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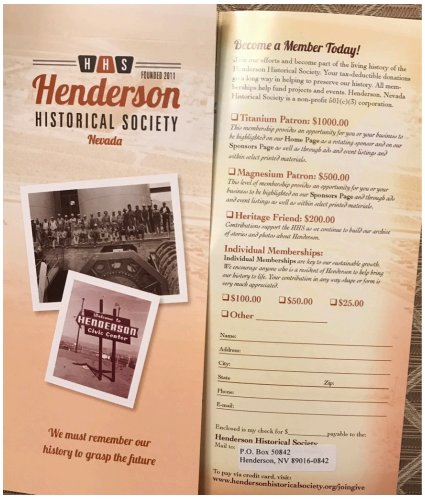
Membership



I joined the Society because I am curious about the history of my hometown. My folks took a lot of family pictures but the old Brownie we used had a short focus. The mountains and other land features are not too clear. The Watson's didn't take pictures from the top of Black Mountain, of the Swamp and the Dump. We didn't take pictures of Whitney Mesa or Klinger's Ranch, the Boulder local Rail Road trestles, the cliffs at lake Mead and a lot of my favorite places. Thank God someone did. The Henderson Historical Society is sharing those classic photos, and videos of events that tell the story of our town. They are available for the price of a membership. They are an important resource in teaching the next generation about who we were. Join us and help to preserve the memory of our Henderson. If you are already a member, don't forget to renew annually. Your help keeps our memories alive.

Dorothy Coroneos and Mary Monahan George are in charge of membership. Both have deep roots in Henderson. You can contact them at 702- 296-5167 or enroll on line at hendersonhistoricalsociety.org If you are already a member, don't forget to renew annually.

In Memoriam - HHS is trying to provide a link to an online obituary of Henderson pioneers who have passed away recently in hopes that their final tribute won't be missed by the community.

A friend to many, **Jeanne A. Olsen**, 95, of Henderson, passed away November 24, 2017. She was a co-founder of Bob Olsen Realty and Insurance, and a true pioneer Henderson businesswoman since 1950.
Pictured: Jeanne, left and Madalyn Watson, right at a Henderson Historical Society event at the Gibson Library in 2012.

Following is a link to Jeanne Olsen's obituary:
http://www.legacy.com/guestbooks/lvrj/jeanne-olsen-condolences/187466496?cid=full

Monday, January 8, 2018 Henderson said goodbye to **Lily Peisker** Koch Fletcher, a Henderson pioneer whose roots go back to the WWII founding of our community. The following is the obituary her family prepared for the LVRJ Newspaper.
LILY FLETCHER's Obituary on Las Vegas Review-Journal

Frederick Rothwell, is another Henderson pioneer our town lost this past year. He is well remembered by his schoolmates and classmates at Basic High School where he graduated with the class of 1959.

The following is a link to his obituary in the Las Vegas Review Journal:
http://obits.reviewjournal.com/obituaries/lvrj/obituary.aspx?pid=187119485

License Plate Application Approved

The Henderson Historical Society (HHS) appeared before the Nevada State Commission on Special License Plates during the Commission's meeting in Las Vegas Thursday, January 4, 2018. The Commission reviews and recommends applications to the Department of Motor Vehicles for the design, preparation, and issuance of a limited number of special license plates.

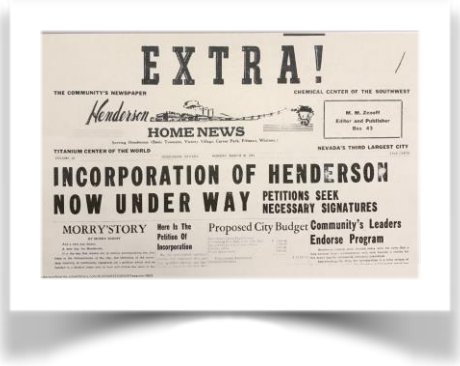
HHS was represented by Lou LaPorta, Valerie LaPorta Haynes and Denell Hahn. They made the case for why Henderson should be granted a specialized plate and explained how revenue from the special license plate would be used by HHS to archive and share the history of the great City of Henderson.

We are happy to announce that the Commission has approved Henderson's application. Stay tuned for information on production and sale of the plates.

Growing Up in Henderson

D. J. Allen, Frank Schreck, and Michael Morrissey participated in a great panel discussion, telling about their memories of what it was like to grow up in the Henderson of the 1950s and 60s. If you missed the program last November, here is a link to a youtube recording:

HHS | Growing Up in Henderson: https://youtu.be/F1rIMBsdyxw


EXTRA!

THE COMMUNITY'S NEWSPAPER — CHEMICAL CENTER OF THE SOUTHWEST

Henderson HOME NEWS

M. M. Zevelf, Editor and Publisher, Box 45

TITANIUM CENTER OF THE WORLD — NEVADA'S THIRD LARGEST CITY

INCORPORATION OF HENDERSON NOW UNDER WAY

PETITIONS SEEK NECESSARY SIGNATURES

MORRY STORY

Here Is The Petition Of Incorporation

Proposed City Budget

Community's Leaders Endorse Program

"**If it wasn't for Pittman** …"

It was all about Pittman at Nevada State College Wednesday evening, January 24th. Mark Hall Patton, Dorothy Coroneos, Robert Ellis and James Marsh recounted history, told stories and showed pictures that reminded local history buffs of the people who have made Pittman such a special place over the past 70 plus years. The City of Henderson's Community Development & Services Department provided illustrations including old photos, maps and a take-home history of Pittman for audience members. The Henderson Libraries provided book marks crafted from historic BMI photos and pamphlets to guide students, young and old, to the library's online resources for tracing family and community roots. It was a big night for life long learners.

HHS PRESENTATION TO CITY COUNCIL

The Henderson Historical Society (HHS) Directors gave a presentation to the Henderson City Council, Tuesday, December 19, 2017. HHS is intent on assisting in the archiving of Henderson history and sharing the lessons that history teaches us. HHS hopes to make this a periodic report of the progress we are making as well as a reminder of our appreciation for the City's sense of history.

HHS Collection of Photos and Memorabilia

Many thanks to Dennis Kwiecien, Basic High School class of 1961, who recently donated a collection of old photos, home movies, and phonograph records that the Society will share with the community. Here are a couple of black/white photos from the collection. They are pictures of the old Polar Queen where Dennis worked in the late 1950s and early 60s. The Polar Queen like many of our favorite places is only a memory now. Look at the photo on the right and notice the delivery vans in the distance. They belonged to the Cake Box Bakery. The building they are parked next to remains, residing across the street from the Water Street branch of Wells Fargo.