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## Utah's Centenarians Party Monday

Utahns who've reached 100 years or older are invited to the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Centenarians Party Monday, July 9, and 40-to-45 are expected to attend with their families.

They're older than Corn Flakes, Mickey Mouse and the SOS distress signal. The 1907 babies arrived the same year that taxis first had meters, Hershey Park opened in Pennsylvania and United Parcel Service was created.

Utah has at least 120 centenarians, including 97 women and 23 men. The three oldest expect to attend Monday. They are Mrs. Rhea Barnett, 109, who lives in West Jordan; Mrs. Irene Leishman, who is nearly 107 and lives in Bountiful; and Dr. Russell B. Clark, who will be 107 in November and lives in Orem.

Each centenarian will receive a yearbook, similar to high school yearbooks. Seventy-five of them contributed bios for the book.

Governor Jon Huntsman and Utah Division of Aging and Adult Services host the annual event.

The party starts at 10:30 a.m. and continues until 12:30 p.m. at Utah State Fairpark's Bonneville Building, 201 N. 1000 West, Salt Lake City.

(Editor's note: various centenarians are available for interviews. Copies of the yearbook will be available on cd in pdf format.)

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