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SUNDAY

City council to meet Tuesday

ARTESIA -- The Artesia City Council will meet Tuesday with a light agenda. No public hearings are scheduled, and no special items are included on the docket, with the exception of a request from Human Resources Director Jerry Conde for the approval of the Blue Cross Blue Shield health and benefits package for city employees.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, in Council Chambers at City Hall.

USDA urges farmers, ranchers to complete 2022 Census of Agriculture

LAKEWOOD, Colo. -- The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is reminding Arizona, Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming farmers and ranchers that the window is closing on the opportunity to participate in the 2022 Census of Agriculture.

The NASS is encouraging U.S. producers who have not returned their completed census questionnaires to do so as soon as possible to avoid additional mail, phone, email, text and in-person follow-up, which is currently underway.

"Thank you to the farmers and ranchers that have completed and returned their Census of Agriculture. The important data that is collected in the Ag Census provides a picture of the current state of agriculture and rural America and is used to make decisions that impact our communities and businesses," said Rodger Ott, Director, Mountain Regional Field Office. "By responding, Mountain Region ag producers make sure the best data is available for better decisions."

The NASS is reminding producers that if they produced and sold \$1,000 or more of agricultural product in 2022, or normally would have produced and sold that much, they meet the USDA's definition of a farm. However, federal law requires everyone who received the 2022 Census of Agriculture questionnaire to complete and return it, even if they do not currently ...

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GAS WATCH



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State investigates more abuse, neglect claims

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — New Mexico officials identified on Friday dozens of cases of potential abuse and neglect after completing wellness checks on thousands of developmentally disabled people around the state.

The state Health Department announced that it has checked on all 6,815 clients receiving services through a waiver program. The wellness checks were prompted by abuse claims that were made public in March and resulted in the state terminating contracts with four providers in the Albuquerque area.

Democratic Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham and top health officials had warned that any caregivers who mistreat and abuse developmentally dis-

abled or otherwise vulnerable people would be held accountable. Republican legislative leaders also requested that the federal government investigate, saying an independent inquiry would ensure transparency and might prompt the state to take necessary steps to prevent such cases in the future.

State Health Secretary Patrick Allen said in a statement Friday that in-person visits to developmentally disabled clients over such a short period of time was "a huge and necessary undertaking."

The visits identified a total of 111 sites with possible concerns. Every one of these incidents is being fully investigated, Allen said.

Home repairs and other environ-

mental concerns were found at 50 sites, while 61 site visits resulted in reports of potential abuse, neglect and exploitation.

The governor had announced in March that the state would be embarking on a forensic review of the entire Developmental Disabilities Waiver program, which is meant to offer an alternative to institutional care.

Critics have said the incidents of neglect and abuse seem to be related to system failures of various home and community-based programs that fall under the purview of the Developmental Disabilities Supports Division and Division of Health Improvement, which report to the Health Department.

The Health Department has said it

would cooperate with federal officials should they choose to investigate and that the department has contracts with a law firm to recommend improvements in the system.

State officials said anyone found to be in an abusive situation or in danger of immediate harm would be removed and that referrals to law enforcement would be made as appropriate.

Allen said the state has responsibility to make sure developmentally disabled clients are being well cared for.

"Most (developmentally disabled) waiver providers do," he said. "Our job is to make sure that they all do."

Details on the case of abuse that triggered the in-person wellness checks still have not been made public.



Photo Courtesy Devon Energy

Devon Energy awards \$25,000 in Inclusion and Equity Grants in Eddy, Lea Counties

ARTESIA — As part of its commitment to supporting diverse communities, Devon Energy has awarded \$25,000 in Inclusion and Equity Grants to seven Southeast New Mexico nonprofits.

This is the second year of the program, with almost double the number of recipients.

"Devon believes in making a positive impact on the communities we live and work in, so we're proud to grow this grant program in southeast New Mexico" said Khush Ghadiali, Devon community relations specialist. "This year we're able to support cultural celebrations, tutoring, transitional housing, teen empowerment, literacy and more — all of which improves the lives of our neighbors."

