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## **SUMMER TALK SERIES BEGINS**

The *Summer 2004 History in the Park - Stories from the West* talks will kick off with a presentation about 49ers and the Gold Rush on Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. on the lawn in the City Park immediately behind the Northeastern Nevada Museum in Elko.

Sponsored by the Northeastern Nevada Museum, Nevada Humanities Council, and the Bureau of Land Management Elko Field Office, the *History in the Park - Stories from the West* is a free lecture series reflecting the wealth of history of Nevada and the American West. Most of the talks will focus on stories of the California National Historic Trail.

Claudia Wines, Director of the Northeastern Nevada Museum and organizer of the lecture series, commented, "We had so much fun with last year's stories that we decided to do it again. The number of people who came to the talks was amazing. This year, the Nevada Humanities Council has joined us in sponsoring the series. We've got a great lineup of talks and we're bringing in some noted historians."

Topics for the series include *Stories from the California Trail* (June 15<sup>th</sup>), *Impact of the Gold Rush on Mormon Settlements in the Great Basin* (June 29<sup>th</sup>), *Law and Disorder on the California Trail* (July 13<sup>th</sup>), *Women's Perspectives on the California Trail* (July 27<sup>th</sup>), and *Donner Party Cooking Strategies* (August 10<sup>th</sup>).

The first talk on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m., is called *Characters to California* and will be presented by BLM Elko Public Affairs Officer Mike Brown.

Brown described, "Hundreds of thousands of people not only heard the news of gold in California, but packed up stakes and headed West to find their share of the wealth. The experience of those gold seekers added a profound chapter to the fabric of American History. Those experiences also produced hundreds of thousands of stories - one for every man, woman,

and child who made the journey west. The talk will focus on the stories of several people and their adventures on the road to California.”

All talks begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be held behind the Museum in the City Park. In the event of inclement weather, the talks will be moved indoors to the Museum theater. All talks are free and the public is encouraged to attend. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for open seating on the grass.

For more information about the series, contact the Northeastern Nevada Museum in Elko, (775) 738-3418.

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