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Members Hike Old Trail On Land Grant

At left, members look at what's left of the old Seven Springs pools – long abandoned but once a popular weekend recreation spot along Tijeras Creek in Tijeras Canyon.

More pictures from our April 5 hike on the land grant on page 6.

2014 Calendar of Events

June 7 – Members-only trip to the Moriarty Historical Society is *this Saturday*. Details on page 3.

August 9 – EMHS will partner with Bernalillo County for its Grand Opening at Carlito Springs Open Space in Tijeras Canyon, with a talk by EMHS President **Denise Tessier** about Carlito's history-making former owner, Carl Magee. More on page 2.

Late September/early October – EMHS will recognize our oral history Living Treasures and others who have made special efforts to preserve local history.

September 28 – EMHS will share its photo albums and family histories with the public at the East Mountain Celebration. Contact **Becky Schnelker** if you can help out at our table.

November 2 – EMHS will hold our Annual Meeting and elections, with [special guest Anne Hillerman](#), author of “Spider Woman’s Daughter,” which continues the exploits of the beloved New Mexico characters created by her father, Tony Hillerman.

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The EMHS Newsletter aims to inform members and prospective members of EMHS events and endeavors, including committee work, and to serve as a record of society activities. It is also a forum for stories about the area. Please send your ideas for future newsletter items to the Editor, P.O. Box 379, Cedar Crest, NM 87008, or by email: newsletter@eastmountainhistory.org Deadlines for future issues of the newsletter are Jan. 31, April 30, July 31, and Oct. 31.

Mission Statement

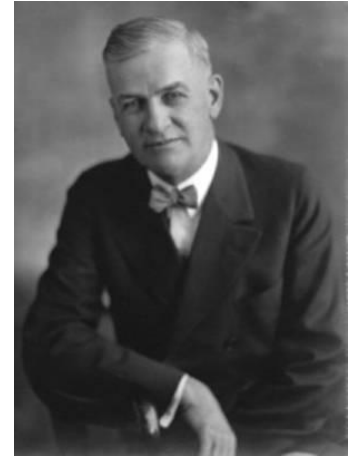
The Mission of the East Mountain Historical Society is to identify, preserve and present to the public the history and culture of the East Mountain area. EMHS will assist in protecting historical buildings and landscapes, artifacts, records, or any item considered to be of historical significance. EMHS will also identify, collect and archive historical material of significance to the area.

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Carlito Springs Grand Opening Aug. 9

The East Mountain Historical Society will participate in Bernalillo County's grand opening of Carlito Springs Open Space, with activities scheduled from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Aug. 9 at this majestic property in Tijeras Canyon.

EMHS President **Denise Tessier** will give a talk about the sensational history-making court trials of newspaper editor and one-time Carlito Springs owner Carl Magee, who bought the property in the 1930s and named it after his son, Carl Jr.



Carl Magee

EMHS will also share some of our archival photographs and family histories with the public at this event. (We could use member help. Please let Becky or Denise know if you can spend time at the display table.)

The county will introduce visitors to the newly established trailhead and trail, and county staff will provide a historical overview of the property, presenting the next steps toward rehabilitating the historic cabins and travertine house.

Located on the southeast face of the Sandia Mountains, Carlito Springs encompasses 179 acres, including springs and historic orchards. Details about parking and other logistics will be provided closer to the date.

Genealogy Jamboree Offers Free Online Live Streamed Sessions June 6-8

The Southern California Genealogy Association is offering free live streaming of 14 of its family history research conference sessions, which are being conducted Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 6-8. For session titles and how to access them, [visit this page](#) or do a search (the web address is too unwieldy to print in this newsletter).

Visit Moriarty Saturday for EMHS Field Trip and More

Our field trip to the museum of the [Moriarty Historical Society](#) is **this Saturday afternoon** (June 7), but members might consider heading out even earlier because the RETRO-Relive the Route 66 group is holding a celebration at the Whiting Brothers sign site Saturday morning.