Devon's employee-led panel reviewed applications and selected the following

recipients for grant funding:

- Haven of Hope in Artesia
- the Carlsbad Literacy Program
- Carlsbad September Fiestas
- MyPower of Hobbs
- Sheri's House of Hope in Hobbs
- Wings for L.I.F.E. of Roswell
- Your Safe Space

Devon awarded a total of 28 Inclusion and Equity Grants across Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Wyoming and North Dakota.

NMSU gives AD extension despite basketball problems

By EDDIE PELLIS
AP National Writer

New Mexico State athletic director Mario Moccia signed a five-year contract extension earlier this month, on the same day his boss and a staunch defender, chancellor Dan Arvizu, stepped down nearly three months earlier than scheduled.

Moccia oversees a basketball program with former players who are suing the school's board of regents and two former coaches. The players claim administrators did nothing after they tried to tell them they had been sexually assaulted by teammates.

Both the AD and Arvizu signed the contract on April 7, the date Arvizu announced he would leave immediately instead of at the end of his contract on June 30.

The Las Cruces Sun-News acquired the contract, which calls for Moccia to get nearly a \$72,000 raise from his current deal and make \$351,800 in the first year of the new contract. His pay will escalate to

\$425,000 in the last year, which ends June 30, 2028.

School spokesman Justin Bannister told KTSM-TV that the timing of the deal was a coincidence.

"It had been in the works for quite some time," Bannister said. "The timing just so happened to be on Arvizu's last day."

In a February news conference held after Arvizu canceled the Aggies' basketball season and fired coach Greg Heiar in the wake of hazing allegations — the details of which came out in the lawsuit filed earlier this week — the chancellor staunchly defended Moccia's performance in his eight years as AD at New Mexico State. And Moccia defended his record as athletic director, saying "I made a list of every coach I've hired ... and, you know, we have an excellent batting average. Nobody bats a thousand."

One of the allegations in the lawsuit was that one of the player's father tried to reach Moccia to discuss the alleged assaults, but the AD did not return the calls. That led to the player taking his story to campus police,

who opened an investigation.

The basketball program is also the subject of multiple investigations stemming from the fatal shooting of a University of New Mexico student by former player Mike Peake. Video of the shooting suggests Peake was acting in self-defense. He has not been charged. Police had to stop the team bus on Interstate 25 to question witnesses after the team left Albuquerque the morning after the shooting.

In a meeting late last year, the NMSU board of regents declined to renew Arvizu's contract, which was set to expire at the end of June. On April 7, he announced he was leaving early to allow the school to focus on a search for his replacement.

Arvizu had previously drawn concerns in the NMSU community after police body camera video came out from a dispute at his home. The chancellor was accused by his wife, Sheryl, of having an affair with a NMSU staff member. He denied the affair.

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Sports

Lady Bulldog Softball

Lady Bulldogs move to 10-0 in district with Goddard sweep



Kayden Apodaca comes out of her windup during Artesia's District 4-AAAA double header against Goddard Saturday in Roswell.

By BRIENNE GREEN
Sports Editor
The Lady Bulldog softball team came one step closer to a clean sweep of District 4-AAAA Saturday in Roswell,

taking their second double header with the Lady Rockets of Goddard by vastly varying scores of 3-0 and 21-0. As was the case in their Round-One bouts with the girls

in blue, the Lady 'Dogs fought their way through a close one in the opener, holding onto a 1-0 through the bulk of the contest before rounding out the final with a pair of insurance runs in the top of the seventh as freshman Kayden Apodaca tossed a seven-inning no-hitter.

But the Artesia girls would go on an offensive rampage in the afternoon outing, batting around in both their second and fourth trips to the plate for the 21-0, four-inning win.

"We thought they played really well," head coach Sandra Pulido said Saturday. "The first game, we didn't score very many runs. We were coming up out of our stance and kind of driving the ball up, and with the wind blowing, that didn't help."

"We just told them to go for hard ground balls, line drives -- put it in play and make them have to work behind their pitcher. And we had some shots where we got on, but when we had runners on base, that's when the ball went up."

After taking the game's inaugural run out of the top of the first on an RBI double by Perseis Aguilar that scored McKenna Morrison -- aboard with a leadoff walk -- Artesia would go on to leave eight runners stranded leading up to the seventh.

