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Parting of the Ways August 8-13 Rock Springs Convention

By Candy Moulton
NFP Editor

During the 19th century, tens of thousands of people traveled through southwest Wyoming en route to new opportunities. Fur trappers and traders followed Indian trails into the region. The eastbound Astorian group led by Robert Stuart in 1812 identified the South Pass that ultimately became the conduit for most of the later emigrants.

Dr. Fred Gowans, emeritus professor at Brigham Young University in Provo, UT, will discuss the era of the mountain men in his keynote address to the Oregon-California Trails Association during the annual convention Aug. 8-13 in Rock Springs, WY. Convention sessions will be held at Western Wyoming College.

Gowans is a knowledgeable and popular speaker on the subject of the fur trade. Among his books are *Rocky Mountain Rendezvous: A History of the Fur Trade from 1825-1840*; *Mountain Man Grizzly*; *A Fur Trade History of Yellowstone Park: Notes, Documents, Maps*; and *Discovery and Exploration of the Great Fur Trade Road*. With Eugene E. Campbell

Gowans co-authored *Fort Bridger: Islands in the Wilderness* and *Fort Supply: Brigham Young's Green River Experiment*. He will address the South Pass area and the fur trade during his presentation to OCTA.

Also slated to give talks during the convention is Todd Guenther, an archaeologist and former curator at both South Pass City and the Lander Pioneer Museum. He teaches anthropology, history, and museum studies at Central Wyoming College and will discuss the historical importance of South Pass.

Clint Gilchrist, president of the Sublette County Historical Society, will present "Letters Along the Trail & New Fork Crossing Park."

Wyoming OCTA Chapter Vice President and historian Tom Rea of Casper will discuss the ownership and use of land in the Martin's Cove area. Gary Long, author of *The Journey of the James G. Willie Handcart Company*, will discuss that Mormon handcart trek while Lee Whiteley, author of *The Cherokee Trail: Bent's Old Fort to Fort Bridger*, will share information about the Cherokee Trail.

Convention hotels in Rock Springs are the Holiday Inn, 1675

Sunset Drive, 307-382-9200; Holiday Inn Express, 1660 Sunset Drive, 307-362-9200; and the Quality Inn, 1670 Sunset Drive, 307-382-9490. There are a number of other hotels in Rock Springs or Green River.

The week begins with pre-convention tours along the Overland Trail, led by David Johnson on Aug. 7; along the Cherokee Trail led by Jack and Pat Fletcher and Roger and Susan Hornbuckle on Aug. 7 and 8; on the Sublette Cutoff, led by Karen and Steve Rennells. Aug. 7 and 8; on the Seminole Trail led by Randy Brown and Lee Underbrink on Aug. 7; on the California-Mormon Trail led by John Eldridge on Aug. 7 and 8; and on the Lander Cutoff led by Tom McCutcheon and Jim Luckey on Aug. 7 and 8.

The National OCTA Board meets on Monday, Aug. 8, with an opening convention reception that evening.

During the opening program, Aug. 9 Wyoming State BLM Director Don Simpson will address the convention. A panel discussion will address various trail issues and the first of the talks will be

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OCTA Gains Ellenbecker Archives

By Duane Iles
OCTA Vice President

John G. Ellenbecker of Marysville, KS, was an early historian, researcher, preservationist, and lover of the trails. John was a friend of Howard Driggs, Paul Henderson, William Henry Jackson, and the other pioneers of the Oregon Trail Memorial Association and American Pioneer Trails Association. He was the director of the Kansas region and was the moving force behind installing trail markers in Kansas, as well as along the entire Oregon and Pony Express trails.

Besides marking the trail, Ellenbecker wrote *Jayhawkers of Death Valley*, the story of the a group of young gold seekers from Galesburg, IL. John lived at a time when he was able to correspond directly with descendants of these pioneers, while memories were still fresh. He wrote many articles and pamphlets about the Pony Express. He corresponded with several men who had been riders and station personnel of the Pony Express, as well as with their families.

Ellenbecker wrote a pamphlet, "The Indian Raid on the Upper Little Blue," and articles about the Indian raids along the Little Blue River in southern Nebraska. The pamphlet and newspaper articles about the raids were more recently produced by Lyn Ryder, in *John G. Ellenbecker, Tragedy at the Little Blue*.

