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The Firelight Barn: Last February the Jackson Family Band and Cloggers sang and danced up a storm for Henderson Historical Society members. They played a variety of instruments including: Guitar, Banjo, Fiddle, Mandolin and performed some skits. In addition to entertainment, they served up a tasty dinner. It was a program that reinforced the sense of community important in Henderson.

Henderson's own License Plates went on sale in February with proceeds benefiting Henderson causes including The Henderson Historical Society. You can make an appointment with DMV and bring your registration and the old license plate. It will cost \$67.00. If you are within 45 days of renewal, you can renew by

bringing in the smog test in addition to the old plate/registration. Pass the word that the HHS and its supporters must purchase about 2,200 more plates by February 2020 to meet our goal.

History of the Clark County Museum - Henderson history buffs gathered Wednesday, March 27, 2019 to hear the history of the Clark County Museum. Known as the Southern Nevada Museum in 1966, the year it opened, it was the only museum in Southern Nevada according to Mark Hall-Patton. Hall-Patton gave the history of the museum from its origin in the Townsite Gym of 1966 to its present day operations on the Boulder Hwy.

Dawna Jolliff, retired curator and Jeanne Brady, Museum Guild president joined the presentation with a fascinating story of Henderson's part in bringing a cultural resource to our town. They shared a "night in the Museum" type mystery story that happened in the museum. If you missed the presentation don't despair. Here is a link to the "YouTube" recording of the program: <https://tinyurl.com/y43enyh7>

Industrial Days is Henderson's oldest community celebration. In 2019 the Henderson Historical Society celebrated Industrial Days by honoring Estes McDoniel, a true pioneer of our town who was first in many ways, as an educator, school administrator and a City Official including a Henderson Mayor. During Henderson's WWII years McDoniel made every minute count by working at the BMI defense plant, teaching school, coaching football and basketball and serving in the Navy. When he retired from public life in 1974, the students at Basic High School produced a video, "In Honor of..." capturing key moments in his life and recording comments from colleagues Mike O'Callaghan, Harry Reid, and Dennis Rousch. The historic old black and white videotape is a time capsule of sorts but most of all it is a reminder of what was special about Estes McDoniel. Here's a link to the "YouTube" copy of this video: <https://youtu.be/nu9hKLkCWXU>

The Three Kids Mine on May 15th was 2019's last Henderson Speaks panel discussion. Don Wilson, Richard Millick, and Mike King were panelists. Don and Richard worked at the mine in the late 1950s. Mike King recalled exploring the area in his youth with family and friends. Members of the audience told great stories that brought the history of the mine to life. If you missed the program here is link to the YouTube recording made the night of the program: https://youtu.be/GiQ9H_FoYBo

Historic Photos – The Henderson Historical Society (HHS) helps to interpret historic photography. Many HHS members are from pioneer families with long memories useful in identifying names and places in long forgotten photos as well as providing historical context. For example, HHS is helping with the Las Vegas Review Journal's new hardcover coffee table book, entitled *Las Vegas and Clark County Memories*. We are also assisting Cynthia Sanford of Henderson's Clark County Museum in a project to interpret the old Henderson Home Newspaper's photos that are now a part of the Museum's history collection.

2019 Henderson Speaks - Lectures/ Events:

Wednesday September 18, 2019 – PRESENTING: The Henderson Home News: The story of a small local newspaper that chronicled the founding and first fifty-eight years of Henderson. Out of business now but not out of touch. Featuring former members of the HHN staff Tim O'Callaghan, DJ. Allen and Aaron Mayes.

Program Location is Nevada State College, 1300 Nevada State Drive, Henderson, NV 89002 Building B, (Link to website/ map (<https://nsc.edu>)
Doors open at 6:00 P. M. Program begins at 6:30 P. M.

November 13, 2019 – The History of the Henderson Libraries: When you think of 1944, what comes to mind? President Franklin Roosevelt was President, World War II was raging around the world, Smokey the Bear was introduced by the United States Forest Service, and Henderson Libraries was established.

January 22, 2020 – Henderson Memories: A Drag strip in our town? In 1958 a drag racing enthusiast posed some interesting questions in a *Henderson Home News* article:

"What's the point in a speed monster that runs only on a straightaway and then only for one quarter of a mile . . . What's the point in building a car that has no cooling system, holds only five quarts of gas, has only two gears —and has to be pushed to be started . . ."

Join us in January and hear about the era of legal drag racing in Henderson and maybe learn the answers to those questions.