



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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A few months ago, I was honored by my SUP Chapter as a "21st Century Pioneer". When I was first informed of this award, I reflected on the word *PIONEER* and what it really means and what might qualify me to be honored as a *PIONEER*. I immediately went to the dictionary and read the definition of *PIONEER*. Here is what it said, "The word *PIONEER* is derived from the French word **pion**, or 'foot soldier'. *PIONEER* originally denoted a soldier whose task was to prepare the way for the main body of troops marching to a new area. From this use the word was applied to anyone who ventures into an unknown region." In

addition, the definition was more explicit in stating: (1) one who ventures into an unexplored or unclaimed territory to settle, (2) an innovator, to innovate or participate in the development of something, and, (3) to explore, open up, or settle.

After reading this definition, I pondered my life experiences to assess whether or not there were events, actions, or accomplishments that might even remotely qualify me to be considered a *PIONEER*. Although I found seminal experiences or events that might qualify as pioneering actions, I came to the conclusion that it wasn't so much the deeds that qualify me or you as a *PIONEER*, but whether or not we act in accordance with the **pioneer values** that we as members of the SUP espouse. While serving my community, profession, church, country, and family, do I reflect these values? During my life have I exhibited faith in God, devotion to family, loyalty to church and country? Have I demonstrated courage in adversity, personal integrity, and unyielding determination in my daily living? If one can answer Yes to these questions then one would be considered a Pioneer, at least in Spirit, which is much more important than any pioneering deeds or actions that might be more recognizable by the world and fit more closely the traditional definition of a *PIONEER*.

I am convinced that any of us in the SUP can and ought to be considered a *PIONEER* if we live and exhibit these **pioneer values**. I would encourage all of us to review these **pioneer values** on a regular basis and incorporate them more fully into our lives. We will become the greatest advertisement for what is good about the Sons of Utah Pioneers.



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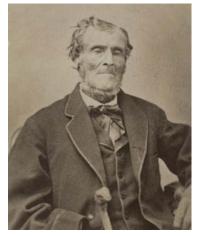
FINDING MARTIN HARRIS

By William H. Homer

I first saw Martin Harris in Kirtland, Ohio, about the last of December, 1869. On my return from a mission in England, I stopped to visit some of my relatives in Pennsylvania. On resuming my journey, one of my cousins, James A. Crockett, came as far as Kirtland, Ohio with me. We remained in Kirtland over night and the next morning, after breakfast, we asked the landlord who was the custodian of the Mormon Temple at Kirtland. He informed us that Martin Harris was the custodian, and pointed out where we would find the old gentleman. Accordingly, we went to the door and

knocked. In answer to our knock there came to the door of the cottage a poorly clad, emaciated little old man, on whom the winter of life was weighing heavily. It was Martin Harris. In his face might be read the story of his life. There were the marks of spiritual upliftment. There were the marks of keen disappointment. There was the hunger strain for the peace, the contentment, the divine calm that it seemed could come no more into his life. It was a pathetic figure, and yet it was a figure of strength. For with it all, there was something about the little old man which revealed the fact that he had lived richly, that into his life had entered such noble experiences as come to the lives of but few. I introduced myself modestly as a brother-in-law of Martin Harris, Jr., as he married my eldest sister. And as an Elder of the Church I was returning from a foreign mission. The effect of the introduction was electric. The fact of relationship was overwhelmed by the fact of Utah citizenship. The old man bristled with vindictiveness "One of those Brighamite Mormons, are you?" he snapped. Then he rallied impatiently against Utah and the founder of the Mormon Commonwealth. It was vain that I tried to turn the old man's attention to his family. Martin Harris seemed to be obsessed. He would not understand that there stood before him a man who knew his wife and children.

After some time, however, the old man said, "You want to see the Temple, do you?" "Yes, indeed," I exclaimed, "If we may." "Well, I'll get the key." From that moment, Martin Harris, in spite of occasional outbursts, radiated with interest. He led us through the rooms of the temple and explained how they were used. He pointed out the place of the School of the Prophets. He showed where the Temple Curtain had at one time hung. He related thrilling experiences in connection



with the history of the sacred building. In the basement, as elsewhere, there were many signs of dilapidation. The plaster was fallen off the ceilings and the walls; windows were broken; the woodwork was stained and marred....

