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Fireworks to Make Big Comeback at 4th of July Celebration in Jemez Springs, NM

JEMEZ SPRINGS, NM—After a two-year hiatus, the Village of Jemez Springs will include fireworks as part of their Independence Day celebration from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, July 4. Winter precipitation and resulting spring runoff have helped reduce fire risk in the Jemez Valley and Santa Fe National Forest, allowing fireworks to take place.

The 4th of July event includes a full day of activities starting with a parade at 10 a.m. Parade participants are asked to meet at the Jemez Community Park at 9 a.m. The parade begins at 10 a.m. from the Park along NM-4 to Jemez Plaza, north. Because of the parade, NM-4 will be closed from the Park to the Plaza from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Following the parade, the American Legion will have a Presentation of Colors and a flag raising ceremony. Parade float winners will be recognized for the best floats, including a \$200 prize for first place; \$100 for second place and \$50 for third place. Prizes are provided by Jemez Valley Credit Union. Visit www.jemezsprings.org/events to participate in the parade and download the required form. Floats still needed.

This year's Volunteer of the Year award will go to Jemez Helping Hands - a non profit based out of Jemez Springs that provides services and resources to those in need.

Live music by eclectic band Jemez Peacemakers along with the Hillstompers will begin at 10 a.m. and continue throughout the day. Arts and crafts vendors will be on hand until 4 p.m. and several kids activities will be available, including a "bouncy house." Families can support the Friends of the Jemez Springs Public Library while competing to see who has the fastest rubber duck at the Duck Race. The race begins at 2 p.m. behind the Jemez Springs Bath House where ducks "race" down the river. Each duck is \$5 or three for \$10.

The Friends group will also be raffling off an overnight guided fishing trip with expert fisherman and author, Alan Bray. The winner will receive instruction, overnight stay at Jemez Canyon View Retreat, use of fishing gear and lunch at Second Alarm Brewhouse. Tickets are \$5 and will be sold near the Plaza. Tickets may be purchased in advance by emailing FOJSPL@gmail.com. Funds earned from both the Duck Race and raffle will cover costs for library programs, movies, books, and operations.

Then at 8 p.m., Hummingbird Music Camp will present a concert followed by a colorful and patriotic fireworks display around 9 p.m.

The Jemez Springs Bath House, located in the heart of the Plaza, will be open for soaks and spa services from noon-5 p.m. during the event.

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