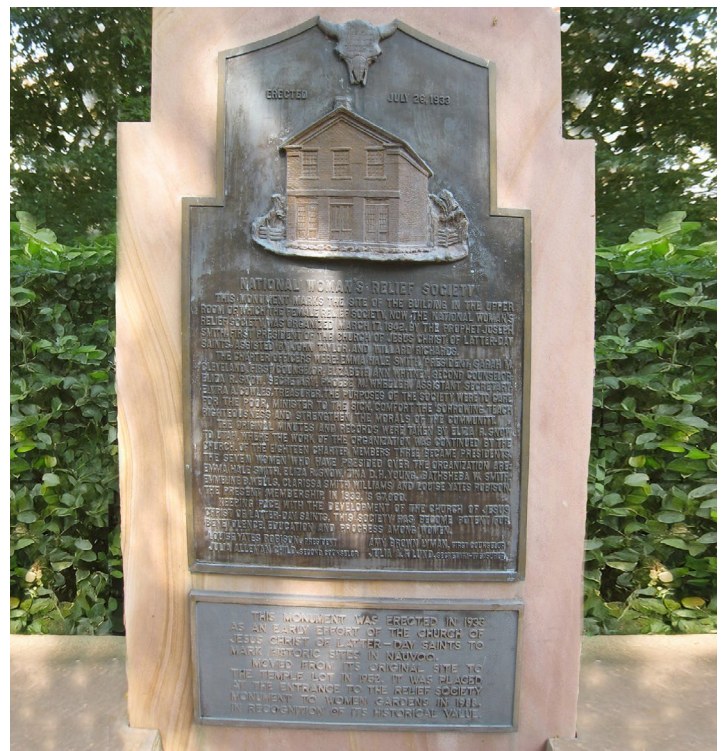
This monument was originally placed by the Utah Pioneer Trails and Landmarks Association in 1933 to mark the site of the upper room of the building where the Relief Society was organized on March 17, 1842. In 1952, it was relocated to the Temple lot. Recognizing its historical significance, the Church moved the monument to the visitor's center in Nauvoo, Illinois, at the entrance to the "Monument to Women Gardens" in 1988.

The National Women's Relief Society was organized March 17, 1842, by the Prophet Joseph Smith, first President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, assisted by John Taylor and Willard Richards.

The charter officers were: Emma Hale Smith, President; Sarah M. Cleveland, First Counselor; Elizabeth Ann Whitney, Second Counselor; Eliza R. Snow, Secretary; Phoebe M. Wheeler, Assistant Secretary; Elvira A. Cowles, Treasurer. The purposes of the Society were to care for the poor, minister to the sick, comfort the sorrowing, teach righteousness and strengthen the morals of the community.

The original minutes and records were taken by Eliza R. Snow to Utah, where the work of the organization was continued by the Church. Of the eighteen charter members three became presidents. The seven women who have presided over the organization are: Emma Hale Smith, Eliza R. Snow, Zina D.H. Young, Bathsheba W. Smith, Emmeline B. Wells, Clarissa Smith Williams and Louise Yates Robison. The membership of the Relief Society in 1933 when the monument was placed was about 67,000.

Keeping pace with the development of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, this society has become potent for benevolence, education and progress among women. The 183rd anniversary of the Relief Society organization was celebrated worldwide this year among nearly 8 million members and is one of the largest women's organizations in the world.



THE TRAIL MARKER NEWS

Compiled by Roland Lee

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 Dennis M Morgan WorldWide Pioneer
 Wilford D Richards Jr WorldWide Pioneer
 James H Thomas Temple Fork



NAMECHAPTER

NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

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 Dean Bergevin Cotton Mission
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 Henry Goodnow Mt Nebo
 John Peterson WorldWide Pioneer
 Keith Ashby Cotton Mission
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 Leo MillerPocatello
 Lyle Young Cotton Mission
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 Walter Muir. Salt Lake Pioneer
 William Lyells. Jordan River Temple

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BOULDER DAM CHAPTER - Boulder City / Las Vegas, Nevada



Scholarships

APRIL: The Boulder Dam Chapter was busy in April and May. In April, we did a service project at the Old Mormon Fort. The winds of March had brought leaves and trash over much of the fort. We spent several hours on a Saturday morning, raking, sweeping, and cleaning up. Two of our members' wives accompanied us and spent time polishing some of the statues. A small pond that had gathered leaves and algae was also cleaned.

MAY: In May, we held our second annual scholarship award dinner. Essays were written by high school students describing a

pioneer ancestor and what they had learned from them. The first award of \$1000 was presented to Madeleine Morris. The second award of \$500 was presented to Carson Alder.

