

Eddy County Newsletter

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- 5th- National Doughnut Day
- 6th- National Nachos Day
- 7th- Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 8th- National Harvey Wallbanger Day
- 9th- National Scapple Day
- 10th- Happy Birthday Marine Corps!
- 11th- Veterans Day
- 12th- National Chicken Soup for the Soul Day
- 13th- World Kindness Day
- 14th- National Pickle Day
- 15th- National Raisin Bran Cereal Day
- 16th- National Fast Food Day
- 17th- National Take a Hike Day
- 18th- Happy Birthday Mickey Mouse!
- 19th- National Play Monopoly Day
- 20th- National Peanut Butter Fudge Day
- 21st- National Gingerbread Cookie Day
- 22nd- National Cranberry Relish Day
- 23rd- National Espresso Day
- 24th- National Jukebox Day
- 25th- Happy Thanksgiving!
- 26th- You're Welcomegiving Day
- 27th- Small Business Saturday
- 28th- National French Toast Day
- 29th- Electronic Greetings Day
- 30th- National Day of Giving



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MESSAGE FROM EDDY COUNTY LEADERSHIP...

Happy Thanksgiving, Eddy County.

The cool mornings and pumpkin spice everywhere must mean that Thanksgiving is here. In Eddy County, we need to count our blessings. This is a favorite of mine:

- Be thankful for food – remember the hungry
- Be thankful for health – remember the sick
- Be thankful for friends – remember the friendless
- Be thankful for freedom – remember the enslaved

When we dwell on how badly we have it at any moment in our lives, remember that we are blessed.

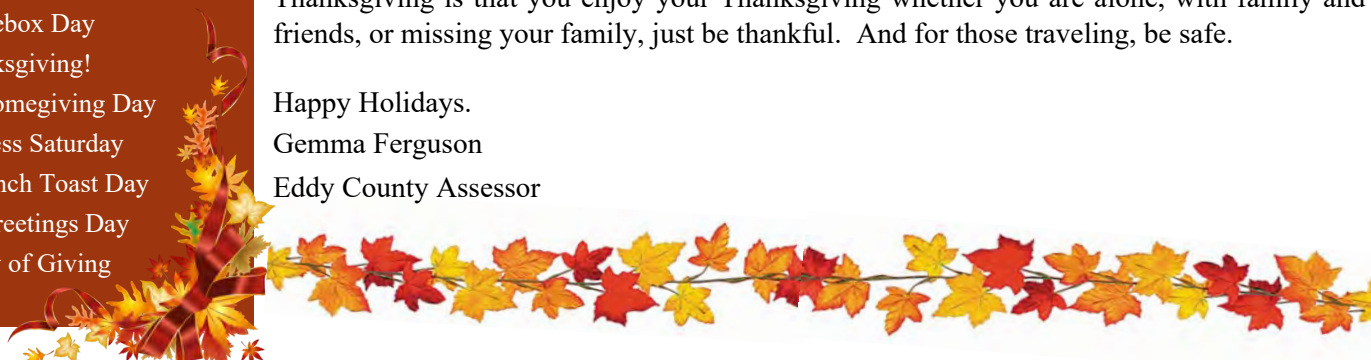
Meanwhile, in the Assessor's office, our busiest time of the year will begin soon. The first two months of the new year is the time when businesses, livestock owners, and mobile home owners have to render. That actually means that they let us know what they own, and in the case of the mobile home, that the home is still at the same location.

It is also the time when you can apply for exemptions to your property. The household exemption is for \$2,000. If you have a veteran's certificate from the State of NM you can apply for an exemption of \$2,000 or \$4,000. A 100% exemption is for a 100% disabled veteran. These must be filed in our office before the end of February.

If you have any questions about exemptions, just call the office and we will be happy to help you. All exemption information is also on our web site at www.co.eddy.nm.us/assessor.

I am thankful for the amazing people I work with. We are a diverse county, yet all of us are so willing to work together and cheer each other on. My wish for everyone this Thanksgiving is that you enjoy your Thanksgiving whether you are alone, with family and friends, or missing your family, just be thankful. And for those traveling, be safe.

Happy Holidays.
Gemma Ferguson
Eddy County Assessor



- Reminder from Eddy County Treasurer
- Holiday Hours

Updates & News



Friendly Reminder from Eddy County Treasurer, Laurie Pruitt

Tax bills are due and payable on November 10, 2021 and may be paid in full or in two (2) installments:

1st Installment: Due Nov. 10, 2021, and is delinquent after Dec. 10, 2021

2nd Installment: Due April 11, 2022, and is delinquent after May 10, 2022.

