

Salida history captured on CD as part of library project

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Salida Regional Library celebrated Salida's 125th anniversary Thursday with the release of "Remembering Salida," a compact disc containing portions of interviews with 15 longtime Salida citizens interviewed for the Salida Oral History Project.

Release of the CD in time for the city anniversary was suggested by Julie Feier, city administrator.

The Oral History Project was a combined effort of Salida Regional Library and Historic Salida Inc. and began about two years ago. Fifteen interviewers talked with about 50 residents and two volunteers transcribed the tapes.

"We are looking for more volunteers in all aspects — interviewers, interviewees and transcribers," Kathy Berg, who coordinates the project with Vic Mabus, said. Both are with the library archive department.

Interviews are done in the participants' homes or can be done at the library and are transferred to a CD from the tape.

Complete interviews done so far are available in the archives room at the library and can be listened to there. They are not available for checkout.

Transcriptions of some interviews are also available on the Web site at www.salidaarchive.org.

"The Oral History Project is about people," Berg said. "It's people passing along things they remember and things they heard from their parents or grandparents. All this information is valid and we want to preserve it."

"Remembering Salida" CDs are available for \$10 each at the library. Proceeds will



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Oral history project participants met Wednesday announced release of the CD "Remembering Salida," during their meeting Wednesday at Salida Regional Library. They are from back left, Rex Rhodes, Gwen Perschbacher, Karin Niedfeldt, Vic Mabus, Kathy Berg and Jeff Donlan. Front, Jean Hanfelt, Beth Smith and Pat Warner.

return to the Oral History Project. The CDs will be available soon at other locations in the community.

"Remembering Salida" includes the following interviews:

1) Ted Argys, interviewed by Hannelore Gabriel, about kids' fun, swimming and the lettuce sheds.

2) Norman Campbell and Helen Campbell Drake, interviewed by Berg, about Valley View School and soap-making.

3) Lawrence Campton, interviewed by Gwen Perschbacher, about a fish story.

4) Wilmoth Everett, interviewed by Beth Smith, regarding rodeos.

5) Catherine Hayden, interviewed by Smith, about lettuce and letters.

6) Mary Held, interviewed by Smith, about Spartan Sparkles.

7) Dr. Wendell Hutchinson, interviewed by Berg, about

schools, Ouray and the Espinosas.

8) Alberta Mitchell, interviewed by Smith, about the drum and bugle corps.

9) Gwen Perschbacher, interviewed by Berg, about the Rio Grande Hospital.

10) Robert Post, interviewed by Smith, about the army and ranching.

11) John Spino, interviewed by Smith, about U.S. 50 restaurants and the bowling alley.

12) Iris Stotler, interviewed by Smith, about children playing.

13) Dick Tuttle, interviewed by Bonnie Lathrop, about Holman Avenue and the plane crash that killed two county commissioners.

14) Charlie Upp, interviewed by Jean Hanfelt, about railroad, radio and television.

15) Tony and Virginia Vigil, interviewed by Perschbacher, about swimming and the lettuce sheds.