PIONEER AWARD: We also presented Clare Tobler with the Modern Pioneer Award. Clare was the founding member of our chapter in 2018 and our first president. He continues to serve with a lot of energy and enthusiasm. As a chapter, we are proud to contribute to the betterment of our community.

BOUNTIFUL CHAPTER - Bountiful, Utah



Nine Mile Canyon

We would like to thank our neighbor chapter in Centerville for inviting us to join them on a very interesting and enjoyable Trek to Nine Mile Canyon near Price. They had some empty seats on the chartered bus and several of our Bountiful Chapter were happy to fill them. It was a fascinating tour of the Native American rock art. The Centerville chapter organizer Don Olsen found a very knowledgeable tour guide, who

is member of the Price city council; His name is Layne Miller, a long time Price resident who has devoted decades of research and exploration to share with us. Along with his expert knowledge of the petroglyphs and pictographs, he shared his knowledge and deep respect for the Native American tribes who lived in this area and left their timeless legacy throughout Nine Mile Canyon.

BRIGHAM YOUNG CHAPTER - Provo, Utah



David Hales

David A. Hales, Deseret native and longtime researcher, delivered a fascinating presentation to the Brigham Young Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers titled Gypsies in Utah: Past and Present. Drawing on childhood stories passed down by his family, Hales illuminated the vibrant and misunderstood legacy of Romani people—often referred to as Gypsies—throughout Utah's rural communities. He provided a historical overview of the Romani migration from India to Europe and eventually to the American West. He shared historical images, accounts of horse trading, fortune telling, and traveling wagons, and noted that many Utahns still mistakenly believe there were never any Gypsies in Utah.

One highlight was a humorous family tale: a relative bought a horse from a Gypsy trader, only to discover the animal was blind. When confronted, the Gypsy replied, "No, no, no... I told you; the horse doesn't look good — but it's a good horse!" In a powerful conclusion, Hales introduced a modern-day Romani guest speaker. The man shared his journey of immigrating to the U.S., marrying as a teenager, working various jobs (including at the Church's DI), and eventually becoming a successful car dealership owner. His story emphasized that, despite hardship, the American Dream is still very much alive.

CEDAR CITY CHAPTER - Cedar City, Utah



Dixie, Ann, Dane & Ruth Leavitt

On Saturday, May 3, our chapter sponsored a trek to the Virgin Valley Heritage Park (VVHP) and Bunkerville. The VVHP is in Mesquite, Nevada, which was our first stop. Our trek guide, Dixie Leavitt, explained the motivation for the park and the plans for its completion. His family and others are the driving force behind it and have a particular interest in it due to the prominent role the Leavitt family played in the settlement of the Virgin River Valley and Bunkerville. Along the promenade that runs the length of the park are plaques telling the history of the settling of the intermountain west, efforts to establish the state of Deseret, and the history of the settling of the Virgin Valley

communities. Sculpture busts of prominent historical individuals will also be on display when the park officially opens later this year. Then it was off to Bunkerville where we stopped at the original site where Edward Bunker Sr. and 17 companions, including several Leavitt's, first crossed the Virgin River and set up camp in January 1877, later building the headquarters of their United Order on this site. In the town of Bunkerville, Dixie shared stories of what it was like growing up there. Many, many Leavitts are buried in the local cemetery. Many thanks to Dixie and Anne, and their son Dane and his wife Ruth for sharing their family history.

CENTERVILLE CHAPTER - Centerville, Utah



Indian Petroglyph

Our May meeting was planned by our trek board member, Don Olsen. He arranged for a marvelous tour of Nine Mile Canyon near Wellington in Carbon County, Utah. We were joined by some of our friends from the Bountiful Chapter and a few others who wanted to join us making a total of 47 people on the tour bus. We left our Centerville location at 7 am and traveled to Wellington where we met our guide, Layne Miller. He is a Carbon County Commissioner and has spent years exploring the canyon and has become an expert in the Nine Mile Canyon area. From the time Layne boarded our bus he told stories of the local area and its history. Then during each stop in the canyon he took us on to the various sites and explained the art created by the earliest people who

lived in the area, mainly Fremont and some Ute Indians and some that may have been Anasazi. These remarkable pictographs and petroglyphs, created by Native American cultures over thousands of years provide a window into their lives, beliefs, and cultural practices. Rock art is a catchall term for ancient drawings and carvings. Petroglyphs are etched into the rocks, while pictographs are painted on the rocks. There are over 1,000 rock art panels (collections found on one wall), and over 10,000 images in Nine Mile Canyon, making it the densest collection of rock art in the world. It is also considered one of the longest Indian art galleries extending nearly 40 miles. We returned to Centerville at 7:30 pm after a never-to-be-forgotten trek.

