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## **Scavenger Hunt takes residents through Arapahoe County history** *You Can Win! Grab a Pioneer Passport and start your Historical Hunt today*

**Littleton, CO** --- Arapahoe County's *Historical Hunt* invites modern-day explorers to grab a Pioneer Passport for a tour through history that may win them some fun prizes.

"This year, Arapahoe County celebrates our sesquicentennial, which is our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary," said Arapahoe County Commissioner Rod Bockenfeld, who serves as Board Chair. "Throughout the year, citizens will be able to participate in a series of events and activities, including a scavenger hunt that will lead them to visit some of the County's most beautiful, historic and intriguing treasured landmarks."

With the Historical Hunt, participants will grab a Pioneer Passport and travel throughout the County to answer 10 to 15 fun trivia questions. The first 150 people to submit a completed passport will receive a 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Coin.

In addition, all participants who turn in a completed passport by Oct. 1, 2011 will be entered to win numerous prizes, including a \$150 VISA gift card. Winners will be announced Nov. 1, 2011 – Arapahoe County's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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](http://www.co.arapahoe.co.us) and click on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo.

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.

Visit the Arapahoe County web site for more sesquicentennial events taking place throughout the year.

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To download photos click on the link: [ftp://www.co.arapahoe.co.us/Pub/CM/150\\_Anniversary/](ftp://www.co.arapahoe.co.us/Pub/CM/150_Anniversary/)

*150<sup>th</sup> Logo* – Throughout 2011, Arapahoe County is celebrating its sesquicentennial (150<sup>th</sup> anniversary) with a series of events and activities, including a Historical Hunt.

*Antique\_Silver* – The first 150 people to submit a completed Pioneer Passport will receive a 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Coin from Arapahoe County.

*17MileHouse* – Years ago, pioneers traveling along the historic Cherokee Trail stage coach route to Denver would stop at 17 Mile House Farm Park for food and shelter. Arapahoe County has preserved this heritage site which includes an 1860s mile house, silo and barn.