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SUMMER TALK SERIES CONTINUES

The Summer 2004 *History in the Park - Stories from the West* continues with a presentation on the Gold Rush and its influence on the Mormon settlement of the Great Basin on Tuesday, June 29th 7:00 p.m. on the lawn in the City Park immediately behind the Northeastern Nevada Museum in Elko.

The talk, entitled *Zion's Gold*, will be given by David Jamiel, Project Manager of BLM Elko's California National Historic Trail Interpretive Center.

In describing his presentation, Jamiel commented, "In the Summer of 1848, only one year after arriving in the Salt Lake Valley, the small Mormon colony was struggling for its life. Faced with poor housing, shortages of food, clothing and agricultural and construction tools, and with thousands of emigrants heading towards the Valley, the colony seemed doomed to failure. However, by the end of 1848 word of gold in California had spread throughout the world and this event would have a profound effect on the little Mormon colony."

Jamiel continued, "What were the economic and social effects of the gold discovery on the Mormon colony? What was the Church's official stand on members taking part in the search for gold? Discover how travelers to California viewed the Mormon colony during an extended stay as compared to those who quickly passed through Salt Lake City. What were the impacts on the development and settlement of the Great Basin during the remainder of the 19th Century? These and others topics will be covered."

The Summer 2004 *History in the Park - Stories from the West* program is a free lecture series reflecting the wealth of history of Nevada and the American West. Several of the talks focus on stories of the California National Historic Trail.

Sponsored by the Northeastern Nevada Museum, Nevada Humanities Council, and the Bureau of Land Management Elko Field Office, 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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