COTTON MISSION CHAPTER - St George, Utah



Scholarships

Our Cotton Mission Chapter dressed up in our Sunday best for our annual scholarship presentation dinner. Scholarship chairman, Durant McArthur and his committee enlisted the help of 38 members of our chapter and their wives to read the essays and help score them. 8 schools were represented, and the scholarship recipients were in attendance, along with their parents, families, and school counselors. One of the counselors spoke along with two of the scholarship winners. The

scholarship funds were donated by chapter members who were acknowledged by juror Janet Reber and President Brad Allen.

A Modern Pioneer Award was presented to long-time chapter member Dean C. Terry, who introduced a permanent scholarship endowment with a \$5000 donation at this meeting. Another Modern Pioneer Award was awarded to long-time educator and civic leader Steve Bennion. Both of their families were present and recognized as well.

EAGLE ROCK CHAPTER - Idaho Falls, Idaho



Steam Engine

The Eagle Rock Chapter provided 3 volunteers to act as Tour Guides for 4th Grade Field Trips at the Snake River Homestead Park. Providing them information on Idaho History, Mining in Idaho, observe typical mining artifacts, and provided them the opportunity to learn first-hand how to pan for "gold." Tubs filled with sand and water were seeded with small, polished rocks, or "gems." They loved finding a favorite gem to keep. The second week it rained and turned cold, but it didn't dampen their enthusiasm panning for gems. Plans are under way to relocate the Lincoln Sugar Factory Steam Engine Monument to the Snake River Homestead

Park. It will be repainted and put on display. We have begun watching for old vintage horse drawn farm implements that can be cleaned up and displayed in the park. The idea is to provide visitors a self-guided tour using their cell phone to scan an attached QR code for each of the implements. Each code will bring up a description of the artifact, what it was used for, and how it was used in the day. We intend to carry this concept forward over the next year and update each of our monuments with a QR code attached to the monument to bring up a short video/commentary about the monument.

HURRICANE CHAPTER - Hurricane, Utah



Brooklyn Meacham family

APRIL ACTIVITY: This month we had a wonderful time as we honored Larry LeBaron and his wife, Bonnie, as Modern-day Pioneers. With Arthur acting as MC for the family, we learned about the wonderful blessing this inspiring couple has been to the citizens of Hurricane. With Bonnie's expertise on the piano, and Larry's conducting skills, they led us as we sang the opening song.

Larry has been in construction all over the area, and Bonnie has blessed so many lives with her knowledge of music. They both have served in many different callings in the Church, with Larry recently being released as the President of the Spanish Branch. Larry was largely responsible for removing and relocating the Bell to the Bell Tower. He was also a Charter member of the Hurricane Valley SUP. Congratulations to these two wonderful Modern-day Pioneers!

The 2nd item of business was the presentation of Brooklyn Meacham who won the essay contest for 7th graders. She read her essay to us and did a great job. Her parents were with her. Dan Zaleski presented the Plaque and Award.

MAY EVENTS: Early this month the chapter took a trek to examine some of the early historic sites around Hurricane. There will be a separate letter detailing this wonderful trek.

MAY 28TH: We will be honored to have Jim Rhoades return and delight us with the stories of his ancestors that are now labeled today as the "Lost Rhoades Gold Mine" or Walkara's Gold. It is an amazing story that you won't want to miss. Jim is a great presenter. Dinner will be held at the red brick church on 100 west and 300 south in Hurricane. It will begin at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be potluck! We look forward to seeing you.

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE CHAPTER - South Jordan, Utah



Scholarship recipients

Pictured are the winners of this year's \$1,000 scholarships, Jason Peterson and Erin Grimshaw. At the right in the picture is the winner, Adelyn Anderson, of the fourth-grade essay on a family pioneer. What an evening! These beautiful youth and their family members made this one of our chapter's most memorable events ever. Erin mentioned she was being considered for a Sterling Scholarship of Visual Art. Erin announced this evening of just learning she

won that scholarship too. Congratulations to her for this accomplishment. Erin plans on attending UVU this fall. Jason plans on going on a mission this summer for his church to the Ivory Coast, Africa Mission. His scholarship will be held by us until he finishes his mission. Also presented this evening was a "Modern Pioneer Award" to David and Jan Treseder for their years of service to our Chapter and service at the SUP Library located at the National Offices.