When the old man was somewhat exhausted, I asked, "Is it not true that you were once very prominent in the Church, that you gave liberally of your means, and that you were active in the performance of your duties?" "That is very true," replied Martin Harris, "Things were all right then. I was honored while the people were here, but now that I am old and poor it is all different."

"Really," replied I, "How can that be? What about your testimony of the Book of Mormon? Do you still believe that the Book of Mormon is true and that Joseph Smith was a Prophet?" Again the effect was electric. A changed old man stood before me. It was no longer a man with an imagined grievance. It was a man with a message, a man with a noble conviction in his heart, a man inspired by God and endowed with divine knowledge. Through the broken window of the Temple shown the winter sun, clear and radiant.

"Young man," answered Martin Harris with impressiveness, "Do I believe it? Do you see the sun shining through that window? Just as surely as the moon and stars give us light by night, just as surely as the breath of life sustains us, so surely do I know that Joseph Smith was a true prophet of God; so surely do I know that the Book was divinely translated. I saw and handled the plates, I saw the angel, I heard the voice of God. I do know that the Book of Mormon is true." It was a sublime moment. It was a wonderful testimony. We were thrilled to the very roots of our hair. The shabby, emaciated little man before us was transformed as he stood with hand outstretched toward the sun of heaven. A halo seemed to encircle him. A divine fire glowed in his eyes. His voice throbbed with the sincerity and conviction of his message. It was the real Martin Harris whose burning testimony no power on earth could quench.

Upon William's return to Utah he recounted this visit to President Brigham Young and secured enough money to bring Harris to Utah to rejoin with his family and returned to full fellowship of the Church. Martin passed away within 5 years of his arrival in Utah and is buried in the Clarkston City Cemetery. THE TRAIL MARKER ~ OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS



First Settlement Memorial Monument, Located in the St. Johns Cemetery GPS: N34 30 52.15, W109 22 19.15 5694 feet (34.5144861, -109.3719861).

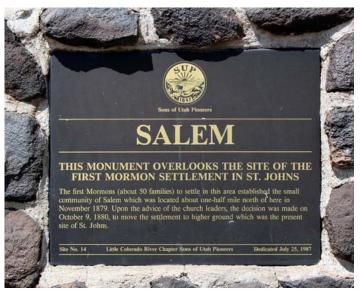
The plaque reads: "The first Mormons (about 50 families) to settle in this area established the small community of Salem which was located about one-half mile north of the cemetery in November 1879. Upon the advice of the church leaders, the decision was made on October 9, 1880, to move the settlement to higher ground which was the present site of St. Johns."

According to Wikipedia: "...the location was originally called Tsézhin Deez'áhí in Navajo, a reference to its rock formations. The site of a useful crossing of the Little Colorado River, it was later called El Vadito (Spanish for "the little crossing") by Spaniards as they first explored the area. Starting in 1864, a trader named Solomon Barth began crossing the area as he moved salt from a salt lake in Zuni territory to Prescott, Arizona. In a poker game in 1873 Barth earned enough money to purchase cattle and enough land in St. Johns to start a ranch with his brothers Nathan and Morris. He changed the name from El Vadito to San Juan. There is some controversy as to whether this was in honor of the first woman resident, Maria San Juan Baca de Padilla, or of the feast of San Juan. William R. Milligan arrived in 1866, followed by Frank Walker in 1870. By 1872 a Spanish-American agricultural community had developed. A stone cabin was erected by Juan Sedilla in 1874. Solomon Barth sold out to Mormon Ammon M. Tenney in 1875 or 1879. A Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints community named Salem and led by David King Udall was established just north of the town under the direction of Wilford Woodruff on March 29, 1880, and then moved to higher ground by Erastus Snow on September 19 of the same year."

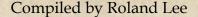
Today, St. Johns is the county seat for Apache County, Arizona with a population (as of 2020) of 3417.

The monument was erected in 1987 by the Little Colorado River Chapter of the SUP. That chapter no longer exists, and the monument is maintain by the Mesa Chapter of the SUP.





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- 3. Email to: rolandleefamily@gmail.com
- 4. News must be received by the 25th of each month

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## **NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!**

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NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS	
Alva Vern Briscoe	Pocatello
Jason Henrie	. Taylorsville Bennion
Lowell V Henrie	WorldWide Pioneer
Mike Henrie	Murray
Val Henrie	Sanpete County
Michael Hirschi	Hurricane Valley
S Michael Inman	Bountiful
Reed Noble	Cotton Mission
Rulon G Peck	Pocatello
Stephen Reeder	Murray
Paul Ross	Pocatello

NAME .....CHAPTER

#### **CHAPTER ETERNAL**

R. Dean Layton	Centerville
Kenneth Gordon Blair	Taylorsville Bennion
Ken Cutler	Brigham Young
D Kent Draper	Ogden Pioneer
Cordell M Ferry	Morgan Pioneer
Stevens C Nelson	Brigham Young
Jerry Norton	Mills

#### BOULDER DAM CHAPTER - Boulder City / Las Vegas, Nevada



McKeeverville

The Boulder Dam Chapter did a Hoover Dam and McKeeverville Trek for January 2024. McKeeverville was originally known as Government Camp #1 and was established in August 1930 during the building of Boulder Dam. It was set up to accommodate survey parties. Michael McKeever was a government cook who ran the mess hall. He put up a tent and lived there. Before long, the workers at the damsite had brought their families to the camp and squatted in makeshift tent houses and shacks. It then became known as McKeeverville. Long after the dam was finished and the government had pulled its personnel out of the camp, McKeeverville remained, and Boulder City fathers considered the settlement as an illegal slum. Eventually the dispute was resolved and McKeeverville is now known as Lakeview and is a suburb of Boulder City, Nevada. It is a community of large, elegant homes built in the 1970's, some old squatter shacks still stand. Following the visit to McKeeverville the group went to Hoover (Boulder) Dam. Scott Boyce, who has given tours at the dam for 16 years, took the group on a private tour of the dam.

## **BOUNTIFUL CHAPTER - Bountiful, Utah**



Hole in the Rock

For December, the Bountiful Chapter heard a presentation on the Hole in the Rock mission by Sister Ripley. An exploring party explored a southern and northern route to their destination is San Juan county. The northern route was too long, and the southern route had too little water and hostile Indians. They decided to take a "shortcut" instead. They thought it would take 6 weeks, but it took 6 months. The hole was a steep crevasse through sandstone down to the Colorado river. They blasted a path through. Through faith, hard work, determination, and help from God they arrived at their destination with no deaths.

## BRIGHAM YOUNG CHAPTER - Provo / Orem, Utah



Christopher Blythe

In January, the Brigham Young Chapter hosted Christopher Blythe, who delivered a captivating presentation on the intricate tapestry of Latter-day Saint folklore, focusing on the evolving perceptions of the second coming of Jesus Christ within the church's history. Blythe commenced his lecture by sharing his personal conversion story, driven by a childhood fascination with the end of the world, fueled by the apocalyptic films of the 1980s. Surprisingly, a church leader's revelation that the Book of Revelation might not be included in the Bible prompted Blythe to explore perspectives from other faiths.

Immersing himself in the Book of Mormon, Blythe was struck by its emphasis on understanding the last days, ultimately leading to his decision to join the church. Post-conversion, he discovered a rich trove of legends and folklore within Mormon families, including legendary missionary tales. The church itself exhibited varying beliefs about the end times, ranging from a constitutional prophecy foreseeing the church as the savior of the U.S. when the Constitution hung by a thread to other beliefs such as the White Horse Prophecy or the Miracle Mine. Blythe concluded by advocating for a more openminded approach within the modern church, emphasizing the importance of cautious discussions on profound topics like the signs of the last days, while acknowledging the inherent uncertainty in predicting the end times.

#### **CEDAR CITY CHAPTER - Cedar City, Utah**



Jeff Corry Jr

We held our annual post-holiday dinner on January 8. It was well-attended despite very cold weather with more than 70 people enjoying an evening of entertainment, good food and good company. After the initial announcements by President Jeff Corry, the pledge and prayer, we were treated to three numbers by President Corry's son and daughter-in-law. Jenna Corry reminded us with a very entertaining song of how much more difficult life was for the pioneers than for us. They lived a life of "Use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without." Jeff Corry told the story and sang a song called "Fire in the Bedroom/Levi's Lament" telling of a tragic fire in the 1870s in Kanab that took the life of Levi Stewart's wife Marjorie and his three sons. Jenna Corry sang "Get the Job Done" telling the story of how Kanab was the first town in history to elect an all-female town council. Before women could vote several wives complained to their husbands of how poorly the town was run. Their names were put on the ballot as a joke which backfired when they were all elected. These stories and songs can be found at upharts.org.

