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St. Charles County Heritage Museum Prepares For New Transportation Exhibit

St. Charles County, Missouri — The St. Charles County Heritage Museum will be changing out its current display to make way for a new “Evolution of Transportation in St. Charles County” exhibit, expected to open in September. The main barn exhibit, which depicts the German emigrants who settled St. Charles County, will be on display and open to the public through Sunday, July 29. Then portions of the Museum will be closed while the new artifacts are installed.

During the display change-out process, the room exhibits within the 19th century home will be open for approximately two weeks. Then it will close on August 12. The displays in the home are dedicated to site history and the Cribbin and Kuhlmann family heritage. The family stories are told through wall panels, photographs and personal possessions on display. They also focus on how the site and its surrounding area have changed throughout the years.

It will take crews approximately two weeks to install the new Transportation exhibit, which will feature information and artifacts about “rivers, roads and railroads in St. Charles County.”

“The new exhibit will showcase several interactive pieces, which include a pirogue or canoe used in early river travels, as well as a steamboat that simulates the experience of piloting a vessel on the Missouri River,” said St. Charles County Parks Director Bettie Yahn-Kramer. “Other areas of the
Museum will feature displays about the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroads and the bridges of past and present in St. Charles County."

Since the Museum opened to the public in October 2010, there have been nearly 7,000 visitors walk through its doors. School groups, organizations and clubs are among those visitors. Even outdoor enthusiasts are stopping in before riding the Centennial Trail, situated on the Museum grounds.

Located at 1630 Heritage Landing, near Highway 94 and the Page Avenue Extension, the St. Charles County Heritage Museum is free and is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

For more information about the St. Charles County Heritage Museum, visit www.stccparks.org or call (636) 255-6000.