First, the details on our field trip: At **1:30 p.m.**, EMHS members will be the guests of the Moriarty Historical Society, who will give us a tour of their museum at 202 South Broadway Avenue, Moriarty (phone: 505-832-0839). We'll meet the folks at MHS, learn about their projects and see their collection on display at the Moriarty Civic Center. EMHS program director **Becky Schnelker** says the tour will last about an hour or so.

For those who would like to car pool, EMHS board members will be leaving from the parking lot of the East Mountain Library in Tijeras at 11:30 a.m. to **meet for lunch at noon** at Katrinah's East Mountain Grill in Edgewood (southwest corner of Dinkle Road and NM 344 just north of I-40). All members are welcome to meet for lunch.



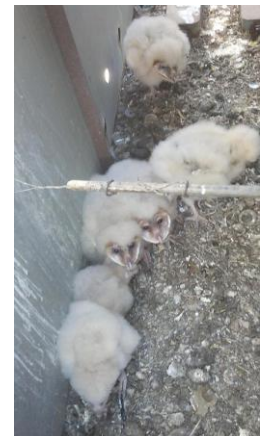
Before that, however, you might want to attend the **10 a.m. Grand Opening of the Whiting Bros. Signs** celebration. Relive the Route's Roger Holden says:

The entire New Mexico Route 66 Association Annual Motor Tour of antique and classic cars will be stopping for the event.

A local youth dance troop will be dancing to "Get your kicks on Route 66" played by the local radio station 88.7 "so everyone can turn on their car radio and dance along."

And speakers will be on hand, including state Sen. Sue Wilson Beffort, Moriarty Mayor Ted Hart, N.M. Route 66 Association past President Vickie Ashcraft, and National Parks Service/ Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program Director Kaisa Barthuli.

The signs are in the process of being refurbished thanks to a grant from the National Park Service, Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program, by Zeon Signs. Work was interrupted, however, when a nest of baby owlets was discovered inside the sign can.



Holden noted that, "Yes, the owlets will probably still be in the sign and the sign won't be completed 100 percent but the opportunity to align with the New Mexico Route 66 Motor Tour is just too great. Although we have stopped the refurbishment of the sign until (the owlets) leave, they have become an endearing addition to the history and enchantment of Route 66 in our community."

Relive the Route 66 has posted video of the owlets at <http://www.owlson66.com/>.

Photos courtesy Roger Holden

Help Us Create a Living Treasure Map

By Kris Thacher, Oral History Coordinator and Vice President

The East Mountains are full of treasure! Not the kind that changes price every day at the Gold Exchange. Not the kind that can be measured in dollars and cents. These treasures are more priceless than gold, perfect pearls, or diamonds in the rough. We are talking about our Living Treasures, the men and women whose stories are archived by the East Mountain Historical Society. And now we are going to put our treasures on a one-of-a-kind map.

If you are one of our Living Treasures, we want to put you on the map with your portrait photo placed near the village or East Mountain area that is most important to your family history.

If you are a mapmaker, a graphic artist, or know a bit about the history of our villages, old ranches or even ghost towns of the East Mountains, come help us with our map. We will use historical photographs from our archives or short historical sketches to illustrate each village.

Does anyone have any stories or information or photos of Helweg, Venus, Uña del Gato, Barton, Martinez, Carpenter, Frost? How about Carnuel, Tijeras, Zuzax, Edgewood and old Route 66 before the interstate was built? Do you know about old stagecoach routes or railroad tracks that ran through the East Mountains? Help us put our treasures on a map that, when completed, will be a treasure itself. (Contact [Kris](#) at 286-7707 if you'd like to help with this project.)

News and Notes . . .

Our condolences to Martha Liebert, founder of the Sandoval County Historical Society, on the loss of her husband, Joe. The Lieberts had been married 56 years. Messages may be left at Joe's online [guest register](#), www.riversidefunerals.com.



Albuquerque will host the [Historical Society of New Mexico](#) state conference next year. EMHS members **Denise Tessier** and **Robyn Hoffman**, who attended this year's event in Las Vegas, N.M., encourage members try to attend the conference next year when it's so close. Because EMHS is a group member of HSNM, EMHS members get a \$10 discount on individual membership in HSNM.



