

Facts & Traditions

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The Historical Society will never be the same



Photos provided by Danielle Gonzalez

Within the last couple of months the Historical Society for Southeast New Mexico has experienced the tremendous loss of two pioneers: Elvis Fleming and Morgan Nelson. The impact these two gentlemen have had on the HSSNM and the entire community could never be put into words.

The mission of the Historical Society for Southeast New Mexico is, "To assemble, preserve and interpret the history of Southeast New Mexico and to promote a greater interest, understanding, and appreciation of the area's past." As far as those two men are concerned, one could certainly apply the Biblical quote, "Well done good and faithful servants." These two men did so much for the Society for many years and now it is up to us to continue their wonderful legacy. It is my hope that we will forever celebrate their honor, integrity, hard work and efforts and most important of all, continue their legacy.

Lasting legacy has been part of the 2019 Fourth Grade school tours which will be completed in May. Each of the students enjoy the tour of the museum, especially the beautiful new exhibits on the 2nd floor and the hands on activities inside the archives. Throughout these presentations and demonstrations one cannot help but ponder if the next Elvis or Morgan is within one of these children. If nothing else, it is our hope that the 4th graders will forever fondly remember their visit here—we also hope that it sparks enough interest to get them to return with their families.

The HSSNM museum and archives continues to stay busy; recently hosting Mayflower commercial bus tours, events in the Archives facility, Chaves County Tourism frontline tours and monthly meetings in addition to regular visitors. We will soon be announcing the 2019 scholarship recipients and there will be more Sunday Fundays to look forward to. In addition to these are future fundraisers TBA including the 2019 Heritage Dinner—to be held in the fall with more information to follow. So ladies and gentleman the best is yet to come in 2019!!!!

In Loving Memory of Elvis Fleming and Morgan Nelson—You will never be forgotten and may your legacies be the driving force for the future generations at the Historical Society for SENM!!!

Sincerest blessings,

Amy McVay-Davis