It's that time of year when kids are returning to school, when teachers and parents alike look for new and exciting ways to teach various subjects to their students. This has been the challenge for teachers throughout the ages. Educational games go over rather well, and it was no different in the early days in New Mexico. Thelma Linam Webber bought a puzzle of the United States in 1933 to help her daughters, Bruce and Alta Faye, learn geography. Today this puzzle is part of the Virgil and Thelma Linam Collection at the Western Heritage Museum Complex and Lea County Cowboy Hall of Fame.

Published by the Milton Bradley Co., the puzzle is interesting because, along with the continental United States, it includes Alaska and the Hawaiian Islands, neither of which became states until 1959. Rather, both had been U.S. territories since 1867 and 1898, respectively. The Philippine Islands, Guam, and Puerto Rico are also included in the puzzle map, having become U.S. territories in 1898 as well. Now, two of those five territories are states. Most puzzles that you find today, however, do not contain the U.S. territories. Our country has 50 states as of August, 2012, but there are still territories under U.S. control. Could one of them become state number 51? We have had 50 stars on our flag since 1960, but that doesn’t mean we can’t add more.

Puzzles are still a great way to help people learn. By having fun playing with puzzles, people use skills and learn without even thinking about it. That’s exactly what a museum experience should be — fun while learning. Thelma Linam Webber believed in this concept so much that she created her own museum and walked children through it, giving personal tours and opportunities to learn about this region’s past. We are proudly keeping her tradition alive with the Virgil and Thelma Linam Collection. Please stop by the museum and check out some of the educational material in the collection. And, don’t forget about the Staked Plains Round-Up on September 13 and 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the New Mexico Junior College campus, including the museum. Come learn about the Old West, see trick roper Brice Chapman, watch Native American dancers, and see a variety of demonstrations. We look forward to seeing you!

Lost in the Library
by Amanda Wier

It’s that time again...Fall Semester.

Please! Library is happy to welcome you or welcome you back! Do you have a question about your Library? Great! Because we have two exciting new ways to answer your questions – Text-A-Librarian & Chat-with-Us.

Text-A-Librarian is exactly what it sounds like. You can text a question for the Library to our number (575)466-6674 and a librarian will text you back with an answer. To get started, text NMJClib to (575)466-6674. You will receive instructions and be able to ask questions right away. How easy is that?

Chat-with-Us is similar to Text-A-Librarian but it is built into the Library webpages. Go to www.nmjc.edu/library and look for the green tab on the right side of the page. Click on that tab and a chat box will open up. Then just ask your question. You can even use it sitting in the library at one of the student computers.

Both services are available Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. during the regular semester. (Not available holidays or weekends) We’re excited to offer these services as part of your Library’s technology tools. To see more go to the Library homepage (www.nmjc.edu/library) and click e-Resources and Tech Tools.

Also, join us during August and September as we celebrate Library Card Sign-Up month. Check out our display and ask a librarian how to get your library card. A library card is your ticket to check out books, audios books and DVDs.

Check it out!
~Amanda

Pass... Do you read banned books? Come see us in September.

Welcome Back Thunderbirds!
Have a good semester!

Cindy & Cici Hardin share details of their success with Camp Crossfire at the August 9 NMJC Board Meeting.
NMJC Recruiter, Natalia De Jesus is interviewed by Marco Ojeda of KLMA-FM radio at the NMJC booth at the Lea County Fair held the week of August 7-11. The Stash Puppies proceeds will benefit students through the NMJC Foundation.

Kathy Mitchell (L) won the NMJC Foundation gift basket through a drawing at the NMJC Lea County Fair booth. Kim Latimer (R) from the Foundation presented the basket to Kathy. Congratulations, Kathy.

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(below) Pineapple Volcano-Joshua Baker;
(left) Soft Drink Geyser-Earth Science Class
LET'S TALK ABOUT IT: MAKING SENSE OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR - Moderator: Professor Dwight Pitscaltle of NMSU
September 8 @ 1:00 pm • “Imagining War”
Contact: Mary Tuytschaever (575) 492-2873 or mtuytschaever@nmjc.edu

RODEO
September 20-22 @ ENMU - Portales
Contact: Richard Morris (575) 492-2748 or rmorris@nmjc.edu

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT: MAKING SENSE OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR - Moderator: Professor Dwight Pitscaltle of NMSU
September 22 @ 1:00 pm • “Choosing Sides”
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September 27-29 @ Sul Ross State University – Alpine, Texas
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October 6 @ 1:00 pm • “Making Sense of Shiloh”
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October 11-13 @ Vernon College – Vernon, Texas
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RODEO
October 18-20 @ Texas Tech University – Lubbock, Texas
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LET'S TALK ABOUT IT: MAKING SENSE OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR - Moderator: Professor Dwight Pitscaltle of NMSU
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RODEO
October 25-27 @ Clarendon College – Clarendon, Texas
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November 3 @ 10:00 am
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