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History Fair Weekend Celebrates Grand Opening of History Museum's Signature Exhibition

The Grand Opening of the East Tennessee Historical Society's (ETHS) new signature exhibition, *Voices of the Land: The People of East Tennessee*, will be held August 22-24, 2008 with fun and entertainment provided by area historical societies, historic attractions, and associations featuring exhibits, activities, games, and re-enactments. Grand Opening celebration activities include:

History Hunt, Ongoing
Walk through the pages of Knoxville's past with *Voices of the Land* HISTORY HUNT, an interactive, self-guided walking tour of Downtown Knoxville. You'll discover prominent Knoxville landmarks, famous Tennesseans, popular legends, and little known facts along the way. A fantastic companion to the Museum of East Tennessee History, this guide brings history alive on the streets of Knoxville. FREE guide books will be available at the front desk of the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street.

Official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay St.
Friday, August 22, 5 p.m.
Ribbon-cutting ceremony to be held by ETHS and Knox County officials. Following the ribbon cutting, ETHS members are invited to tour the exhibit until 7 p.m.

History Street Fair at Krutch Park, Krutch Park Extension and Clinch Avenue
Saturday, August 23, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday, August 24, 12 – 5 p.m.

- **Weekend-long activities will include:**
  - Free admission to the Museum of East Tennessee History
  - Living History Timeline and Reenactors—representing periods from the Cherokee to World War II
  - Children's crafts and activities
  - Presentations and exhibits by authors and representatives of various historic sites and historical/genealogical societies
  - Live craftsmen demonstrations including a blacksmith, spinning & weaving, and berry basket making.

- **Clayton Country Music Stage, Hosted by WDVX Radio**
  - **Saturday 10 a.m. – 6p.m.** Performers will include David West, Jim Clayton, Bowman Family (descendants and relatives of the famous early country music Bowman family), Guy and Candie Carawan, members of the Cumberland Trail, Paul Brewster, the McCarrells (Tom and Tammy; Tom was with the early Roane Ramblers).
  - **Sunday noon – 5 p.m**. Performers will include bluegrass/country gospel acts featuring David West, Mavis Hughes, Gammon Horton & Reynolds Gospel Trio

- **Saturday 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Free trolleys to downtown historic sites**---Blount Mansion, James White Fort, Mabry Hazen, First Presbyterian Church Cemetery

- **Saturday & Sunday, 2-4 p.m. Meet historic characters** buried in First Presbyterian Church Cemetery, including James White, Samuel Carrick, William Blount and wife Mary Blount, Mrs. Margaret Ramsey, Abner Baker. Followed from 3-4 p.m. by tours of this historic graveyard, led by author and local historian Jack Neely.

- **Sunday, 12 – 5 p.m. Storytelling stage:** Among performers are Mark & Sherry Finchum and Jim Claborn as Davy Crockett. At 3 p.m. kids will celebrate Davy's birthday with cake and a party.

- **Saturday, 7 p.m., Women's Equality Day Celebration** Meet the Quakers, Abolitionists, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, Frederick Douglass and others who made the first public call for women's right to vote during a reenactment of the Seneca Falls Convention of 1848. After the re-enactment the celebration continues with an 1848 Ball in the Great Hall of the East Tennessee History Center with live music and refreshments. Tickets to the reenactment and the ball are $15 each or $25 for both. Call 546-7770 for reservations.

- **Saturday, 11 am. – 6 p.m. Open House at Tennessee Theatre and clips of historic footage** by the Tennessee Archive of Moving Image and Sound:
  - **11 a.m., Festival of Children's Classics** - Features vintage shorts and cartoons. Includes films of Shirley Temple, Betty Boop, Gumby, Abbott and Costello, and many more.
  - **12:10 p.m., Your Town in the Movies.** Unique films that capture the traditions and industries of East Tennessee hometowns, 1930s-1950s, including Athens, Harriman, Lenoir City, Maryville, Rockwood, and Sweetwaer.
  - **12:45 p.m. Viva Knox Vegas!** Footage compiled from home movies features clips of downtown Knoxville from the 1920s through the 1960s. Look for UT football games of the 1940s, vintage Dogwood arts clips, and the last Knoxville trolley ride in 1947.
  - **2:00 p.m., Tribute to Chet Atkins, featuring Lost Midday Merry-Go-Round footage and live performance by "Chet picker" Larry Oldham.** Home movies of Lowell Blanchard and the Merry-Go-Round gang in the early 1940s. Vintage performances by Union County native and guitar greatChet Atkins.
  - **3:30 p.m., The Jim Thompson Collection** - Personal home movies of renowned local photographer Jim Thompson feature rare, vintage scenes from Knoxville and the great Smoky Mountains National Park in the first years of existence.
  - **4:45 p.m., East Tennessee Television History Highlights from Classic Knoxville Television Programs** - Classic clips from the popular and long-running television shows aired from Knoxville televisions stations. The program will feature segments from such fondly-remembered shows as 'Jim Clayton Star Time', Bonnie Lou and Buster Show', 'Little Jimmy Hartsook Show', "Wrestling with John Cazana", along with classic commercials.
  - **6 p.m., This is Cas Walker!** - Our tribute to the legendary Cas Walker features outtakes and bloopers from his long-running television show, an early musical performance by Dolly Parton, some fine local bluegrass music, and rare WBIR-TV news film detailing the political career of Walker.

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Events are being added daily - for more information, visit the calendar of events at www.EastTNHistory.org.