

Eddy County News Letter

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MESSAGE FROM EDDY COUNTY LEADERSHIP...

Greetings Eddy County,

The Eddy County Community Services Department consists of a number of different departments such as DWI, Artesia MVD, Code Enforcement, Public Information, GIS, Indigent Services, and Planning and Special Projects. Eddy County Community Services Department also oversees two committees, the Planning and Development Committee, and the Lodgers Tax Committee. The staff of the Eddy County Community Services Department strives each and every day to provide the best possible services to the residents of Eddy County.

One of the major projects that the staff of Community Services has been working on is the loop bypass around the City of Carlsbad. Starting at the intersection of NM 200, US 62/180 and the new Southeast Loop, traffic signals will be installed by fall of 2022. Then, running south from this intersection, which is part of the new Southeast Loop, and using the current right of way of US Refinery, the road will be widened with shoulders and paved to State Highway 31. At the intersection of State Highway 31 and the Southeast Loop (US Refinery) a roundabout will be constructed during the state's reconstruction of State Highway 31. State Highway 31 will be four lanes from the intersection of State Highway 128 and State Highway 31 running west to US Highway 285.

Industry, small businesses, Eddy County, and NMDOT have partnered on the design and construction of the intersection at State Highway 31 and US Highway 285. This intersection will be moved approximately 1,000 feet south of where it currently sits. It will be upgraded with turning lanes and also traffic signals. The work at this intersection will begin at the same time as the construction of State Highway 31 which should begin within the next year.

Eddy County will also move Carrasco Road down from where it is currently to match with the new intersection of State Highway 31 and US Highway 285. Along with the realignment of the intersection, staff is also working on a plan to upgrade Carrasco Road and extend it to intersect with US Highway 62/180 south of the Carlsbad Airport.

The Eddy County Community Services Department consists of a number of different departments and is responsible for a number of different special projects. As mentioned above, the staff of the Community Services Department strives each and every day to provide the best possible services to the residents of Eddy County.

Sincerely,
Wesley Hooper
Community & Administrative Services Director

Federal Grants Now Available for Eddy County Businesses Through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)



On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act was signed into law, and established the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, which together make up the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (“SLFRF”) program. This program is intended to provide support to State, territorial, local, and Tribal governments in responding to the economic and public health impacts of COVID-19 and in their efforts to contain impacts on their communities, residents, and businesses.

Eddy County has approved \$1 million of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to be used to address the negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, which includes harm to small businesses and non-profits. Grants will be up to \$40,000 each but no more than a single business or non-profit loss due to the pandemic. ARPA funds can only be used to reimburse the costs of business interruption caused by required closures, revenue loss or implementation of new safety measures provided those costs were not paid by insurance or by another federal, state, or local program.

For more information please visit the following link:

<https://www.developcarlsbad.org/business/grant-program>



Eddy County is hosting a job fair Friday and Saturday, March 18-19, 2022 from 7am-7pm at the County Clerk's early voting room located at 326 S. Canyon (on the corner of Canyon and Tansill).

The community is invited to come out to learn about what jobs are available at Eddy County, what our benefits package offers, and enter to win some prizes!

For more information, call the Eddy County Human Resources Department at 575-234-1312 or 575-887-9511 or visit www.EddyCounty.org.

Eddy County Service Awards

- Michael Corona- 25 years
- Cara Cooke- 15 years
- Matthew Hutchinson- 15 years
- Jose Hernandez- 15 years
- Rosalinda Munoz- 5 years
- Angel Aragon- 5 years

Employee Spotlight



This month's employee spotlight is Lieutenant Michael Ingram

Lieutenant Ingram started his career with Eddy County in July 2002 as a Line Officer and joined the Special Response Team. In 2003, he was promoted to Shift Corporal, and in 2005 he was promoted to Shift Sergeant. He became Special Response Team Assistant Commander, and then in 2007 became Commander. In 2008, Eddy County promoted him to Captain/Juvenile Administrator at age 27. During this time he was promoted to Interim Deputy Warden a few times and Interim Warden.

In 2016, he made a decision to step down from Captain to focus on his kids and became Operations Lieutenant/PREA, and Coordinator/Commander of Special Response/FTO Supervisor until present. "My career could not have been done without prayers, staff support, and encouragement!" says Lieutenant Ingram.

His favorite part about working for Eddy County is that it has been a blessing for his family and himself. Eddy County trusted in him and has shown nothing but support throughout his career. His Family at Eddy County Detention Center has also been a true blessing; during the ups and downs in his career, they followed and trusted in him.

Lieutenant Ingram continues, "While I have this opportunity, I would like to say 'Thank You all!' You are just some of the most physically and mentally strong and rarest individuals to work with; day in and day out at the facility providing security, miles and miles on the highway driving throughout the state and states, helping the community with our detainee road crew program, providing alternative sentencing for the community, and assisting other Law Enforcement agencies."

In Lieutenant Ingram's spare time he enjoys being active. He serves faithfully at Oasis Church and attends men's church conferences when he is able. He loves spending time with family, camping, yard work, working in his green house, hiking, mountain biking, nature, weightlifting, and helping out anyone in need.

He says that he is "Simply Blessed!"

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 Teams up For Riverblitz 2022

RIVERBLITZ 2022

SATURDAY

3/5/2022 | 7AM to 11AM

CLEANUP SPOTS

1. BLACK RIVER
2. DIVING ROCK
3. LAKE AVALON- FRONT & BACK
4. MCNEW AREA
5. HIGBY HOLE
6. "THE CHUTES"- OFF CAPITAN REEF RD.
7. BRANTLEY DAM
8. FLUME AREA- REAR OF CARLSBAD MALL
9. LOWER TANSILL DAM
10. TEN MILE DAM
11. SIX MILE DAM

OR... YOUR FAVORITE RIVER AREA NOT LISTED!

COME SPEND A MORNING YOU'LL FEEL GREAT ABOUT!

For more info, or to pre-register, please call
Mary Garwood @ 575.302.7665 or
email @ mgarwood@cityofcarlsbadnm.com



Eddy County has teamed up with Keep Carlsbad Beautiful, the City of Carlsbad, BLM, and Nuclear Waste Partnership for Riverblitz 2022, Saturday

March 5, 2022, from 7am-11am.

Meet at the Riverwalk Recreation Center, 400 Riverwalk Drive in Carlsbad, to pick up your provided clean-up items that include masks, hand sanitizer, t-shirts, bags, gloves, snacks, and water.



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