John was born January 29, 1867, at Hancock, MI, and died April 25, 1945, at Marysville, KS. His son Raymond and daughter Irene

saved and preserved his many papers and correspondence. Irene never had children, but Ray's family continued the preservation of the collection. In their desire to make the papers permanently preserved and available to modern day historians, they have generously donated personal correspondence and papers to the Oregon-California Trails Association.

The Ellenbecker Collection will become a permanent part of the Merrill Mattes Library.



Howard Driggs, left, and John Ellenbecker, right, at the Ft. Kearny marker. (Photo from Ellenbecker Collection)

OCTA Convention

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held in the afternoon with chapter meetings also slated for Tuesday.

Wednesday, Aug. 10, will feature a full line-up of speakers plus workshops on GPS, preservation, displays by Wyoming History Day winners, and current OCTA projects. During the day the OCTA Book Room will be open and the silent auction will be open for bidding. The awards banquet and live auction will be held that evening.

Tours to South Pass, Pinedale, Browns Park, and Fort Bridger will take place on Aug. 11. The

OCTA Book Room will be open from 4 to 9 p.m. with authors on hand from 7 to 9 p.m. The OCTA Band also will perform.

On Aug. 12 the tours will be repeated. A dedication ceremony of preserved Overland Trail ruts at Sage Elementary School is at 5:30 p.m. followed by a screening of *In Pursuit of a Dream* at the WWCC Theater at 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, Aug. 13, a History Day event will take place at Expedition Island in Green River with wagons, presentations, music, and more (See related article on page 10).

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Passing on Preservation and Trails Experiences

By Bill Martin
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Like the emigrants, OCTA members come to the trails from many different directions. And just like emigrants who pulled together despite often having little more than the common bond of hardship and reward on the trail, OCTA and its 11 chapters are working toward a shared goal.

That shared goal comes from our national organization, which provides the thread that unites our diversities and brings a common purpose to making certain that our mission of trails protection and preservation of the trails extends far beyond the specific trails located within our chapter areas.

Each chapter has its own set of trail landmarks, of which it is justifiably proud and protective. But it is OCTA's national presence that connects the individuality of these often-revered locations one to the other. No one is more appreciative than I am of the contributions made by our chapters. But it is the national organization that makes sure that our preservation, protection, and education policies know no state or chapter boundaries, just as the trails knew no boundaries.

As someone who has been involved in OCTA leadership for more than a decade, I know that one of our biggest challenges is to provide our national organization with a new generation of leaders who can continue to build on the progress we've made in the last

three decades.

This is an exciting time to be an OCTA member and to be involved both at the chapter and the national level. Our "In Pursuit of A Dream" movie is finding a national audience. We have conventions lined up through 2014. Our proposal for the Southern National Historic Trail is gaining support.

We have a new national focus on getting young people involved on the trails, perhaps our greatest legacy. Threats to the trails are never going to go away and will require us to be vigilant, as chapters and as a national organization; young people today are the trail preservationists of tomorrow.

OCTA National is committed to providing the framework and the tools for a new youth movement, but it will take the initiative of our chapters if it is going to get traction. Each chapter needs to have someone willing to take the lead. Then it will be important for the chapters to make sure that young people are involved in chapter activities, such as trail marking, clean ups, and even picnics. This may not directly build OCTA's membership base today, but now is the time to get young people involved—the *future* members and preservationists.

There is no greater contribution we can make to preservation and protection of the trails than to start working now on the next generation of people who will care as much as we do.

OCTA is a great organization

and its strength always has been and always will be in its chapters.

As I complete my two-year term, I want to thank every OCTA member for the role you are playing in keeping our greatest national legacy alive.

Paul C. Sawyer Dies

Paul C. Sawyer, longtime OCTA member and staunch supporter of the California Trail Interpretive Center in Elko, died April 25 at his home in Elko. He was born in Winnemucca on April 2, 1917, and spent his early years with his family on the IL Ranch in northern Elko County. He later moved to Elko. He met his future wife, Phyllis Blair, in first grade. They were married shortly after they graduated from Elko County High School. She preceded him in death in 2001.

Mr. Sawyer helped establish Northern Nevada Community College, now known as Great Basin College. He spent years planning the California National Historic Trail Interpretive Center. He also helped mark the California Trail throughout northern Nevada.