We've got three copies of our 2014 EMHS Calendar of historic photos left for sale and will let them go for \$5 – half price. Contact: president@eastmountainhistory.org.



If you are interested in serving as an officer for 2015, or in joining the board now or in the future, please contact **Andre Larroque** at preservation@eastmountainhistory.org.



Reminder: [Fort Union](#) Days will be held June 21-22. Experience an encampment, talks and demonstrations, and an exhibition tent. Thanks to EMHS member and Civil War re-enactor **Ronald Lah** for this info.

Members Hike Old Trail on Carnuel Land Grant



On April 5,
EMHS
member



Eloy Jaramillo (at far left)
led us on a hike of the old
wagon trail through Tijeras
Canyon, allowing us a rare
view of Carnuel Grant land
that normally is off-limits to
non-heirs.

The going was strenuous in places as we forded Tijeras Creek, hacked through brush and navigated narrow paths high above the streambed, but it was worth the chance to see the old lime kiln (above) and footings for the old highway bridge that once carried cars through the canyon (right).

The stone kiln served local residents, who would get just enough lime to whitewash their walls.

Marie Herrera Dresser

brought to the hike the little photo at top right, depicting Sisto Armijo, who lived in Tijeras, always wore a red neck scarf, and used three donkeys to haul firewood to a yard near what is now A. Montoya school, where he sold it for \$3 a cord. Sisto's wood fired the community kiln.

At the end of the hike, we saw remnants of the old Seven Springs concrete pools (shown on the cover of this newsletter) – long abandoned but once a popular weekend recreation spot.

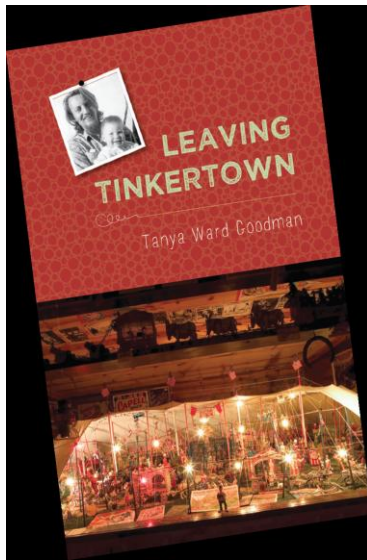
Story and Photos by Denise Tessier



Eloy Jaramillo walks by one of a pair of concrete footings for the auto bridge that once crossed Tijeras Creek. Its graffiti-covered mate is to the right.

‘Stories From Tinkertown’

– An evening of words and music celebrating the life of Ross Ward



Tanya Ward Goodman, award-winning author of “Leaving Tinkertown,” and her brother, artist/musician Jason Ward, have put together a show called “Stories From Tinkertown,” which will be performed in Albuquerque this month.

The show celebrates the life of Tanya and Jason’s father, the late Ross Ward, the East Mountain icon, artist and creator of Tinkertown Museum. Together, Jason will perform original music and Tanya will read from her book, which was released by University of New Mexico Press last August and which has since been honored with the [2013 Sarton Memoir Award](#).

The show begins at 7 p.m. June 28 at the Albuquerque Center for Spiritual Living, 2801 Louisiana NE. Tickets are \$10 at the door or online at stories-from-tinkertown.brownpapertickets.com. A portion of ticket sales will benefit the Alzheimer’s Association.

Tribal Elder Program Starts at Jemez

This summer, Jemez Pueblo tribal elders will offer a Native American voice in the interpretation of Jemez Historic Site in Jemez Springs, beginning this week. The Elder in Residence Program runs through July 13, with a new elder on site for each of six weeks. Elder tours will be held daily at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and are included in the price of admission to the site, which is \$3 for adults (children free). On Sunday August 10, Jemez Historic Site will hold its 11th Annual Pueblo Independence Day Celebration, with traditional Jemez song and dance and access to Jemez Historic Site. Pueblo food and art will also be available for purchase.

Jemez Historic Site is open Wednesday through Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entrance is free to New Mexico seniors on Wednesday and all New Mexico residents on Sunday. For more information: 575-829-3530 or matthew.barbour@state.nm.us; <http://www.nmhistoricsites.org/>.

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