

# Utah's Celebration of Our Freedom and Western Lifestyle

This event will be held in Richfield Utah at the Sevier Valley Center September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, with a duel concert beginning at 7:00 pm on the 9<sup>th</sup> with the Due West and Daryl Worley Bands. For tickets call Sevier Valley Center 435-893-2223 or visit website <http://svc.snow.edu/>.

Beginning at 8:00am on the 10<sup>th</sup> will be a day of learning about several Icons of the Old Western Lifestyle. Listed below is a short bio of the presenter and short session description.

Each Session will only be given once. The presentation will be 40 min. followed by a 10 min. question & answer session.

For to The Saturday learning sessions are free but you need to register through the Sevier County Website [www.seviercounty.net](http://www.seviercounty.net) if you need further information call Gordon Topham at 435-201-0381

**9:00 to 9:50 AM**

**Dave Ogden session on Impact of trails on the western lifestyle and development.**

Dave is in a time warp and should be living in about 1830. The records show that he grew up in Richfield, loved all sports and played college baseball and basketball. He never did let his schooling interfere with his education.

Dave served an LDS mission in Scotland and married Lana King from Antimony when he was about a hundred and forty two. They

do have five children and fourteen grandchildren. They live in the present but all agree that I am older even than I look. Dave will be presenting in the character of Jedidiah Smith  
Dave is past president of a lot of stuff and currently Mayor of Richfield City. Dave believes that a nation that forgets it's past can function no better than a person with amnesia.

Trails

Dave will teach about the impact of various trade trails that came in and through Utah from 1776 through the 1876. Dave knows these trails and the people who created them and used them.

Native peoples traversed these corridors of time and space for a hundreds of years. Their reaction to the travelers, traders and pioneers of the 18th and 19th centuries is fascinating and will be discussed. Hold on to your seat and your hair.

**10:00 to 10:50 AM**

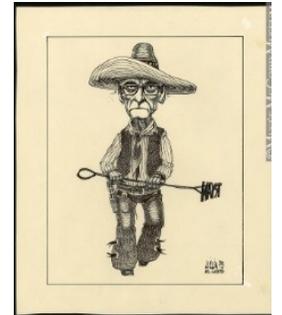
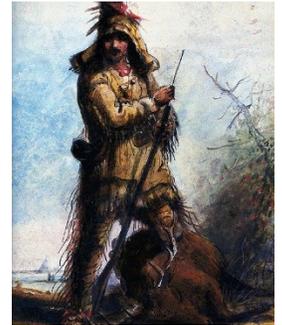
**Shyrel Baker and Don Lindsey session on livestock branding history and purpose.**

Shyrel Baker lives in Salina and works for the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food as a livestock inspector and fills the position of district supervisor in the southern district.

Shyrel will be talking about the beginning of branding livestock and the importance of marking our livestock. He also will be talking about theft and the proactive approach we as brand inspectors are taking.

Don Lindsay lives in Venice works for the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food as a livestock inspector in the Sevier Valley. Don plays in a band and trains reining cow horses.

Don will be talking about the robbers roost area and the happenings there with Butch Cassidy and his gang as it relates to unbranded cattle and other stories.



**11:00 to 11:50 AM**

**Dan High session on the western saddle construction, purpose and history.**

Dan was born and raised in Monroe, Utah, Dan began working on saddles alongside his father, Ross Christensen, in 1987. Ross taught Dan to make durable, comfortable saddles and all the other tack for western disciplines. Horses and horse training have been a lifelong passion for Dan as he grew up riding and rodeoing with his family. He currently resides in Monroe with his wife, Ashley, and their four children. They farm alfalfa, run a Quarter Horse breeding program, and own a successful saddle shop called High Quality Saddles where they sell saddles from Alaska to New Zealand.

Dan will be discussing a brief history of the western saddle. He will also explain the parts of the saddle and their function, along with a summary of what goes into building a western saddle.

At Dan's presentation will be displayed the saddle owned and used by David O. McKay in his cowboy days. McKay later became the president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.



**12:00 to 12:50 PM**

**Big Daddy's Deli session on the typical meal in the old west.**

Big Daddy is a Deli located in Richfield and under contract to provide food services at the Sevier Valley Center.

They will be cooking for the attendees some of the dishes a pioneer family or trail crew could expect to eat in the old west. They will answer questions about the cooking process and we will have the opportunity to eat a typical frontier meal.

Apple Dumpling Soup, Trail Beans, Soda Biscuits, Molasses Pudding, and Vinegar Lemonade



**1:00 to 1:50 PM**

**Lora Mullins session on the history of quilting and it's role in the western lifestyle.**

Lora is the owner of a quilting supply shop in Richfield Utah, she has lots of experience and understanding of the quilting process and history.

Lora will be sharing the history of quilting especially as it relates to the American west. As part of this celebration there will be a large quilting conference taking place on the Snow College Richfield campus with many examples of quilts on display.



**2:00 to 2:50 PM**

**Bill Zargo session of Old Western Gardening Experience from Wild to Cultivated.**

Bill is a retired College Professor from Utah State University and the past director of the Western Heritage Museum in Logan, Utah. He has a great deal of interest in and knowledge of pioneer use of plants..

He will be sharing his understanding of the pioneers use and understanding of the wild plants as well as cultivated plant seeds their homelands and how important they were to the survival of the Western families.



**3:00 to 3:50 PM**

**Jo Lynne Kirkwood session on the history of Cowboy Poetry in the west and some examples of Cowboy Poetry.**

Long time Sevier County resident Jo Lynne Kirkwood lives on a farm just outside Sigurd, Utah. She is a well-known Cowboy Poet, and is frequently invited to perform at festivals and private events throughout the west. Her awards include first place wins from British Columbia and Sons of the Pioneer contests, A Lariat Laureate, an Academy of Western Artist's Best Cowgirl Poet, and publication in numerous magazines and anthologies including American Cowboy, Western Horseman, and a recent collection from Range Magazine. Jo Lynne was Sevier County's 2015 recipient for the National Day of the Cowboy Award presented by Ogden's Pioneer Days. A decedent from original Utah pioneers, Jo Lynne tells the stories of Utah's ranching and cowboy heritage in her stories and poems. She will be talking to us about the history of cowboy poetry and sharing examples from the classic poets as well as selections from her own work



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