

Eddy County News Letter

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- 28th- National Public Sleeping Day



MESSAGE FROM EDDY COUNTY LEADERSHIP...

Hello Eddy County,

After a challenging 2020 and an interesting start to the new calendar year in January, we are preparing to start our next fiscal year budgeting process while closing our current fiscal year programs according to the plans and budgets we've been executing well for the past seven months. Eddy County is positioned to meet our revenue and expenditure outlooks for the current fiscal year through the hard work and perseverance of our staff fulfilling their job responsibilities day in and day out. The efforts and diligence of our staff have been the catalyst to a successful year thus far.

With some of the changes that the new calendar year brings in terms of national and state governance, Eddy County will need to be mindful of how some of those changes may impact County operations in the coming fiscal year. As you are aware, a meaningful portion of County revenues are dependent on oil and gas production and pricing. Another portion comes from gross receipt taxes which are impacted by activity levels across the County.

The past eleven months have been a strenuous and trying time for all of us. The pandemic has caused significant disruptions and loss in our families' lives, across our community, and for our businesses. I'm gratified and humbled by the resilience demonstrated by this community during this time. Together we've worked hard to overcome the challenges, confront the issues, and our staff has continued to deliver the services that you, our citizens, expect each and every day from Eddy County.

In an effort to complete this marathon effort, the window of opportunity to significantly curtail the effects and impact of the virus are now opening. Vaccinations are becoming available. I would strongly encourage all County employees and citizens to register and obtain the recommended dosages of the vaccine. I encourage you to continue to be vigilant in your personal practices to prevent the spread of the virus in your personal and work lives. Recognize that your individual efforts can and will make a difference in this matter – a difference for your families, for our community, and in the ability to reestablish the types of lives we've missed this past year.

Finally, I want to thank all Eddy County employees for all that you do to contribute to the continued success of Eddy County. I very much appreciate it. I know the County Commissioners appreciate it and I know your community appreciates it. Keep up the good work...

Eddy County Manager,
Allen Davis

Updates & News

Eddy County Receives Area Industry Donations



On behalf of the Sheriff's Department and the Office of Emergency Management, Eddy County would like to extend our gratitude for the following donations:

Sendero Midstream, for their donation of 240 N95 Masks, a pallet of water, and 2 cases of 16.9oz bottles of hand sanitizer to the Office of Emergency Management.

Chevron, for their donation of 10,000 surgical masks to the Office of Emergency Management that will be used in different agencies throughout Eddy County as needed.

Marathon Oil Corporation, for their donation of \$5,000.00 to the Sheriff's Office to be used to purchase personal protective gear.

We are very thankful for your support!



The Eddy County Administrative Offices will be closed
Monday, February 15, 2021 in observance of President's Day.

Employee Spotlight

Eddy County Service Awards

- Alan Griffith, Chief Deputy Sheriff- 15 Years
- Joshua Mack, Fire Services Director- 5 Years
- Gabriel Parraz, Landfill- 5 Years



This month's employee spotlight is Chief Deputy Sheriff- Alan Griffith

Undersheriff Alan Griffith began his service to the citizens of Eddy County in 2006 by hiring on as a deputy with the Eddy County Sheriff's Office. Over the past fifteen years with the Sheriff's Office, Chief Griffith has held the rank of Deputy, Detective, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain and now Undersheriff/Chief Deputy. In 2007, he received the distinct honor of being the Valedictorian of the South Eastern New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy, an achievement that no Deputy from Eddy County has ever accomplished. It is of note that he attended the academy at the age of 55 after previously dedicating 25 years of service to the Newport News Police Department (NNPD) in Virginia where he began his law enforcement career in 1973. During his tenure at NNPD he served on one of the nation's first SWAT teams and was awarded the Medal of Honor (the agency's highest award) and retired at the rank of sergeant.

Chief Griffith is often seen as an intimidating man, but his compassion and dedication to his subordinates, the Sheriff, and the citizens of Eddy County are unparalleled. His meticulousness and unwavering demand for attention to detail ensure that the Eddy County Sheriff's Office is always operating at peak performance to better serve the County's citizens and he is continually looking for better ways to do things. He has spearheaded policy overhauls, improvements to training systems, brought technology, such as mobile data terminals, to the agency, and a myriad of other improvements. Chief Griffith sets the bar for professionalism and dedicated service at the Sheriff's Office.

Chief Griffith is also known for his passion for all things Hank Williams, Jr. and Marie Osmond (he has actually been on stage with both). His generosity and passion for life are infectious and he is considered a friend and mentor to many. His dedication to his work family is only rivaled by that of his devotion to his home family. Chief Griffith is one of the many people who make Eddy County a great place to live and work.

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

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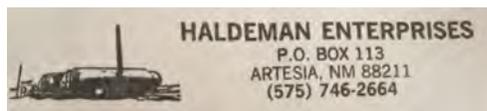
Mark Cage
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Eddy County Awards CARES Grant Funding to County Businesses

Small businesses are the lifeline of any community and we know that here in Eddy County. Along with the cities of Artesia and Carlsbad, Eddy County was able to award CARES Grant funding to several businesses located within the County through an application process.

Congratulations to the following businesses!



- Artesia Lanes
- Backhoe Services
- Balzano Vineyard
- Bock Electric, LLC
- Gold Speed Trucking
- Haldean Enterprises
- L & E Services, LLC



- Mike's Welding Shop
- P & R Enterprises
- Rob's Trailers
- Seven Rivers Automotive
- Stevenson-Roach
- TC Trucking