## CENTERVILLE CHAPTER - Centerville, Utah



Bear River Massacre SITE

Our Centerville Chapter took an amazing trek a few months ago to the site of the Bear River Massacre near Preston, Idaho. Very few people have heard of this conflict between the Shoshone Indian tribe and United State troops. It was one of the largest, if not the largest, Indian massacres in U.S. history. Darren Perry, a descendant of members of that tribe led our chapter on the tour.

On January 29, 1863, Colonel Patrick E. Connor led a group of California Volunteers from Fort Douglas (Salt Lake City) in search of Shoshone Indians responsible for raids on settlers. The Indians had been pushed out of more and more of their lands in northern Utah, and some of them reacted by attacking settlers. In the early morning darkness, the soldiers attacked the winter camp of Chief Bear Hunter on Battle Creek, trapping them in the ravine, and slaughtered at least 250 men,

women, and children. Native oral tradition says the amount is closer to 400, and about two dozen soldiers also died. The Indians had "very few rifles," according to Darren Parry. They fought with tomahawks, spears, bows and arrows. "They flanked the Indians," Parry said, and the river "became their last resort." Some jumped into the river and were shot, and others were swept away in the icy current and drowned. It was the worst massacre of Native Americans in the West, but received little attention. The Northwestern Shoshone and Bannock tribes have now obtained the site (550 acres) for a permanent interpretive site. On a hill overlooking the highway you can park and linger to read the interpretive panels and ponder the meaning of the event. The various markers show how the event has been remembered; first as a "battle" and later as the massacre it was.

## **COTTON MISSION CHAPTER - St George, Utah**



Erlend Peterson

At our January meeting we heard from Erlend Peterson. Erland was a long-time administrator at Brigham Young University who devoted his life to building bridges between Utah, BYU, his Latter-day Saint faith and the Norwegian people. As a direct descendant of the first Norwegian Latterday Saint convert, Svend Larsen, Erlend's Norwegian roots span generations. In fact, Erlend is a Norwegian name inspired by the Nobel Award-winning book Kristin Lavransdatter. Erlend served two missions, one to the eastern United States and a second to Norway while his father served as mission president there. In 1988, Erlend followed in his father's footsteps and began his service as a mission president in Norway. These early connections paved the way for him to become an ambassador for Norway and ultimately receive the country's highest recognition given to non-Norwegians – that of becoming a Knight First Class.

#### JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE CHAPTER - South Jordan, Utah



Michael Smurthwaite

Michael Smurthwaite, a member of our Chapter who provides the music at our events, presented a program on Pioneer Songs and Music. These musical numbers are songs published and used by the Daughters of Utah Pioneers. They were also used by pioneers. Eight songs were presented all composed by different song writers. Mike gave a history of each song about the music writer and the lyricist, if a different person. Mike encouraged all of us to prepare our personal histories. He says these eight songs all encouraged that. One song was even entitled Will They Ever Remember Me? After our audience participated by singing all the songs Mike closed with a quote from President Spencer W. Kimball, past president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It reads, "What could you do better for children and grandchildren than to record your story of life, your triumph over adversities, your recovery after a fall, progress when all seemed black, and achievements of what you did with your life."

### MESA ARIZONA CHAPTER - Mesa, Arizona



Walking Sticks

The Mesa Arizona Chapter kicked off the new year by meeting on January 4, 2024 for our monthly board meeting. Planning for our 2nd Thursday event was the main meeting objective. On January 11th we met in the Relief Society room and Cultural Center of the Evergreen Ward building in Tempe, AZ for a program and potluck dinner. Area VP Matthew Wharton swore in our 2024 Board Members. Michael O'Brien will continue another year as Chapter President, with Matt Wharton as Past President, Lowell Heaton as Secretary, Ricky Heywood as Treasurer. Craig Linford will act as Treks Director. To commemorate this position, Brother Linford brought hand decorated walking sticks for every person attending our gathering! "You can't trek without a walking stick!" Our presentation was divided by Brothers Wharton and O'Brien, with Matt sharing some family history and Michael conducting a feedback session. Since this was the Matt and Michael show, or the M&M show, M&M candies were provided to all attendees!

