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Commission receives grant for historic preservation

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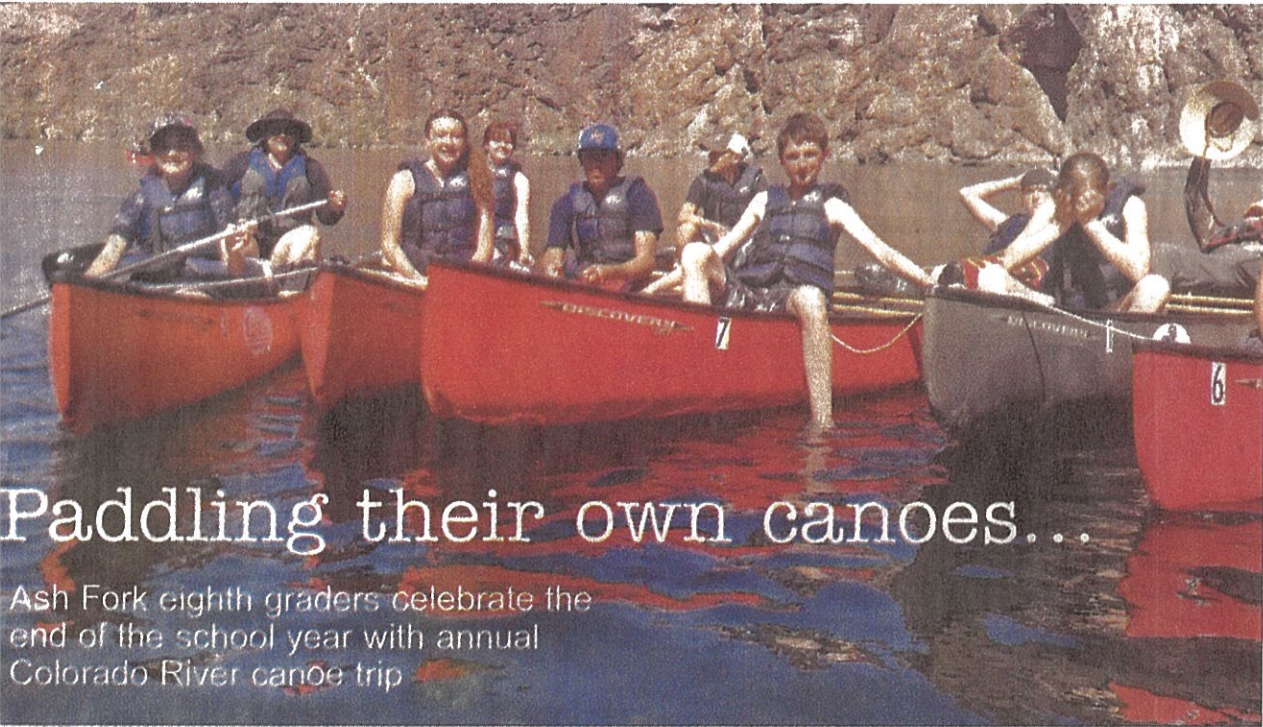
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WILLIAMS, Ariz. — The Williams Historic Commission has received a \$14,000 grant from the State Historic Preservation Office and the National Park Service to help preserve and maintain the historic business district in the downtown area.

The grant was supplemented by the city of Williams and will be used by the commission to create a

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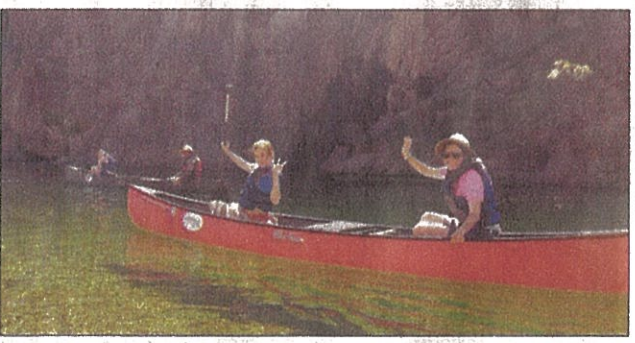
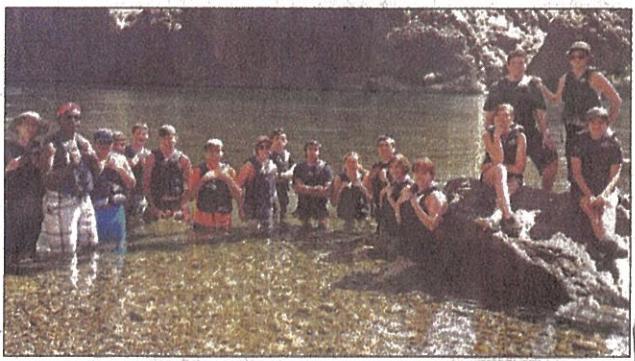
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practicing with the canoes in a pool environment prior to the trip, and also spent time learning to rock climb and rappel. Acosta said the students left before daybreak May 1 and were canoeing upstream by mid-morning toward Arizona Hot Springs. On day two, the students paddled to Boy Scout Canyon and Moon Scape, and eventually made it all the way to Hoover Dam. "The weather was a little colder than usual, but