There are several, convenient ways to pay your tax bill.

- Pay by phone Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 - Carlsbad: 575-885-3913
 - Artesia: 575-746-9879
- Online at <http://livetreasurer.co.eddy.nm.us/treasurer/treasurerweb/>
- Carlsbad Drop box located at our Drive-up window on the west side of the Administration Building in the alley, or in Artesia behind the building.
 - Check or money order & please include your account number(s)
- Drop-box inside the Administration Building at 101 W. Greene St. in the main lobby.
- Pay by mail: 101 W. Greene St., Suite 117, Carlsbad, NM 88220
 - When paying by mail, make sure it's postmarked by Dec. 10, 2021

As always, if you have any questions, please call us at 575-885-3913. We are happy to assist you!

Happy Thanksgiving from all of us at the Eddy County Treasurer's Office!

Eddy County offices will be closed Thursday, November 11, 2021 in observance of Veteran's Day. Sheriff's Deputies will remain on duty and the Road Department will have a road crew on call.



The Eddy County Offices will close at 12:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 24, 2021 and be closed Thursday and Friday, November 25-26, 2021 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The Sheriff's Department will have deputies on duty and the Road Department will have a road crew on call.



Eddy County Service Awards

- Jesus Vasquez, SO- 20 years
- Victor Martinez, SO- 15 years
- Cynthia Leyva, Detention- 10 years
- Elsa Ortega, Detention, 5 years
- Gilbert Barela, Detention- 5 years
- Andrew Lopez-Medrano, I.T.- 5 years
- Samantha Turner, Detention- 5 years

Employee Spotlight



This month's employee spotlight is Captain Michael Corona

Captain Corona began his career as an Eddy County Detention Officer in 1997. In 1999, he transferred to the Eddy County Juvenile Detention Center, where he worked nine years as a Juvenile Detention Officer, and one year as Sergeant.

In 2009, he returned to the Adult Detention Center as a Squad Supervisor and promoted to Training Coordinator where he served from 2013-2019.

In 2019 he promoted to Captain of the Eddy County Detention Center where he remains today.

Captain Corona has over 25 years of combined experience in the field of both juvenile and adult detention. He has numerous training certificates, certifications, and is skilled in Instructor Development Training. He is bi-lingual and can read, write, and speak Spanish. He has served as C.E.R.T. Team Member, and F.T.O. Supervisor for many years.

"Throughout my 25 year career of working for Eddy County, I have made so many friends in almost every department," said Captain Corona. "What I like about working for Eddy County are the people around me each and every day. I feel that I am working with professionals that I can learn from and that will push me to take on new and challenging opportunities. I am treated with respect, given daily encouragement, and still love what I do even after all these wonderful years with the county!"

In his spare time, Captain Corona enjoys working out, bicycling, motorcycle riding, and any time that he can spend with his family.

If you've experienced an Eddy County employee or department that has gone above and beyond to serve you, we want to know! Email your experience to jstrong@co.eddy.nm.us



Eddy County in the Community

Eddy County Sheriff, Mark Cage, Welcomes Newest Deputy

Eddy County
101 W. Greene Street
Carlsbad, NM 88220
575-887-9511
EddyCounty.org



Carlsbad resident Tara Wright made a Facebook request looking for a Law Enforcement Officer to meet with her 4-year-old son, Landon Wright, who wants to become an officer.

Sheriff Mark Cage, without hesitation, answered that request. October 13, 2021, Wright was deputized as a Special Deputy and his mother proudly pinned his badge.

Thank you Deputy Wright for bringing coffee and crime-fighting biscuits (aka donuts) on your first day with the Eddy County Sheriff Office!

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District 4

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Gemma Ferguson
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Clerk

Jay L. Francis
Probate Judge

Mark Cage
Sheriff

Laurie Pruitt
Treasurer

Eddy County Fire & Rescue Fire Prevention Week Activities



During Fire Prevention Week in October, Eddy County Fire & Rescue assisted the Artesia Fire Department with showing children at all elementary and kindergarten schools in Artesia, Engine 984 and Brush 761, along with a medical unit and ladder truck from the city.

The children learned what each apparatus does, and also learned what type of equipment is carried on them. Deputy Chief Zuniga, Division Chiefs Burks and Chavarría from Fire Administration, and Lieutenant Fodge from Atoka Fire District assisted with the activities.