#### **MORGAN CHAPTER - Morgan, Utah**



Gwen Romero



Essay Winners

The Morgan Chapter of the sons of the Utah Pioneers started off the new year with the January monthly luncheon. Again, it was catered with a wonderful meal by Larry's Spring Chicken Inn. This month, the Chapter honored the annual High School Pioneer Heritage Essay contest winners. The three students, who were in attendance along with their parents, were selected from approximately 70 other students. The essays, about a literal pioneer ancestor or someone who has exemplified the pioneer spirit that has influenced them, were evaluated by a panel of judges. First place and awarded \$300 was Kyler Smith, son of Aaron and Shauna Smith. Second place was Isabella Pincock, daughter of John and Penny Pincock. She received a \$200 check. The third place essay was written by Mireille Nelson, daughter of Blake and Crystal Nelson, receiving a \$100 check. We congratulate these outstanding

students and their efforts to research their heritage and write about ancestors who have had an impacted on their lives. All three finalists read their amazing stories to the group. High school English teacher Gwen Romero, who helps coordinate the contest, shared her appreciation for the Morgan Chapter of the SUP for sponsoring this essay contest and shared how much the students gain from the experience. These stories help the students "shape their understanding of the world and their understanding of themselves." It gives them identity and helps them learn resilience and what they are capable off doing. The pioneer minute was presented by Chapter member Stan Stevens who introduced himself to the members and related the story of his third greatgrandfather, Robert Fredrick Aldous an early church immigrant to Utah from England.

### PORTER ROCKWELL CHAPTER - Salt Lake City South, Utah



The Porter Rockwell Chapter awarded its annual Modern Pioneer Award to Darrell and Launi Smith, life-long residents of Draper, Utah. For all their adult lives they have been active in all kinds of civic activities, climaxing with Darrell's serving three terms as Draper City Mayor. He and Launi have served in just about every available position in the City and a few in the County. As our January speaker, he took us on a pictorial trip through history, telling about the original settlers and founders of the sleepy village stage stop that changed its name several times over the years, eventually to Draper. Many people remember Draper as a major producer of eggs and dairy products in its day. Today, due in no small part to the Smith's involvement, Draper is a major South Valley commercial center, with trails, parks, cultural facilities, a temple, and soon-to-come modern community built where the Utah State Penitentiary used to exist.

## SALT LAKE PIONEER CHAPTER - Downtown Salt Lake City, Utah



L. Whitney Clayton

When: Wednesday, February 14, at 12pm. Please email <u>jedavis2012@gmail.com</u> to RSVP.

**Location:** Monson Center - Carriage House, 411 E. South Temple, rear building, upper floor.

Cost: \$25 per person.

**Speaker:** Elder L. Whitney Clayton was sustained as a General Authority Seventy of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on March 31, 2001. He served as a member of the Presidency of the Seventy from 2008 until 2020, and as Senior President of the Quorums of the Seventy from October 2015 through July 2020. He was released and granted Emeritus Status on October 3, 2020.

In August 2021, he was called as First Counselor in the Presidency of The Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square. He also serves as Co-chair of the Utah Homelessness Council, having been appointed to that position by the Utah Legislature in June 2021.

**Webpage:** Click <u>HERE</u> to see all of the Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter's upcoming events and watch past luncheon presentations.

#### SETTLEMENT CANYON CHAPTER - Tooele, Utah



Kyle Anderson

On December 7, 2013, the Tooele Valley Choral Society entertained the Settlement at our monthly dinner meeting, held January 4, 2024 members of The Settlement Canyon Chapter were delighted to hear from Kyle Anderson (Past President of the Settlement Canyon Chapter). Kyle holds a bachelors degree from Lewis-Clark State and a Masters Degree in Education from the University of Phoenix. He has worked for Seminaries & Institutes for the last 27 years as a Seminary Instructor, Seminary Principal, Institute Instructor, Coordinator and Institute Director at Louisiana Tech University and in the Training Services Department for Seminaries

and Institutes. He is an avid historian of the Mormon Pioneer Trail where he has directed and supervised the Seminary and Institute Pioneer Trails summer workshop for the past 12 years. The topic of Kyle's talk was "Pioneer Trails – People, Places and Principles." It was wonderful to have the lives, the places and the personal trials of the 1847 Pioneer Wagon Train come to life. He and his wife, Paula, were married in the Salt Lake Temple and are the parents of six children. Following his acceptance as Temple Recorder for the forthcoming Deseret Peak Temple. Kyle left the Seminaries and Institutes program in January.

