

Eddy County News Letter

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MESSAGE FROM EDDY COUNTY LEADERSHIP...

Hello Eddy County,

Now that school has begun again, I hope that your children are happy to see their friends and are ready to learn. I believe that our teachers are some of the best in the state. I pray for our children's health and well-being.

Eddy County has utilized computers since 1975. Our Information Technology (IT) Department manages the computer equipment and programs for the departments of Eddy County. We work hard to support Eddy County employees so that they can be productive and provide quality services to you. The IT Department is tasked with keeping your information protected. We oversee computer security to prevent viruses, malware and suspicious activities. Selling of your private information and demanding a ransom after encrypting computers are huge money-makers to cybercriminals, so we must remain vigilant and continually improve our security to block them.

Cyberattacks against Government/Military were up 47% in 2021, according to Checkpoint. Every year the numbers are higher for all industries. We have implemented several layers of computer security and user security awareness training to fend off cyberattack attempts. Employees are our first line of defense. Our employees are given training in such things as how to spot Phishing emails that could trick them into giving their passwords to a cybercriminal.

Here are some websites with good Cybersecurity information for each of you:

- Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) recommends 4 things that everyone can do to keep yourself Cyber Safe
- CISA's Creating a Password

Wizer's security awareness training offers several free short training videos (no need to subscribe).

You, the Public, are Eddy County's customers and we want to give you good customer service. I know that my IT staff and I are happy to help our coworkers as well as the public. A special THANK YOU to each of our Eddy County employees who serve and protect our citizens.

You have a Constitutional right and privilege to vote. Please register to vote and then VOTE in the upcoming General Election. Your vote can make a difference.



Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much. Helen Keller

Eddy County IT Director,
Carol Hennington

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Updates & News

General Election 2022

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Absentee By Mail
October 11- November 4, 2022

Early in person/Extended early voting

CARLSBAD CLERK'S OFFICE 325 S. Main Street	ARTESIA SUB OFFICE 602 South 1st Street
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October 11-21, 2022 → Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

October 22- November 5, 2022 → Monday-Friday 8am-5:30pm
Saturdays 8am-4pm

****ELECTION DAY - NOVEMBER 8, 2022****

Polling locations open from 7am-7pm on Election Day
For a list of election day voting convenience centers go to www.eddycounty.org/405/Voting-Convenience-Centers

Please make note of the important dates listed above regarding the 2022 General Election. If you need further information or have any questions, you can contact the Eddy County Clerk's Office at

575-885-3383

The Eddy County Administrative Offices will be closed Monday, September 5, 2022 in observance of Labor Day



**HAPPY
LABOR DAY**

LET'S CELEBRATE OUR HARD WORK



- Anna Vasquez,
Senior Assistant
HR Director- 10
years
- Rebecca Torrez,
Road Accounting
Tech- 5 years
- Victor Lara, Vector
Tech- 5 years
- Casey Parraz,
Truck Driver/
Labor- 5 years

Employee Spotlight



This month's employee spotlight is Jami Eagle

Jami began working for Eddy County in 2011. She was hired as a Field Inspector for the Assessor's Office. She was responsible for all Business Personal Property renderings for Eddy County. She remained in that position for nine years before transferring to the Deeds Department, where she is currently a Data Analyst.

Jami's favorite part about working for Eddy County is her interaction with the public. She enjoys helping others.

"My co-workers are the BEST! They have become my second family," says Jami.

Her spare time consists of spending time with her partner, Joe, and working on their land. They are constantly landscaping or building pens for their animals. She spends a lot of time feeding and caring for all of their animals.

She and Joe usually have a houseful of family on the weekends. Their home has become everyone else's getaway spot. Family loves coming to visit and they love having them.

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

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District 4

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District 1

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District 2

Sarah Cordova, Member
District 5

COUNTY MANAGER

Allen Davis

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Gemma Ferguson
Assessor

Darlene Rosprim
County Clerk

Jay L. Francis
Probate Judge

Mark Cage
Sheriff

Laurie Pruitt
Treasurer

Eddy County Partners up for National Public Lands Week, September 17-24, 2022



Eddy County has partnered up with the Bureau of Land Management Carlsbad Field Office, and the cities of Artesia and Carlsbad for *Better Together* National Public Lands Week, September 17-24. *Better Together* is a county-wide competition fostering civic engagement through trash clean ups and healthy rivalries.

Individuals and groups are encouraged to organize clean up events throughout Eddy County and submit (through email or online form) proof of their clean-up activities. Participants can utilize maps with known trash locations and roll-off dumpsters provided by municipal and industry partners. Through QR codes posted near all dumpsters and on Better Together flyers participants will be able to access an online form to submit documentation of the trash they collected, the number of participants in their group, and pick the municipality they want their trash points to go toward. Submissions may also be done by emailing Better.Together.NPLD@gmail.com.

A "Golden Tire Award" will be presented to the municipality whose citizens collectively remove the most trash from our county's public spaces. Prizes will also be awarded for largest amount of trash cleaned at a single event, most participants at a single event, and most trash picked up by a single group or individual over the weeklong event.

Send questions about the event to Better.Together.NPLD@gmail.com.

Information about National Public Lands Day can be found at www.publiclandsday.org.

