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Centennial Day is May 23 at County Museum Free Day Features Family Activities and Fun for All

The Clark County Museum, 1830 S Boulder Hwy, Henderson, will celebrate County Centennial Day on May 23 from 10 am to 3 pm with activities for the whole family. Admission is free on that day.

Demonstrators will show how to make horse hair-braided ropes, churn butter, plant a victory garden, quilt, and many other skills from earlier in the century. A craft tent and a games tent will feature old time activities, including make-and-take craft projects. Allstar Snacks will be on site with hamburgers, hotdogs, other sandwiches, snacks and drinks available for purchase.

A new exhibit of a hand-made model train display will open at 10 a.m. This display, the work of master carpenter Norman "Gus" Gardiner, will be in the 1931 Union Pacific Boulder City Depot. The Museum Guild will offer free popcorn, also in the Depot.

The Model T and Model A Ford clubs will display some of their restored historic cars. The Model T, also known as the "Tin Lizzie" or the "Flivver," was manufactured from 1908 through 1927, while the larger Model A was produced from 1927 to 1931.

Authors Lynn Zook and Carey Burke will autograph copies of their new book, which will be available for purchase. Called "Las Vegas: 1905-1965," the book is part of the Postcard History Series published by Arcadia Press.

The Museum's exhibit, "Clark County: A Destination's History," is featured in the changing gallery in the main exhibit hall. The county's past 100 years is told in photographs, artifacts and text, taking the visitor on a journey that explains all the people who have come to Clark County to visit or to live.

The houses on Heritage Street will be open for self-guided tours. Each of the restored houses has been moved to the Museum and painstakingly restored to reflect a particular decade period in history and a certain area of southern Nevada. The exhibit, called "Mobile America," contains a small motor court cabin and an Airstream Trailer from the 1930s. The Print Shop, the only reconstructed building on Heritage Street, contains historic printing equipment.

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Visitors will have an opportunity to see the progress on the ongoing restoration of the museum's two newest acquisitions, the Candlelight Wedding Chapel and the 1911 railroad cottage. The Wedding Chapel, moved from just south of the Riviera, is slated to open on November 14 with a gala celebration.

The museum's gift shop, which will be open, features a wide variety of Native American art, historic toys, books and jewelry. Visitors who make a purchase that day will receive a complimentary Clark County Centennial pin.

Clark County was officially formed on July 1, 1909, out of the southern half of Lincoln County and is named for railroad baron William Andrews Clark. The city of Las Vegas, which includes downtown and the area north of the Strip, was incorporated two years later in 1911.

Those interested in additional information on Clark County's Centennial celebrations can visit the Web site at www.accessclarkcounty.com/100 or call 455-8200.

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Clark County is a dynamic and innovative organization dedicated to providing top-quality service with integrity, respect and accountability. With jurisdiction over the world-famous Las Vegas Strip and covering an area the size of New Jersey, Clark is the nation's 15th-largest county and provides extensive regional services to more than 2 million citizens and 44 million visitors a year. Included are the nation's 7th-busiest airport, air quality compliance, social services and the state's largest public hospital, University Medical Center. The county also provides municipal services that are traditionally provided by cities to almost 900,000 residents in the unincorporated area. Those include fire protection, roads and other public works, parks and recreation, and planning and development. In 2009, Clark County celebrates a "century of service."

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