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GPS Devices Can Lead to 10 Hidden Sites

Geocaching, a popular new pastime that uses GPS devices, takes a new twist as Clark County Parks announces a county centennial-themed geocaching program. Ten caches relating to history or culture have been hidden throughout Clark County. Participants will learn about county history while enjoying the fun of the hunt and exploring new places in the outdoors.

The program will run through November 1. Participants who find all 10 locations and sign the log book in each cache will be eligible to pick up a copy of the county centennial publication, "Asphalt Memories: A Dictionary of Clark County Street Names," at the Clark County Museum, 1830 S. Boulder Highway, during the month of December.

The 10 geocache sites are located at the Clark County Museum in Henderson, in Sandy Valley, at the Old Crescent Townsite, on Potosi Mountain, at the Techatticup Mine in Eldorado Canyon, at Railroad Pass, near the St. Thomas Cemetery, in Sunset Park, at the Arden Bomb Shelter and the Double Negative Earthworks site near Overton. Participants can log on to www.geocaching.com and use the keyword "Clark County Centennial" to go to a page that lists all ten sites. Participants will need to create an account with a password, and have access to a hand-held GPS device. There is no charge for the activity.

During the year 2009, other centennial celebrations will include First Friday panel discussions at the Government Center, Centennial Day at the County Museum on May 23, a touring history exhibit about rural Clark County opening July 1 at the County Government Center, historical programming on Clark County Television (CCTV) Cox cable Channel 4, the grand opening of the Candlelight Wedding Chapel and a 1910 railroad cottage at the Clark County Museum in November, the release of "Asphalt Memories: A Dictionary of Clark County Street Names," a book-length publication; the placement of historical markers, a Web-based history of Clark County commissioners, brochures, and a mural at the Winchester Cultural Center.

Clark County also has nominated the famous "Welcome to Las Vegas" sign to the National Historic Register. The Strip is located in unincorporated Clark County and is not part of any city. The Centennial Web site also will feature historical information, an events listing, a trivia contest and a section where residents can share their historical stories.

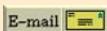
Clark County was officially formed on July 1, 1909 out of the southern half of Lincoln County and is named for railroad baron William Andrews Clark. The city of Las Vegas, which includes downtown and the area north of the Strip, was incorporated two years later in 1911.

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 planing and development. In 2009, Clark County celebrates a "century of service."

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