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Deadline extended for Arapahoe County Historical Hunt Contest *Submit your completed Pioneer Passport by Oct. 21 to be entered to win a \$150 VISA gift card and more prizes*

Littleton, CO --- Residents now have two extra weeks to complete their Pioneer Passport to be eligible to win a \$150 VISA gift card and other prizes including a foursome at the Broken Tee Englewood Golf Course. In addition, the next 50 people to turn in a completed passport will receive the 150th Anniversary Commemorative Coin.

The *Historical Hunt* Contest celebrates Arapahoe County's 150th anniversary and invites modern-day explorers to grab a Pioneer Passport for a tour through history that leads them to some of the County's most beautiful, historic and intriguing landmarks. Lynn Slack of Littleton completed her passport saying, "This was a great idea. It took us to places we didn't know existed and to places we knew about, but got to explore more in depth. Thanks for the adventure."

Karen Gettinger of Centennial said, "This was wonderful! We opted for a staycation for Spring Break and learned a lot about the history of our area and some fun things to do. Thanks for making our week a blast!"

Participants must answer at least 10 fun trivia questions correctly to be eligible for prizes. Pioneer Passports are available in lobby displays at Arapahoe County buildings as well as various city offices, libraries and recreation centers. For a full list of locations, more information or to download a copy, visit www.co.arapahoe.co.us and click on the 150th anniversary logo. Winners will be announced Nov. 1, 2011 – Arapahoe County's official 150th birthday.

As Colorado's first county, its history dates back 156 years to 1855 when Arapahoe County was part of the Kansas Territory. In 1861, Congress created the Colorado Territory, and Arapahoe County, which stretched to the Kansas border, was divided up into 17 counties. Denver was the county seat until 1902, when it became a separate city and county. After a local election to determine the new county seat, voters selected Littleton, where it remains the county seat of Arapahoe County today.

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To download photos click on the link: ftp://www.co.arapahoe.co.us/Pub/CM/150_Anniversary/

First3CoinWinners – The Wright Family of Aurora had a blast completing their Pioneer Passports and was the first to receive one of the 150 Anniversary Commemorative Coins from Arapahoe County. Hurry – coins are limited to the first 150 people to complete their Pioneer Passport.