MAPLE MOUNTAIN CHAPTER - Maple Mountain / Spanish Fork



Casey Griffiths

For our May Sons of Utah Pioneers Dinner and Presentation, we had the privilege of hearing from Dr. Casey Griffiths, a BYU Religion Professor. Dr. Griffiths began by introducing key methods for evaluating the authenticity of historical claims, using as an example a disputed photograph that some believe depicts the Prophet Joseph Smith. He then shared insights from his current research as he works on a forthcoming book

about the Mountain Meadows Massacre. While acknowledging the tragic and brutal nature of the event, Dr. Griffiths emphasized the importance of understanding the context in which it occurred—particularly the intense fear among Mormon settlers who believed they were under threat of attack by the U.S. Army. This climate of paranoia contributed to a defensive and siege-like mentality that shaped the settlers' perceptions and actions.

MESA ARIZONA CHAPTER - Mesa, Arizona



Matthew Wharton

The Mesa Arizona Chapter gathered on May 8th for our 2nd Thursday of the month "Potluck & Presentation." We met at a new location - Olive Ward building in downtown Mesa, AZ - as our previous one was unavailable in May. We will meet here from this point forward as it is more convenient

than the Evergreen Ward location. Our presenter this month was Past President Matthew Wharton, who shared fascinating information and stories about Skinner family history, of which he descends. A video of his presentation may be found on YouTube: [HERE](#).

MORGAN PIONEER CHAPTER - Morgan, Utah



Mont Woolley



Scholarship

The last luncheon until after the summer break. Before lunch was served the chapter presented the annual SUP High School scholarship. Courtney Ellis, daughter of Jim and Tiffany Ellis, received \$1000 toward her future education, planned for Snow College in Ephraim. Courtney was selected by the Morgan High Scholarship committee from over 60 applicants. Each student was judged by their activities during the year and by an essay, submitted about one of their pioneer ancestors. Congratulations Courtney. Gerald Betournay gave a short recap of the Chapter's latest outing, touring the Union Pacific roundhouse in Evanston, Wyoming. The main speaker for the luncheon was Morgan resident Mont Woolley. Born in Ogden, Mont served a mission to Western Canada. He studied at BYU earning degrees in Business Management and Recreational

Education. He is married to Mary Cole, and they are the parents of four children and 10 grandchildren. Mont taught seminary and Institute in the Church Education system for 35 years in Utah and California, including here in Morgan. Mont founded and operated Liahona Guided Tour Company for 17 years, leading groups to Mexico, Honduras and Guatemala. After years of study and research, Mont supports the theory that the history described in the Book of Mormon originated in Mesoamerica currently known as most of Central America. He presented what he considers overwhelming evidence to support that theory from archeology, customs of the area, language, geography and prophetic statements. His research and knowledge of the subject was both interesting and educational.

OGDEN PIONEER CHAPTER - Ogden, Utah



Coalville rock church

The Ogden Pioneer Chapter met on May 12, 2025. The Chapter made a trek to the Pioneer Village at Lagoon. We were divided into three groups with a separate guide. In 1975 Lagoon purchased the collection of

buildings from the Sons of Utah Pioneers. The variety of buildings, markers, and exhibits was enjoyed by all. The Rock Chapel shown below is from Coalville

PORTER ROCKWELL CHAPTER - Salt Lake City South, Utah



Kevin Tominey

Our Porter Rockwell Chapter speaker in April was Kevin Tominey, who, with his wife Jamie, recently returned from serving for 18 months in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). During that time, they mainly served in the mission office; however, they had plenty of opportunities to travel within the mission, meet many people, and learn much of the culture and the French language. The DRC is a former colony of Belgium.

Did you know? Because of the exponential growth in Church membership particularly in former French colonies in Africa, French

is projected to be the most widely spoken language in the Church by 2050! This is according to remarks by Elder David A. Bednar during a recent visit to the DRC. The number of monthly convert baptisms equates to several wards or a stake. The overwhelming challenge is to prepare leaders to direct all these new units. Kevin shared many cultural differences, some quite strange, but, it's a miracle that the work seems to get done, in spite of those differences. He was most impressed by how much weight can be carried on someone's head or a small car.

