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The Curry County Communicator

September 2020

Compliance

We have had 39 new cases referred to Compliance from July 1 to today.
27 Referred in July and 12 Referred in August

We are currently open to suggestions from the County for possible community service opportunities for our clients.

We continue to see clients via in person visits and video appointments.

~Chris Roper, Court Compliance Monitor

September Birthday's

- Alex Casaus – 4th
- Desiree Romans – 7th
- Adrian Ancira – 9th
- Jared Sloan – 10th
- Suzanne Zamora – 11th
- Vanessa Chavarria – 13th
- Terri Rhue – 13th
- Chance Carter – 14th
- Douglas Underwood – 14th
- Sam Kelley – 16th
- Ashley Anaya – 21st
- Daley Woodard – 24th
- Lester Ellis – 26th
- Annmarie Wylie -28th
- Robert Sandoval – 28th



Census 2020

On September 4th, Rooney Moon Broadcasting will be hosting an all-day Census event from their studio at 420 N Main with giveaways.

We are also having two live remotes at the Clovis-Carver Public Library located at 701 N Main which is set for September 19th and 23rd. These will include grab-n-go lunches as well as giveaways. Zia Broadcasting will be hosting those remotes with KCLV Radio hosting one weekend and KTQM Radio, the other.

We are also trying to work with the local fire stations to have some Census smoke alarm giveaways, but this is still in the planning stages.

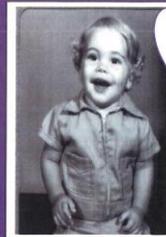
~Nikki Lovett, Community Services Administrator.

I want to feel happiness
grow from inside of me
until I speak in flowers
and see the world
through the eyes of the sun

gemma troy



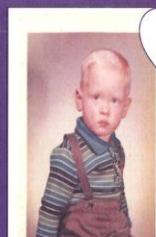
Who's Who Baby Photo Contest



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County Manager Lance Pyle 5

Facilities Maintenance Superintendent Ben Roberts 2

Finance Director Carol Pipes 6

IT Administrator Todd Ulses 1

Community Service Administrator Nikki Lovett 4

Fire and Safety Director David Kube 3

Contest Winner is:

Marilyn Jesko,
Service Specialist
in the
County Clerk's Office.
CONGRATILATIONS
Marilyn!



New Employee Spotlight

Welcome Nancy Lagos, County Services Specialist

She was born and raised in Mexico and has one brother and one sister that also live here in Curry County.

Outside of work she enjoys bicycle riding with her son, walking her dog and time with family. She is friendly, and family oriented.

Who was your least favorite superhero and why? "The Hulk, because he loses control".

Why were you interested in joining the Curry County team? "My goal is to stay in Clovis, so I want to learn more about it and the County as well as learn about the different departments and services we offer the community and the meet the employees that make it happen."

What are your short-term and long-term goals? Long-term would be to observe my coworkers with certain workplace situations, especially the ones with more experience. It is also my goal to become proficient at reading legal descriptions. Long Term: To acquire the Appraisal I Certification and Appraisal II Certification.



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work hard,
make it happen.

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WELCOME

No one is you
and that is
your
super power



Welcome: Krissy Peach, Information Technology Support Specialist

Krissy was born and raised in Roswell so new to Curry County. Her family, moved here as her husband Sean was offered the opportunity as store manager here at Walgreen's. She has two daughters, Mia and Leah and three beagles...Jasper, Marley and Scarlet.

What would you like to accomplish as part of the Curry County Team? "I would like to gain more knowledge and experience in the IT field, work with a great team and meet some people as I am new to the area.

What would you like Curry County staff to know about you? "I am helpful and kind, do not bite. I love Harry Potter, Super Mario Bros., Star Wars and sitcoms, anything nerdy. I am family oriented and am always doing something with them".

What are your short-term and long-term goals? My short-term goal would be to be able to travel again. My long-term goals would be to keep moving forward/learning more in the Information Technology field and to be debt free.



Cheeseburger Soup

Prep: 45 min. Cook: 10 min.
Makes 8 Servings

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 lbs ground beef
- 1 tbsp Montreal Seasoning
- 4 tbsp butter divided
- 1 onion large, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic chopped
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 3 cups beef stock
- 2 cups cheddar cheese shredded
- 1 cup celery diced
- 4 cups potatoes peeled and 1/2" cubed (See Note 3)
- 1/2 cup diced dill pickles for



Instructions

1. In a large soup pot over medium-high heat, sear and crumble beef with one tablespoon of the butter and Montreal seasoning until no longer pink. Remove meat and set aside, but do not drain fat. In same pot, add the remaining butter over medium heat and sauté onion, until tender, about 10 minutes. Add the garlic and stir. Cook for 2 minutes. Sprinkle the flour over onions and stir cooking for 3-5 minutes. Add the milk, beef stock and stir to combine. This is the soup base.
2. Stir in the cheese until melted and smooth. Add celery, potatoes, cooked beef and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to simmer, cover and cook until potatoes are tender, 10-12 minutes.
3. Serve with diced pickles sprinkled on top.