Survivors include three daughters and many grandchildren.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Kerak Shrine Temple; Children's Hospital 4835 Energy Way Reno, NV 89502-4105; California Trail Interpretive Center Foundation c/o David Stanton, 530 Idaho St, Elko NV 89801; or Great Basin College Foundation, PO Box 2056, Elko, NV 89803.

Annual Fund Drive Results are Truly Outstanding

By Kathy Conway
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We finished this year almost \$11,000 over our budgeted goal for the OCTA Annual Fund drive. We are thrilled to report the following results:

General Fund	\$18,816
Education	2,500
Endowment	1,630
Preservation	3,889
Designated	4,000
Total	\$30,835

Those contributing since our last reporting in the Spring *NFP* are

Jim Allison
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Membership Recruitment Drive Continues

By Duane Iles
OCTA Vice President

OCTA continues its 2011 membership drive and is providing an "I Got Mine" bandana to each individual who recruits a new member during the year. Have you recruited your new member and earned your bandana yet? There is still time. When the bandanas are gone, they will become part of the OCTA history and collectables.

If you are going to the Rock

Springs convention, be sure to have and wear your "I Got Mine" bandana.

All you have to do to earn yours is to recruit one member. Be sure to put your name on the application or let Kathy at headquarters know whom you encouraged to join.

Join your friends in the "I Got Mine" Club! Recent recruiters are these members:

Sonny Bergum
Bert & Gayle Eddins*

Alma O'Hare
Stephan Graham
Dorman Lehman
Jess & Nancy Petersen
Vern and Ilene Gorzitze
Rinker Buck
Jerry Eichhorst*
Bill Petersen*
Quackgrass Sally
Pat Etter*
Bill Wilson
Dave Taylor

* denotes multiple recruits

In Pursuit of a Dream Reaches Milestone

By Travis Boley
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The long, long process of making a movie has finally come to its most rewarding stage. *In Pursuit of a Dream*, OCTA's multiple award-winning docudrama featuring students on the Oregon Trail, is now officially in distribution. It began with a \$100,000 donation from Malcolm Smith in September 2006.

After putting together all of the necessary financing, cast and crew hit the trail in Wyoming and Oregon in the summer of 2008. Two weeks later, OCTA's production company (Boston Productions) had over 120 hours of footage "in the can," and then began the most arduous part of the process—editing everything down to an 84-minute film.

A rough cut was prepared in time for OCTA's 2009 convention in Loveland, CO, where the film debuted at the beautifully restored 1920s-era Rialto Theater. Many of the cast and crew members were on hand and in costume for this incredible red carpet event, held for a packed house of 450. Comment cards were handed out to the audience, and many of the suggestions that appeared on these cards were used to guide further edits.

In Pursuit of a Dream was officially completed in January 2010, and then began the next step—the

film festival circuit.

The movie made its film festival debut at Hollywood's International Family Film Festival (IFFF) in March 2010. After earning a Finalist distinction at the IFFF, *In Pursuit of a Dream* went on to garner multiple awards.

After winning the Oregon Heritage Excellence Award, the movie won a Silver Remi at the 43rd Annual WorldFest in Houston, the Spur Award from the Western Writers of America, and Best Experimental Film at the Oregon Film Awards. It was also a Finalist at the Kids First! Film Festival in Santa Fe and the Trail Dance Film Festival in Duncan, OK.

The movie screened at the Boston International Film Festival and the Cheyenne International Film Festival, among others. This week it is showing at the Columbia Gorge International Film Festival in Vancouver, WA.

All of these awards garnered the attention of potential distributors, and OCTA signed with Seattle's McLean Media in 2010. By early 2011, McLean Media had selected Landmark Media in Falls Church, VA, as the DVD distributor in the United States and Canada. Landmark is one of the nation's larger distributors of social studies multimedia packages.

McLean continues to search out both a domestic broadcaster as well as international distributors.

Landmark Media's primary focus over the next year or so will be to sell the movie to school districts all over the country. They are also prepared to sell them movie at a retail level to individuals.

The finished product features two DVDs—both the 84-minute feature-length docudrama *In Pursuit of a Dream*, as well as a 24-minute DVD containing short vignettes on everything from river crossings, to trail impacts on Shoshone culture, oxen, and trail preservation. The vignettes contain original footage not used in the actual movie.

Landmark Media launched its new web site in early June 2011. Of the 1,600 titles distributed by Landmark, only nine are featured on their homepage. *In Pursuit of a Dream* is one of those nine. You can order the two-DVD set at www.landmarkmedia.com/inpursuitofadream for only \$39.

You can also place your order by calling Landmark toll-free at (800) 342-4336. Finally, copies can be purchased at any screenings hosted by OCTA, including during the Rock Springs convention in August 2011.

Since 2010 the film has screened at theaters and special events along the trail in Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming, Utah, Idaho, Oregon, and California.

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Chapter Follows Scenic Byway

*By Jerry Eichhorst
IOCTA President and Webmaster*

Spring has been slow to come to southern Idaho this year. With nearly double the normal snowpack in the mountains, and with rain and wind in the desert, it has been a long wait to get out on the trails.

A group of Boy Scouts braved the weather to install 15 concrete marker posts along the Main Oregon Trail Back Country Byway in April.

Carmela Winery in Glens Ferry hosted the IOCTA spring meeting on Saturday, May 21, where 35 people attended a short business meeting followed by a slide show presentation on the byway. After lunch, the group took a tour of the byway from Glens Ferry to Highway 20 north of Mountain Home. Interpretive sign panels were installed along the way to help wrap up the byway project. After a short break, half of the group continued along the highway to Bonneville Point outside of Boise to install the remaining panels. Thanks to all of the people who joined us for the meeting and tour. It was encouraging to see so many new members and visitors.

The next chapter outing will be a day of short hikes on the North Alternate Oregon Trail on Saturday, June 25. Complete details can be found on the IOCTA web site at <www.IdahoOCTA.org>.

We will explore the area of the North Alternate and Kelton Road crossings of Malad River and then hike for a mile from a low ridge down towards Clover Creek. This hike will lead people through a four-foot deep swale.

A California Trail caravan tour is being planned for late July. This trek will go from Oakley near the

Idaho border along the California Trail to Highway 93 north of Wells, Nevada. An outing on Hudspeth Cutoff in eastern Idaho is being planned for September. Details will be available on the IOCTA website soon.

We look forward to a summer with interesting activities across the southern part of the state.



Chapter members and guests at the Rattlesnake Creek interpretive sign while on tour of the Oregon Trail Byway. (Photo courtesy of Jerry Eichhorst)

Trail Feasibility Scoping in Casper, WY

*By Jackie Ellis
Wyoming Chapter Member*

About 30 interested citizens attended a well-organized meeting in Casper, WY, to discuss the NPS scoping regarding 64 additions to the major recognized trails, four of which are the east/west trails in Wyoming. Only those segments on the list will be considered for

inclusion in the trails system.

OCTA members in attendance were Lee Underbrink, Ray Brubaker, Edna Kennell, Pinky and Jackie Ellis, Marie Henthorn, Arlene Wegner, Tom Rea, and Vern and Carol Osborne.

Attending the meeting were several other locals interested in preserving history whom we encouraged to join OCTA.

Spring Meeting Symposium in Quincy

*By John Winner
Chapter President*

The California-Nevada Chapter held its spring business meeting coupled with a spring symposium in Quincy, CA, over the weekend of April 29, 30 and May 1, 2011. The business meeting featured two chapter videos produced by chapter web site editor Dee Owens, one showcasing the chapter activities from 2010, the other, a 30-minute video on the "Mapping of the Johnson's Cutoff" illustrating the work of the Johnson's Cutoff mapping team.

The video also featured Krista Deal, archaeologist for the Pacific Ranger District of the Eldorado National Forest, commenting on the effect of volunteers on the mapping process in an effort to preserve the historic resources in the National Forest. Another highlight of the meeting was a presentation by OCTA National President Bill Martin who shared with the group insight into OCTA's commitment to preservation and the importance of participation.

The Quincy/Plumas County

area is home to the Beckwourth Trail. For years Andy and Joanne Hammond devoted much of their time to research and mapping the Beckwourth Trail. Scott Lawson, director of the Plumas County Museum, who worked with the Hammonds, gave a power point presentation on the history and the location of the Beckwourth Trail.

Tom DeMond, author of, *From Slave to Superstar of the Wild West*, shared his perspective on the life and times of Jim Beckwourth. Tom followed Beckwourth's footsteps throughout the country retracing his life from the Virginia plantation where he was born, to his young adult life in St. Louis, through Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, and California. The research spanned from the time he was a slave through his years as a mountain man, trapper, and guide.

Dan Elliott, forest archaeologist/heritage program manager for the Plumas National Forest, presented a power point program on the recent efforts by the Forest Service in documenting the remains of the Beckwourth Trail in the Plu-

mas National Forest. The Forest Service is seeking to work with volunteers to preserve this historic trail.

Wayne Monger, charter life member of the Feather River Rail Society, spoke of the building of the railroad through the Feather River Canyon and over the Sierra Nevada. Recently a photo album was discovered that documented the building of the railroad between 1905 and 1908. From these rare photos, Wayne prepared a power point presentation for the audience; however, afterwards, by slipping on a pair of white gloves, individuals had an opportunity to view the original photo album.

On Sunday, the group met at the Plumas County Museum in preparation for auto tours of several sites along the Beckwourth Trail, including the alleged cabin of Jim Beckwourth.

The symposium also included evening receptions, a banquet dinner, silent auction, awards, tours of the museum and lots of socializing.

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Chapter Treks Explore Oregon Trail Sites

*Northwest Chapter
By Jim Tompkins*

Northwest Chapter is in full swing for the current year of outings and maintaining its efforts to preserve the Oregon Trail and its viewshed from windmills. The chapter also is gearing up for the 2013 convention. We just completed an outing along the Oregon Trail main route from Well Springs on the Boardman Bombing Range to Cecil to Fourmile Canyon. The tour was led by new chapter vice president Rich Herman.

NWOCTA members were the guests of the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Committee (the state governor's advisory committee for all historic trails) as that group met in The Dalles on June 4 to look at the cut-off from the main trail to the Barlow Road. Other tours this season will be in Cottage Grove, OR, along the Applegate Trail; over Mt. Hood in Oregon on the Barlow Road; and over Mt. Rainier in Washington on the Naches Pass Trail.

Although it is too early to declare any victory in the efforts to preserve the sections of the Oregon Trail that lay along the path of projected windmill construction, partnerships are forcing energy companies to look carefully at their locations. A current hot spot is near Ladd Canyon south of LaGrande, OR, where NWOCTA's newly named chapter preservation officer Billy Symms, national preservation officer Leslie

Fryman, former chapter preservation officer Dave Welch, former national president and current OHTAC president Glenn Harrison, and active member Stafford Hazlett are meeting with the energy company that wishes to build what they call Antelope Ridge. Questions about the classification of the ruts where emigrants lowered their wagons down into the Grande Ronde Valley as well as archaeological concerns are being discussed.

At the National OCTA Mid-Year Board meeting in Utah, OCTA approved NWOCTA's bid to host the 2013 convention at Oregon City.

The NW chapter has hosted conventions before, in Oregon City in 1983, in Baker City in 1993, Pendleton in 1998, and Vancouver in 2004.

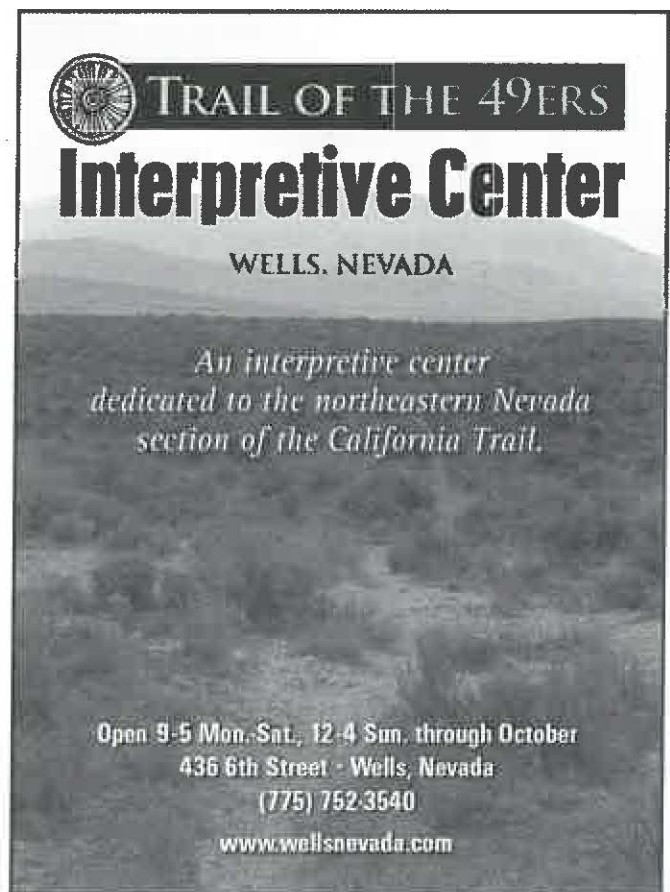
An organizing committee is being put together and topics are being brainstormed. Some of the activities suggested for tours, speakers, entertainment and other events are new and some are oldies but goodies.

Themes may

include wintering over at the end of the trail, finding a farm, claiming a piece of land, and building families and communities.

The committee is taking suggestions for events that could include an Indian salmon bake, hikes on the Barlow Road on Mt. Hood, trips to historic pioneer farms such as Foster Farm or Aurora Colony, and visits to pioneer destinations such as French Prairie or the Oregon coast.

Other activities might include tours to wind power project sites or old forts. At this point the possibilities are wide open. See you in 2013.



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Chapter Marks Hastings Cutoff



Craig Fuller, left, of the Utah State Historical Society, Roy Kelsey, BLM, and Chuck Millikan, NPS, with one of the newly placed Hastings Cutoff signs. (Photo courtesy Oscar Olson)

By Oscar Olson
Chapter Member

During the April membership meeting of Crossroads Chapter, Lyndia Carter gave a talk about the problems pioneers encountered when trailing animals (mostly sheep) to California.

On May 5, chapter members met with BLM and NPS representatives in Skull Valley, UT, to mark the Hastings road across the area for the aid of the traveling public and to support the recent NPS road guide. Seven members assisted in digging holes, mixing concrete, and bolting together 16 directional signs.

On May 12 we set another batch of signs on the west side of the Cedar Mountains.

Roy Tea directed the annual spring field trip on May 7. After

gathering at the BLM office in Salt Lake City, we traveled west on I-80 for a coffee-donut break at Grassy Mountain Rest Area. We drove the dike road to Floating Island, and then explored the Hastings road around Floating Island and Silver Island. We checked markers in the area and some members took a short hike before we had lunch at the tip of Silver Is-

land, where we have another trail marker.

Later in the day we stopped at a petroglyph (one of few ever found on Silver Island), and then went to Donner Spring to assess what work needs to be done with our view kiosks and fences.

A leadership meeting was held May 19 in Salt Lake City. We encouraged members to be involved with National BLM Trails Day activities in Skull Valley on June 4.

We mourn the passing of W. L. "Bud" Rusho, 82, an early member of Crossroads Chapter, who died March 1 of a sudden illness. He was truly one of Utah's most knowledgeable historians, and was a writer, author, and movie maker.

Survivors are his widow, Carole, plus four children and two grandchildren. We will miss him.

Western History Day Aug. 13 in Green River

By Fern Linton
Convention Chair

Western History Day will be an educational, free, fun-filled day for persons of all ages to experience history. It will be held on Expedition Island in Green River, WY, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Aug., 13. It is open to the public and OCTA convention attendees.

The purpose of Western History Day is for the public to experience our pioneer heritage by demonstrations and skits depicting life that was common to emigrants traveling the trails to the West in the middle and late 1800s.

We will have live demonstrations of frontier life and activities. A sheep wagon, a covered wagon, a pony express rider, a Mormon handcart, a Wells Fargo stage coach, a jail or prison wagon and a tipi, will be on the island. Some cast members of *In Pursuit of A Dream* will have a camp on the island.

In the Expedition hall there will be several skits by persons portraying characters from the trail. "Ellen" will tell the story of "a day in the life" of a woman on the trail. "Fanny" will give an interesting story about a woman and her adopted niece, Mary, who were captured by the Indians.

In addition, there will be demonstrations of hand quilting, spinning, bead work, crocheted rugs, and Dutch oven cooking. Local authors will sign their books.

In the evening a western dinner will be held at Expedition Island Pavilion with entertainment by Buffalo Bill Boycott.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to OCTA:

Gerald T. Ahnert, Syracuse, NY
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 Gloria Bradfield, Evergreen, CO
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