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CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION PLANNED AT WNMU

SILVER CITY, N.M. – An afternoon of celebration is planned for Friday, May 2nd in celebration of next week's Cinco de Mayo holiday.

Western New Mexico University's School of Education and Amigos Club is hosting a 3:00pm to 8:00pm Cinco de Mayo block party. Scheduled to take place are local and out-of-state visiting dance groups, games, booths, and a first ever "Little Miss Cinco de Mayo" competition.

The competition, beginning at 4:00pm, is meant to promote language and arts competencies through three stages of judging second and third grade girls from area schools. Competitors will first deliver a sixty to ninety second speech on the history of the holiday. Points will be given for accuracy, confidence, posture, and natural delivery. The third stage consists of a formal wear contest where contestants are tested on their personality, charisma, and elegance.

Other activities include university department booths, games, music, and the presentation of this year's Spanish Spelling Bee winners. Admission to the afternoon activities is \$2.00 to the general public and free for children and WNMU students with ID.

WNMU's Office of Multicultural Affairs and Student Activities plans other holiday festivities which include live entertainment by university students on Monday, May 5. Call 538-6611 for a complete schedule.

Located in Silver City, New Mexico, Western New Mexico University has served the people of the state of New Mexico and its surrounding areas as a comprehensive, regional, rural, public coeducational university since 1893 and caters to a student body diverse in age, culture, language and ethnic background.

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