~Keviniscooking.com

Retirement

Curry County is proud to present a retirement plaque to Mark Kos, who retired after over 21 years of dedicated service to Curry County as a Road Equipment Operator with the Curry County Road Department. The retirement plaque was presented to Mr. Kos by County Manager Lance Pyle and Road Superintendent Walon Jones.

Curry County values all of its employees and is grateful for the time and dedication Mr. Kos gave to the County. We wish him the best in all his future endeavors.

~Melissa Gunn, Personnel Coordinator



Treasurer's Office

As of the end of July 2020, the Treasurer's office is
96.38% collected on the 2019 taxes.

~Debbie Spriggs, Treasurer



Energy Sense

- Install foam gaskets behind electrical outlets and light switches to reduce air leaks
- Install and set a programmable thermostat to reduce or turn off heating and cooling when you're asleep or away from home
- Caulk and weatherstrip gaps, cracks and joints to reduce drafts and save on heating and cooling costs
- Regularly replace air filters on HVAC units or use a handy air filter whistle to be reminded when your filters are clogged
- Always unplug gadget and small appliance chargers from the wall that suck energy, even when not in use. The U.S. Department of Energy estimates 5-10 percent of residential electricity use goes toward powering appliances in standby power mode.

~Enchantment.coop

"Freedom lies in being bold."
ROBERT FROST



Curry County Health Council

The Council met and elected Justin Nutt of Mental Health Resources as the new Chairperson.

Congratulations Mr. Nutt!

~Nikki Lovett, Community Services Administrator

Wildfire Prevention

A new wildfire prevention billboard was installed outside of Texico on August 18th. The billboard was funded through a grant from New Mexico Counties and the Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department.

~David Kube, Fire & Safety Director



Clerk's Office

The Clerk's Office

Issued

32 marriage licenses

in July 2020.

~Annie Hogland, Clerk



Ranchvale Fire Department

The new Ranchvale Fire Station was completed on August 17th. It was turned over to the County on August 19th. The building is 6,400 square feet in size and contains three truck bays, a large training room, a kitchen area, one office and two restrooms.

The total construction cost was \$403,144.56 and was funded by Capital Outlay appropriations from the 2019 Legislation (\$400,000) and the remainder from Fire Funds.

~David Kube, Fire & Safety Director



Clerk's Office: Election 2020

CLOVIS, NM—The Curry County Clerk's Office would like to advise Curry County residents of a recent mailing of Absentee Ballot Applications by the Center for Voter Information, formerly, Voter Participation Center.

If you receive an Absentee Ballot Application in the mail, you are not required to submit it. The Clerk's Office will only mail Absentee Ballot Applications to voters by request. Residents are encouraged to contact the Clerk's Office with any questions regarding election related mail.

Voters wishing to vote absentee by mail must submit an application to the Curry County Clerk's Office by October 20, 2020. When made available by the Office of the NM Secretary of State, voters may also request an absentee ballot online at NMVote.org.

Voters may still choose to vote in-person during Early Voting or on Election Day for the 2020 General Election. Early Voting will be available in Curry County Clerk's Office beginning October 6, as well as at the Youth Recreation Building (YRB) beginning October 17. Early Voting ends October 31.

On Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, 2020, voting will be available at polling places throughout Curry County, as previously designated by the Board of County Commissioners. Any eligible voter may vote at any location, you do not have to go to a specific polling place based on your precinct.

The final day to register to vote in the 2020 General Election is October 6, 2020.

If you would like additional information on anything related to the 2020 General Election in Curry County, please call the Clerk's Office at (575) 763-5591.

~Annie Hogland, Clerk



Main Street

The construction of the new parking lot and green space on Main Street is wrapping up! This has been an exciting project as it has turned an underutilized space into an attractive functional space that will be used by many for years to come. With plans underway to construct a new entrance into the Courthouse directly across the street on Main Street, this new parking lot will be convenient to use and the green space can be used for different functions or events and is a nice distraction from all of the surrounding hard surfaces.

~Ben Roberts, Facilities Maintenance Superintendent



Courthouse

The County has been working with NCA Architects on programming and conceptual design of a new addition to the Curry County Courthouse to include a secure entrance into the building off of Main Street. Renovations to the existing Courthouse will also take place as part of the construction project and will include a new Courtroom and renovations to the Sheriff's Office. Design is expected to be complete and ready to begin construction early to mid-2021.

~Ben Roberts, Facilities Maintenance Superintendent