it still felt perfect," Acosta said. "Thank you to all of the adults and sponsors that made this canoe trip another successful expedition once again." Located within Lake Mead National Recreation Area, the Black Canyon area of the Colorado River is known for its thermal and non-thermal springs with water temperatures ranging from about 55 to 136 degrees Fahrenheit. Many of the springs are large pools, and some are just seeps from small fractures in the rock walls. Many of these seeps are covered with a mixture of the mineral travertine and algae-type vegetation which ranges in color from green to orange. Arizona Hot Springs produces fairly constant 111 degree Fahrenheit water

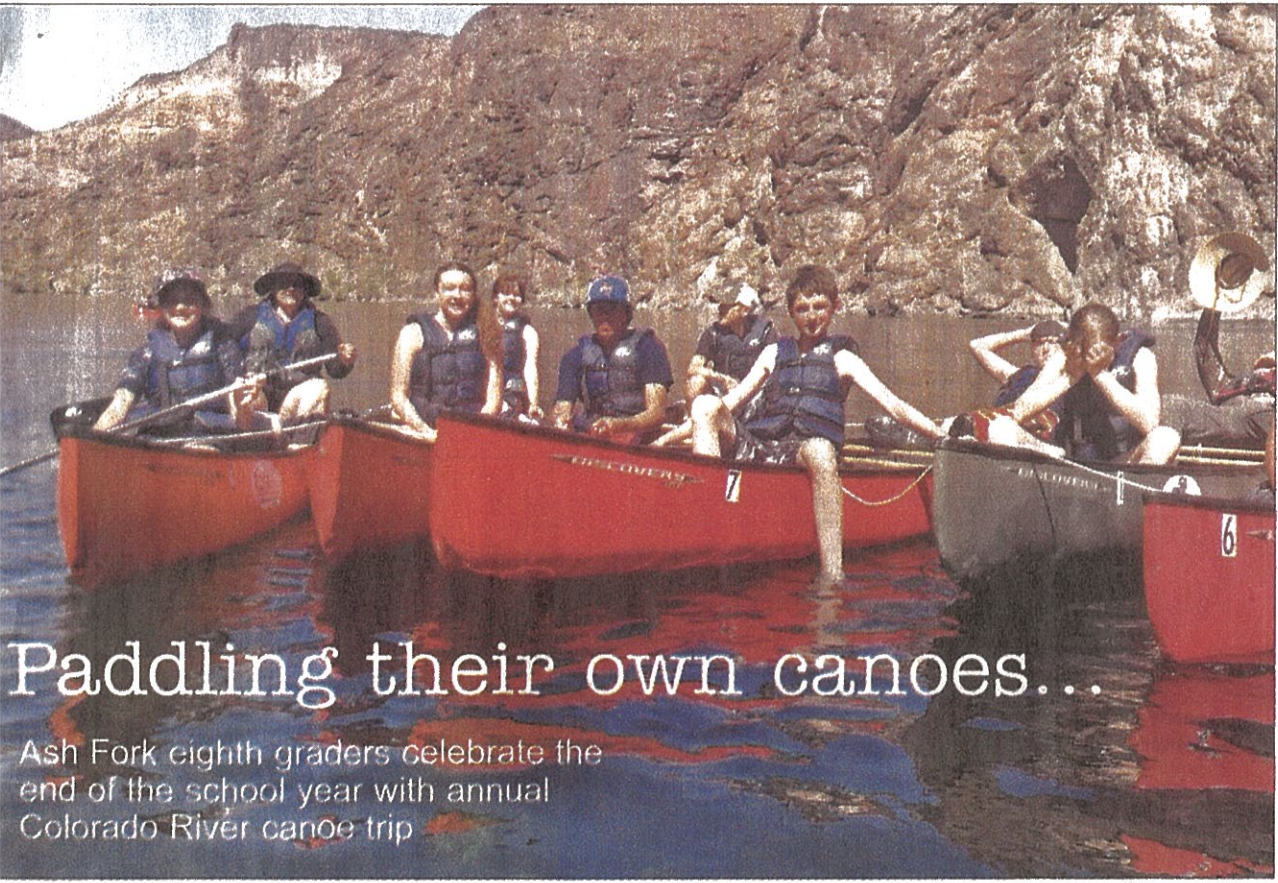


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that drops through several small pools before discharging in to the Colorado River. Native Americans first came to the spring and it was noted on a map in 1857 and 1858 by Lieutenant Joseph C. Ives of the U.S. Army Corps of Topographical Engineers.
 Information provided by Ash Fork Unified School District.





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