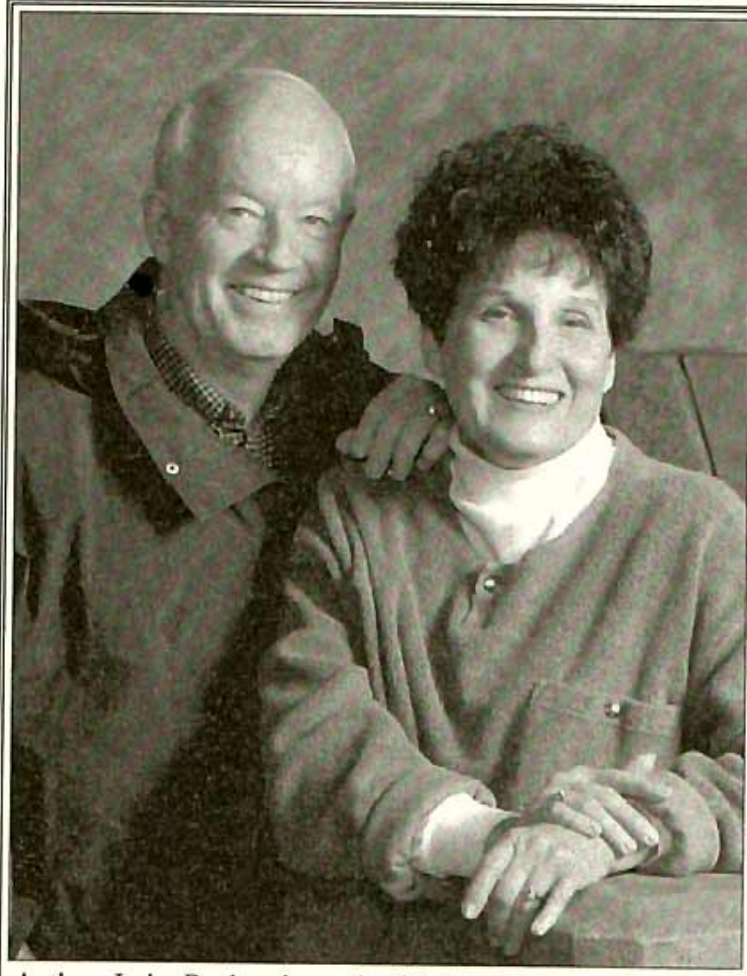


EOC hosts "The Sum of our Past: Revisiting Pioneer Women" with author Judy Busk

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Author Judy Busk, pictured with her husband Neal, will present "The Sum of our Past: Revisiting Pioneer Women" at Edge of the Cedars Museum September 30th. courtesy photo

columnist for the St. George Daily Spectrum, a local LDS Relief Society president, and director of the Sevier County Oral History Project (excerpts available on the Columbia University New Deal Network website). She has received grants from the Utah Humanities Council and the Utah State Historical Society.

A high school English and journalism teacher for twenty-five years, she also received a National Endowment for the Humanities/Reader's Digest Teacher Scholar award and grant. During college, she was an exchange student to the Soviet Union. Her B.A. and M.A. degrees are from Brigham Young University.

Along the way, she has lived in Japan and Germany. She previously served six years on the board of directors of the Utah Humanities Council.

The Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum is open Monday through Saturday from 9 am-5 pm. Please call 678-2238 for information on this program or about upcoming events.

The Blanding City Police Department reminds residents that this Saturday, September 25, is National Prescription Drug Take Back Day.

This is the day you can bring your unused over-the-counter and prescription drugs to the Blanding Police Office at 167 East 500 North and dispose of them safely and properly. Studies have shown that old unused prescription pharmaceuticals and over-the-counter medications make their way into a city's water system if they are flushed down the toilet. This is because water treatment facilities cannot remove them.

Unused drugs in your home also present opportunities for others to raid your medicine cabinets and cupboards looking for ways to get high, or provide legal or prescription drugs to others so they can get high. You can turn in your unused drugs at the Blanding Police Office Saturday from 10 a.m. until noon.

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A Ford van is about the same length as a covered wagon and about a foot wider. On a journey taken by Judy Busk and her husband, Neal, to retrace the Oregon and Mormon trails, horsepower comes in the form of a combustion engine, a plastic cooler takes the place of wooden trunks, and the bedding consists of futons rather than feather ticks. With these conveniences in place, they seek a connection to the past in museums, archives, and at historical sites.

What most surprises Judy is what she finds about pioneer women. In her lively and informative, sometimes poignant,

humorous, but always reflective narrative, she moves beyond polar stereotypes of Victorian women who were always proper and Calamity Janes who drank whiskey, cursed, and carried guns. She finds a spectrum of attitude, education, occupation, and family, black women and Native Americans, healers, women who were motivated by their religious beliefs, and forerunners of the modern women's movement. She parallels the past with experiences in the present.

The Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum invites you to join us on Thursday, September 30th at 6:30 PM for what promises to be a lively and informative evening with author, historian, and retired teacher, Judy Busk. Mrs. Busk's appearance is funded by the Utah Humanities Council's Public Square program and is offered without charge to the public. Everyone is invited!

Judy Busk lives in Richfield, Utah. She has been a popular



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