### **DONNER SUMMIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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## Donner Party Hike

After Hike Presentation

# Chautauqua\*

### James Reed & His Remarkable Daughters

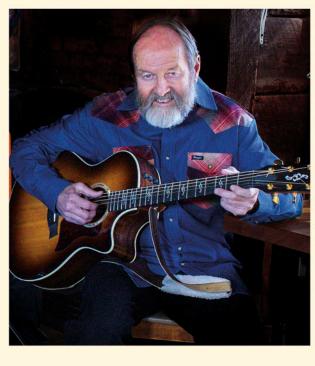
Alice & Rick's Musical Chautauquas

Last year's Chautauqua was wonderful. We expect no less from this year's Donner Party story, James Reed & His Remarkable Daughters.

James Reed took his family west on the California Trail in 1846 partly to escape a cascade of failing businesses in Springfield, Illinois. Trouble followed him as bad decision-making continued. Yet time after time, the courage and love of his daughters, Virginia and Patty, for their father, won the day.

This Chautauqua will be accompanied by original music about the Donner Party from Alice Osborn and Rick Mitchell..

#### **Rick Mitchell**



\*A chautauqua is a traveling show that flourished in the U.S. in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It provided popular education with entertainment in the form of lectures, concerts, and plays and was modeled after Chautauqua Institution of western New York.

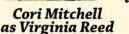


Cali Booth as Patty Reed

Alice Osborn









Jeremy Lin as James Reed

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