

Canyon County activities abound in May

▼ **OBSERVANCE:** 'The New Deal: A Legacy of Public Works in Idaho' is 2009 theme

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TREASURE VALLEY — Canyon County celebrates May's month-long Idaho Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month with a host of fun and educational activities.

The theme of the 2009 observance is "The New Deal: A Legacy of Public Works in Idaho." In cooperation with partners throughout the Gem State, the Idaho State Historical Society features 73 events in 35 communities and surrounding areas.



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Participants in a summer science camp at Celebration Park show off their handcrafted atlatls. They came to the park to try them out. Saturday's Idaho State Atlatl competition is an annual highlight of the Idaho Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month.

and Historic Preservation Month programming, participants can learn about how the programs of the New Deal left an imprint on our state," Historical Society executive director Janet L. Gallimore said. "Thousands of young can not yet imagine."

Canyon County hosts a varied program of offerings throughout May in Caldwell, Middleton, Nampa, Parma and at Celebration Park near Melba.

Celebration Park hosts seven events including the May 2 Annual Idaho State Open Atlatl competition. "The competition has been going on for better than two decades and it's a big draw," park manager Kathy Kershner said. The same day, Mark Plew, — aimed at the nation's economic recovery — can be likened to President Franklin Roosevelt's 1933 relief programs of the New Deal. "This program will surely shape our future in ways that we

of anthropology talks about prehistoric use of fish on the Snake River Plain.

Dean Shaw, from the Bureau of Land Management, is the May 9 and 16 presenter of primitive technologies and artifacts. "His presentations are always well received and very informative," Kershner said. "Dean makes replicas of artifacts. It's a real good opportunity to get a look at tools that Native Americans and even prehistoric inhabitants used."

May 16 visitors to Celebration Park can take a step back in time when six vintage car clubs converge at the park from 10:30 a.m.-noon before moving on to Melba for the afternoon. "The Melba Fun Run is just the coolest thing ... 70 to 80 Model T, antique and classic cars on a tour come down through the park to the bridge," Kershner said. "They fill our parking lot for about an hour

quite a sight to behold to see all of these beautiful old cars coming down Hot Spot Lane in our park. It's really something."

Rod Dotson brings his display of artifacts and replicas that he has built on the final Saturday. "He also makes fire," Kershner said. "It appears he's making fire out of his hands. It's a fun demonstration and kids get a kick out of it."

Also on May 30 Jamie Carbray and Cristina Taylor from the Canyon County Parks, Recreation and Waterways, present "Stories in Stone: a Field Guide to Celebration Park."

Another new twist is the CCPRW's "On the Road" program. A pair of interpretive specialists visit the Parma, Caldwell and Middleton libraries during the month for the launch of a handy new field guide. "Every fall and spring 15,000 school stu-

Celebration Park, so we decided to produce a companion field guide that will be available to the public," Kershner explained. "It tells you just about everything you'd want to know. We really want to introduce people to all the neat things we've got going on down here."

Deer Flat Wildlife Refuge, near Nampa, hosts three events: A Glimpse of Deer Flat Embankments and the Boise Project through historic photographs by John Martinson and The CCC at Deer Flat: A Legacy of Federal Labor in the Treasure Valley with Mark Frisk of the Department of History at BSU. Throughout the month, catch the display of [Please see History. 3 Community](#) Refuge and Reservoir Centennial — Celebrating a Century of Working Together for Wildlife.

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In Caldwell, a presentation on Gem and Minerals in Idaho's History with Margaret Stallknecht is set for May 6 from 5-9 p.m. at the Caldwell Public Library. Carbray and Taylor present Stories in Stone, A Field Guide to Celebration Park at 11 a.m. May 9 at the library, and the Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History, in Boone Hall at The College of Idaho, will host an exhibition and open house on archaeology from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. May 9.

See complete listing of Canyon County activities for Idaho's Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month for additional details.

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Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month events

Caldwell

Presentation: Gems & Minerals in Idaho's History with Margaret Stallknecht

Date: May 6, 5-9 p.m.

Location: Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn St.

Presentation: Stories in Stone: A Field Guide to Celebration Park with Jamie Carbray and Cristina Taylor

Date: May 9, 11 a.m.

Location: Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn St.

Exhibit & Open House: Archaeology at the

Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History

Date: May 9, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Location: Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History at The College of Idaho, Boone Hall

Emmett

Presentation: Gems & Minerals in Idaho's History with Margaret Stallknecht

Date: May 7, 3-6 p.m., 7-9 p.m.

Location: Emmett Library, 275 S. Hayes Ave.

Melba vicinity

Competition: Annual Idaho State Open Atlatl Competition, Celebration Park

Date: May 2, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Location: Celebration Park, 5 miles south of Melba on the Snake River

Presentation: Prehistoric use of Fish on the Snake River Plain by Mark Plew, BSU

Date: May 2, 10 a.m.

Location: Celebration Park

Demonstration: Primitive Technologies and Artifacts by Dean Shaw, BLM Boise District

Date: May 9 & 16, 9 a.m.-3p.m.

Location: Celebration Park

Event: Vintage Autos visit the Park

Date: May 16, cars begin arriving 10:30 a.m.

Location: Celebration Park

Presentation: Stories in Stone: A Field Guide to Celebration Park

Date: May 20, 11 a.m.

Location: Celebration Park

Demonstrations: Ancient Lifeways

Date: May 31, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Location: Celebration Park

Walking Tour: Petroglyph Walk

Date: May 1-31, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Location: Celebration Park

Nampa and vicinity

Presentation: A Glimpse of Deer Flat Embankments and the Boise Project through Historic Photographs by John Martinson, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

Date: May 12, 7 p.m.

Location: Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center, 13751 Upper Embankment Road

Presentation: The CCC at Deer Flat: A Legacy of Federal Labor in the Treasure Valley with Mark Frisk, BSU Dept. of History

Date: May 28, 7 p.m.

Location: Deer Flat Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center

Display: Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge and Reservoir Centennial: Celebrating a Century of Working Together for Wildlife

Date: May 1-31, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday

Location: Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center

Middleton and vicinity

Presentation: Gems & Minerals in Idaho's History with Margaret Stallknecht

Date: May 4, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Location: Middleton High School

Presentation: Stories in Stone: A Field Guide to Celebration Park

Date: May 16, 11 a.m.

Location: Middleton Civic Center, 314 E. Main St.

Parma

Presentation: Stories in Stone: A Field Guide to Celebration Park

Date: May 9, 1 p.m.

Location: Parma Library, 121 N. 3rd St.

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