#### **TAYLORSVILLE-BENNION CHAPTER - Taylorsville, Utah**



Taylorsville Temple

For the month of January, the Taylorsville-Bennion Chapter held the swearing in of the Chapter officers for this new year by Kyle Anderson. Bill Hardesty is replacing Riley Draper as President of the Taylorsville-Bennion Chapter. Riley Draper has served several years as President and the Chapter members appreciate all that he has done for our Chapter. We also had Riley Draper and Bill Hardesty say a few words. Bill

Hardesty also gave us a presentation about his Great Grandfather Francis Paye. It was very enjoyable. For our February Chapter Meeting, we will have the privilege of hearing from President Preston Wakefield of the Taylorsville Temple Presidency. Anyone that would like to attend with us is invited. The meeting is held at Jim's Restaurant in West Jordan and starts at 6:30 pm with dinner for \$15.00 per person.

#### TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER - American Fork, Utah



David Rosenvall

The Timpanogos Chapter dinner meeting was held on Thursday, January 18, 2024, at the American Fork, Utah Senior Citizen Center. The guest speaker was David Rosenvall of Pleasant Grove, UT. The title of Mr. Rosenvall's presentation was "The Geography of the Book of Mormon." David told the audience the information he was sharing during the evening was not doctrinal or something the Church endorses. Twenty-five years ago, David and his father put together the first electronic version of the Book of Mormon with all its footnotes. Today, it is known as the "Gospel Library." David became very intimate with the text of the Book of Mormon. In today's time, David's study used the internet, Google Earth and the Gospel Library. He and his father decided to reformat the Book of Mormon into like references to better understand it. There are over 267,000 words in the Book of Mormon. There are 5600 unique words. There are 1,600 words identified as geographical words, like beach, mountain, etc. Those words are found in 33,000 locations in the Book of Mormon. The premise then was to only use the Book of Mormon to figure out the geography. The words were put into various classifications such as landforms, climate, minerals, plants, animals, cultural things and belongings, all of which put together start to paint a picture of where they were. The First Book of Nephi states there were various seeds and fruit brought to the new land. The seeds and fruit grew in abundance. David explained to grow such there would need to be a similar climate to the land of Jerusalem. Seeds are adapted to the climate needed to germinate. There are four other places in the world which share the same climate as the Holy Land. Baja, California is one of those places. David showed an overlay of the Baja area over the Israel area. David also compared land masses surrounded by seas as described in the Book of Mormon. David continued his presentation to show that Baja, California is very likely to be the Book of Mormon Land.

#### UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER - Rexburg, Idaho



Shawn Boice

A great "New Beginnings" for the Upper Snake River Chapter. 70 members, spouses, and guests came to our meeting on January 18 at the Senior Citizen's Building. F. Martell Grover, Area Vice-president, inducted the new 2024 leaders of our chapter. The new leaders are: Merrill Pratt as president, Dan Shewell as president-elect, Craig Nordfelt as past president, Ron Gibb as treasurer, and Doug Ladle as secretary. We appreciate their willingness to serve, and we have increased their salaries by 50%.

Shawn Boice, County Assessor for Madison County, gave an enlightened overview of "Real Estate in Madison County—How did we get from there to here?" Real estate has always been at the center of pioneer activities. Madison County is a good example of wise leaders shaping the boundaries and infrastructure of our community. Shawn is a hometown businessman who was elected as County Assessor in January 2015. He is the son of Roberta and the late Bob Boice. Shawn gave an overview of real estate growth and future trends. Shawn was personal and professional in his presentation. He welcomes input and feedback from the citizens of Madison County. He is on the side of the citizens and faces the challenges of growth in the county with their interests in mind. Upcoming Activities: Robert Chambers for Feb 15th "Pioneer History--Ordinary Events Make for Extraordinary Histories." Donna Jean Kinghorn for March 15th "Historic Sugar City--How We Are Preserving our History. Alisha

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