



History lives again in Moreston Heritage Village

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Music and merriment will mark the opening of the much anticipated Moreston Heritage Village at Grey Roots Museum & Archives. Starting with a ribbon cutting on **June 28, 2008 at 11 a.m.**, Grey Roots invites family and friends to take part in an all-day festival of Grey County's past in Moreston Heritage Village.

Period music will be heard throughout the Village during the opening day. The talented Bobby Dean Blackburn Trio will set a 1920's mood with blues music in the Bluewater Garage. The front porch of the newly-restored Farm House will house Scatter the Cats, a band known for their traditional Irish and North American acoustic dance music featuring the fiddle, mandolin, and banjo.

One of the main attractions in Moreston at the opening, and continuing through the summer, will be the many well-trained, costumed volunteers who will present pioneer demonstrations. Blacksmithing, storytelling, and spinning will be among the skills presented in the five heritage buildings opening: the Log Cabin, the Blacksmith Shop, the Log House, the Farm House, and the Bluewater Garage.

Visitors to Moreston will have the choice of wandering the Village at their own pace, or taking one of the three daily tours starting at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. Admission to the Heritage Village is included with regular admission to Grey Roots.

Opening day fun will also include heritage transportation and equipment demonstrations. Visitors can hop on a horse-drawn wagon ride or marvel at the innovative heritage power equipment demonstrations generously provided by local farmer, Gerry Thiel. Grey Roots staff and volunteer engineer Bob Lowe will power up the Steam Traction Engine as well.

Children will enjoy an all-new outdoor Scavenger Hunt which will challenge them to find items located throughout Moreston. After enjoying the hunt, demonstrations, and refreshments, visitors have the opportunity to take another look at the incredible summer blockbuster, *LEGO®: Secrets of the Pharaohs*, or any of the other original exhibits on display this summer at Grey Roots.

Moreston Opening details:

Date: Saturday, June 28th, 2008

Time: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. (museum opens at 10 a.m.)

Details: Wagon rides, music, refreshments, and more!

Location: Grey Roots Museum & Archives

Cost: Regular admission applies

For a complete view of the current and future event, visit <http://www.greyroots.com/programs-events>

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About Grey Roots Museum & Archives:

Grey Roots Museum & Archives has grown and developed into a unique facility from the County Museum's beginning in 1955 and the later establishment of a County Archives in 2000 in order to promote and preserve the heritage of Grey County. With the consolidation of the Grey County Museum, Grey County Archives, and Tourism in 2004, Grey Roots has become a multi-faceted attraction with innovative and informative interpretive programs and demonstrations, rotating exhibits, a heritage village, archival resources and superior customer service create an exciting and educational visitor experience.

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