TAYLORSVILLE-BENNION CHAPTER - Taylorsville, Utah



The Taylorsville-Bennion Chapter Meeting for May was a bit different. Our main presenter didn't show up. We had a shorter meeting and did get to know each other a bit more. We have added a few members that are living at Summit Vista. It has increased our numbers with some good people to associate with. We did get to hear from one of our members-Keith Miller. He told us about the Jorgensen family that came from Denmark. They traveled for 86 days across the waters to get to the United States. It was interesting to hear of their story of immigration to the United States. We are now meeting at Summit Vista Retirement Community for our monthly Chapter meetings at 3390 West Signal Peak

Road Taylorsville. Our meetings begin at 6:30 pm with dinner at 6:00 pm if desired-on our own from the restaurant at Summit Vista. This enables those members from there to attend more often. We are looking forward to the opportunity that we have to walk in the Taylorsville Dayzz Parade on June 28th and we invite anyone that would like to walk with us to come out. We will be pulling a handcart along the parade route. We will meet at 8:00 am behind the Regal Crossroads Theater at 5516 South Redwood Road. For our July Chapter meeting, we will have the pleasure of having the Days of '47 Royalty come and speak and perform for us.

TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER - Logan, Utah



Scholarships

May was a great month for the Temple Fork chapter. We had a great trek to Wagon Land Adventures in Tremonton Utah. This was a joint trek with the Bear River chapter. There is a collection of over 400 vintage wagons in various stages of restoration. It was a great

trek back in time. Our monthly dinner was held at the Logan County Club. Following dinner we awarded three scholarships to three outstanding youth in our community. We then heard the life history of Daniel H. Wells presented by Brad Clayton.

TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER - American Fork, Utah



Scholarships

At our May meeting, the Timpanogos Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers was privileged to meet and honor our 2025 Pioneer Values and Creative Arts scholarship recipients. These exceptional students from Lone Peak, Pleasant Grove, and American Fork High Schools reminded us why we do this work: because the rising generation is not only capable—they are courageous, wise, and full of light! One literary arts recipient movingly wrote, *"I am a beneficiary of pioneer greatness... I believe that if I continue pressing forward with love for God and for all people, I will reach my personal Zion."* This spirit of faith-fueled perseverance echoed throughout the evening. We heard stories of students who have faced family tragedy, illness, and hardship, yet carry forward the same quiet grit and grace as their pioneer ancestors. Their talents, whether

in storytelling, visual symbolism, or lived example, stirred our hearts and reminded us that the legacy we cherish is alive and well. With 29 applicants and \$5,000 awarded across our three schools, we feel immense gratitude for these youth who not only remember their heritage but build upon it. These kids are proof that the pioneer spirit is alive and well! Pioneer Values Scholarships American Fork High School, Ellie Sorenson - \$1,000. Lone Peak High School, Elsie Atwood - \$1,000. Pleasant Grove High School, Ayzclen Sadie Rasmussen - \$1,000 Literary Arts 1st Place - Eden Lyman - \$500. 2nd Place - Parker Collins - \$300. 3rd Place - Ava Wilkins - \$200 Visual Arts 1st Place - Sophie Scoville - \$500. 2nd Place - Nathan Crump - \$300. 3rd Place - Ashlee Burniston - \$200

UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER - Rexburg, Idaho



Award of Excellence



Carry-on Award



Doug Nielsen

Chapter of Excellence Award was presented to our Chapter President, Dan Shewell, by F. Martell Grover, Area Vice-President. This is the sixth consecutive year the chapter has received this recognition. It is awarded to chapters who meet high standards of unity, preservation of pioneer history, addition of new members, and outreach to youth through scholarships.

"Carry-On" Merit Award Recipients. Recipients of the "Carry On" Merit Award were introduced to the chapter members. In the picture, they are, from left to right: grandparents of Gideon Tice from Madison, Sophie Crapo from Sugar-Salem High School, Caroline Huml from South Fremont High School, and Amy Bennett from Rigby High School. They received a framed picture of a handcart girl pulling her handcart in a winter storm. They also received a check for \$500.00 to help with their educational or service-oriented plans.

PROGRAM: The chapter members enjoyed a hearty meal of Sloppy Joes, salads, and cookies before a lively discussion about the Mormon Battalion, led by Doug Nielsen, President-Elect. His presentation focused on the following themes: Manifest Destiny- Manifest destiny was the 19th-century belief that the U.S. had a divine mission to expand across North America. It was used to justify expansionism, slavery, and imperialism. Trail - The Mormon Battalion was a group of 500 Latter-day Saints who volunteered to fight in the Mexican American War in 1846-1848. Mutiny -- General Kearney tried to assume leadership from John C. Fremont, who represented the Army and was a cartographer, but he had to back down. He and Fremont had 150 men each and the Mormon Battalion had 330 by the time they arrived in California. Fremont was arrested and convicted in Washington DC. The Mormon Battalion tried to help those that were in California by making bricks.