

# Eddy County News Letter

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Photo Credit: Jeri Strong

## MESSAGE FROM EDDY COUNTY LEADERSHIP...

Hello Eddy County,

It's hard to believe that August is upon us – well, maybe not that hard – the weather has been ultra-warm the past several weeks, one would think we'd break a record for the number of consecutive days of 100 degree temperatures. Anyway, we're past the mid-point of the year whether you measure by the calendar or the sun (summer solstice was back at the end of June). But kids will be returning to school shortly, then Labor Day and on to the fall holidays. Time seems to be marching double time these days.

From a County operations point of view, we have successfully completed our fiscal year on budget and we've made a good start in the current fiscal year. The summer months are particularly busy for most of our departments. The County has several infrastructure projects in progress across the County that we're working hard to complete on schedule and on budget. Because of the overall activity level here in the County and across southeast New Mexico, securing all of the necessary resources for those projects can be challenging. The County, like other businesses, competes for the right employee skills and talent to fill the roles and positions we have. The County has several openings that we work diligently to fill. So if you or someone you know is looking for a good opportunity, send them to the County website to see what positions we have open.

Recent data from the New Mexico Economic Development Department (NMEDD) highlighted the very positive economic impact that business and industry activities in the County are having on the State. The growth here has been significant, and leads the state for the last two quarters. While that's good news for our area, the various influences and drives of that economic prosperity on our national and local economies can be contributing factors to challenges that individuals face because of the effects of inflation. The County absolutely supports industry and business development in our communities. Those businesses and industries bring families, jobs and revenue into our community, which helps us grow and thrive. But the County also recognizes the impacts that are associated with that growth activity.

I personally appreciate all the employees who have chosen to work for the County. I recognize you do have a choice and I'm grateful that you've chosen to be here. The County operations has much to be proud of. You, our employee's are the key to the County's success, therefore, you should be proud of your contributions and accomplishments here. As we continue the journey through the second half of the juggernaut that is 2022, moving toward the end of the calendar year, I'd ask that each of you watch out for yourselves and your co-workers, take care of your families and keep doing what you are doing. Your individual efforts and contributions are what drive the success of Eddy County. We need all of your efforts. So thanks for what you do. You make a difference here...

Sincerely,

Allen Davis  
Eddy County Manager

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# Updates & News

## Eddy County is Hiring



**Hello,**  
come work for us!

**EDDY COUNTY BENEFITS**

- 01 Medical, Dental, Vision**  
100% paid for employees and 60% paid for dependents
- 02 Life Insurance**  
100% of premium paid up to \$50,000
- 03 Retirement**  
Eddy County is a member of PERA and pays 75% of employees share for those in the general plan and up to 57% of employees share for First Responders/Detention
- 04 Vacation, sick leave, holidays**  
Employees accrue vacation/sick leave in accordance with years of service. There are 12<sup>1/2</sup> paid holidays per year

**Just to name a few....**

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

**EDDY COUNTY OFFERS FULFILLING CAREERS IN...**

- LAW ENFORCEMENT
- DETENTION
- ADMINISTRATION
- PUBLIC WORKS
- FINANCE
- COMMUNITY SERVICES
- FACILITIES
- AND MORE!

To see what careers are available, visit our website  
[www.EddyCounty.org](http://www.EddyCounty.org)

## Friendly Reminder From Eddy County Vector Control

Eddy County Vector Control would like to remind you that it's that time of year to start checking your yards for standing water, whether it's from watering or rain. Standing water can hatch pesky mosquitoes after just five days. Following this one simple tip can drastically reduce mosquitoes and make your summer more enjoyable. For more information call Eddy County Vector Control at 575-885-4835.



# Eddy County Service Awards

- Johnny Davis, SO  
Sergeant Patrol- 10  
years
- Reynaldo Chavarria,  
Heavy Equipment  
Operator- 5 years

## Employee Spotlight



### **This month's employee spotlight is Ronda Nelson**

Ronda's career with Eddy County began in August, 2003 in the County Clerk's Office under County Clerk, Jean Blenden. She then worked Payroll for several years before returning to the Clerk's Office working under Clerks Darlene Rosprim and Robin VanNatta. She is looking forward to her tenure under Clerk, Cara Cooke in the coming years.

Working for Eddy County has given Ronda a myriad of experiences, being exposed to so much helpful information about property ownership, election processes, and government. "My wonderful coworkers and the folks I work with on a daily basis are the best thing about working with Eddy County", says Ronda. "Helping the public, working with the oil and gas folks doing research in our book room, working elections, and of course, the employee benefits keep me coming to the office daily"!

When Ronda is not in the office, she enjoys gardening with her husband, coffee with her mom on the weekends, walking, reading and visiting family out of state.

Ronda added, "The County Clerk's Office is truly a public-oriented office. Each one of us strives to give the best help to the public. We are eager to answer any questions we are able and welcome the public to come to the office with questions about elections, property ownership, marriages, probates, old newspaper clippings and Eddy County history."

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](mailto:jstrong@co.eddy.nm.us)

# Eddy County in the Community

## Eddy County Partners with City of Carlsbad to Honor WW2 and Korean War Veterans on July 4<sup>th</sup>

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### COMMISSIONERS

Steven McCutcheon, Chairman  
District 4

Fred F. Beard, Vice Chairman  
District 3

Ernie Carlson, Member  
District 1

Jonathan A. Henry, Member  
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 partnered with the City of Carlsbad during a special WW2 and Korean War Veteran ceremony on July 4<sup>th</sup> at the gazebo on the Courthouse lawn.

Commissioner Sarah Cordova gave a special recognition, Sheriff Mark Cage and members of the Sheriff's Office assisted with escorting veterans to their seats, and Rhonda Hatch with the Assessor's Office sang our National Anthem during the event.

It was an honor for Eddy County to be part of this special event honoring these local heroes:

