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Roosevelt's New Deal 75th Anniversary Exhibit Opens in Tucumcari

SANTA FE, NM – The National New Deal Association's traveling exhibit of New Mexico's photo-documented New Deal Treasures will be on display in Tucumcari, NM August 2 through September 7, 2008.

The New Mexico Economic Development Department (NMEDD), through its New Mexico MainStreet Program, borrowed the exhibit from the National New Deal Association late last year. The exhibit debuted in Silver City in December of last year, and was shown in Artesia and Raton before opening in Tucumcari.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal initiatives transformed the economic landscape of New Mexico. Its legacy of employing upwards of 40 percent of New Mexico's population during the Great Depression of the 1930s can be seen in public works, art, artisan and craft work in every region of the state. Under President Roosevelt's New Deal initiatives, the Works Progress Administration (WPA) and Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) constructed roads, dams, parks, monuments, libraries, hospitals, post offices, firehouses, schools and municipal buildings across New Mexico.

"This exhibit is a great opportunity to share with younger generations the amazing creativity that evolved out of very trying times," said NMEDD Cabinet Secretary Fred Mondragón. "The WPA and the New Deal initiatives had a significant impact on our state both economically and culturally, and this wonderful exhibit provides a first hand look at the dynamic work that was created."

New Deal Treasures exhibition dates and locations are as follows:

- August 2-September 7, 2008 – Quay County Courthouse and Tucumcari ArtSpace
- September 19-November 1, 2008 – Roosevelt County Courthouse, Portales

For more information visit www.offtheroadnm.com.

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