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Historic Jemez Springs Bath House Celebrates Grand Reopening May 18 with Tours, Renewal Fair

JEMEZ SPRINGS, NM—The 1880's era Jemez Springs Bath House in Jemez Springs, New Mexico is celebrating its grand reopening event on May 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. followed by the opening of the Spring Renewal Fair. State representative Christine Chandler and State Land Commissioner Stephanie Garcia Richard will be joining Jemez Springs Mayor Roger Sweet and the Bath House staff for a ribbon cutting at 10 a.m. then tours of the newly improved Bath House immediately after.

"The Bath House's indoor renovation has been a long time coming and we couldn't be happier with the clean look and relaxed atmosphere, while maintaining the integrity of the historic building," said Mayor Sweet. "We especially would like to thank Rep. Christine Chandler and former Rep. Stephanie Garcia Richard for making this possible by securing funding for the Bath House improvements."

In 2015, former State Rep. Garcia Richard secured \$90,000 in capital improvements funding to cover improvement costs. Improvements include: repair and resurfacing of tubs; replacement of drains, tiles, pipes and valves, plaster, ceilings, and sub flooring. The interior was painted, electrical and light fixtures were upgraded, and historic windows were restored along with a new roof and coyote fence. Current Rep. Chandler is working to secure a grant for \$110,000 for future improvements which will include replacement of the heating and cooling system and replacement of the stucco.

The first 50 guests through the door will receive a free, future 25-minute soak with purchase of a soak.

The Bath House will also raffle off three prizes. The grand prize will be a free soak for an entire year, valued at \$650; second prize will be a 20 minute facial and 25 minute soak (valued at \$75); third prize will be a renewal basket with gift shop items valued at \$50. The Bath House will be offering complementary chair massages throughout the event.

To celebrate the idea of renewal, the Village-owned Bath House is hosting the first ever Spring Renewal Fair featuring a dozen vendors ranging from services to products. The Fair continues until 1 p.m., when the Bath House will begin offering services that day.

Later that morning at 11 a.m., the Jemez Historic Site less than a 1/4 along NM-4, will officially open their brand new museum with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The updated exhibits include a 3d projection mapping, oral history video with Jemez Tribal members, a new children's activity booklet, updated trail guide, and a visitor kiosk promoting tourism and more.

For more information about the grand reopening event or Spring Renewal Fair, contact Erica at 505-259-2202 or visit www.jemezsprings.org/events.

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