With starting pitcher Apodaca mowing down Lady Rocket batters, the one-run lead turned out to be enough. Goddard was able to get runners on base in five of their first six at-bats, but all reached on either errors or walks, and only one reached scoring position.

Morrison would lead off the top of the seventh with a double, however, and after advancing to third on a throwing error during a pick-off attempt, she'd make it 2-0 on a Haley Tucker single. Tucker then crossed on an Apodaca ground out, and a pair of strikeouts and a pop fly to catcher Perseis Aguilar in foul territory in the home half ended the game.

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Bulldog Baseball

'Dogs go 2-1 with Lovington, will battle for title with Goddard

By BRIENNE GREEN
Sports Editor

The Bulldog baseball team came out on top of their three-game series with Lovington Friday, setting the stage for a District 4-AAAA showdown with perennial rival Goddard.

The Artesia boys took Game One against the Wildcats Thursday at Brainard Park by a close final of 4-3 but saw the 'Cats turn the tables in Game Two Friday in Lovington, 7-6. The 'Dogs buckled down in the final bout, however, plating nine runs in the third and fourth innings en route to a 10-3 victory.

Artesia outthit the Wildcats in both outings Friday and had solid starting pitching over the two days from freshman Jack Byers, junior Nye Estrada and senior Davian Molina.

Estrada gave up just seven hits in the opener of Friday's double header, striking out eight, but Lovington was able to capitalize on five Bulldog errors to extend their second and third at-bats, in which they scored all seven of their runs.

"We just came out real flat in that first game, and they took advantage of it," said head coach JJ Ortiz.

Artesia had struck first in the game, taking a healthy 3-0 lead out of the top of the first on RBI singles by Byers and Julian Rodriguez and a throwing error. But the Wildcats took over in the bottom of the second, bringing four around on a single-turned-error, a passed ball, and a two-run homer from pitcher Ethan Gonzales.

The 'Cats then added what turned out to be a crucial trio more in the third on a single-turned-two-base-error and a Ryan Wieser RBI double.

The Bulldogs picked up their fourth run in the top of the fourth on back-to-back doubles by Diego Samora and Frankie Galindo, then made it a one-run game in the sixth on a two-run shot over the fence in right by Molina.

But a single up the middle by Samora in the seventh was surrounded by strikeouts to stymie the comeback effort in the 7-6 loss.

"I was happy with our guys for coming back and making it interesting, but we just didn't have enough," Ortiz said. "We wanted to see how they'd respond after that in the second game, and I thought we responded really well. We came out and jumped on a really good Lovington pitcher."

After two scoreless innings as starter Molina duked it out with Wildcat senior Jonathan Aceves, the 'Dogs got their bats going in the top of the third, running the lineup and taking a 4-0 lead on an Estrada single to left, a wild pitch, and a two-RBI double off the center-field fence by Jesse Armendariz. Artesia made its lead more daunting in the fifth, batting around and tacking on five more with help from a Samora two-RBI double and back-to-back singles from Rodriguez and Armendariz.

The 'Cats got on the board in the home half of the fifth on a Cesar Salinas double and an RBI fielder's choice, but Artesia made it 10-2 in the top of six on an RBI infield single by Ethan Ramirez. Lovington rounded out the final in the bottom half on a bases-loaded walk.

"Davian pitched really well, and so did Diego Morales, coming in and finishing it off," said Ortiz. "It was good to get both of them some work on the mound and for them to be successful."

Molina finished with three hits, two earned runs and 12

strikeouts through four and one-third, while the freshman Morales -- on in relief in the mid-top of the fifth -- had one hit, one earned run and three Ks through two and two-thirds.

Artesia was led at the plate by Rodriguez and Armendariz, both 2-4, the former with one RBI and the latter with a double and three runs batted in. Galindo and Estrada both went 2-5, the latter with a double and an RBI.

The double-header split capped a 2-1 series win for the Bulldogs, who took Game One over the Wildcats in a hotly contested outing Thursday in Artesia.

The boys in orange went up 1-0 in the first on a throwing error but saw the 'Cats take the

lead in the top of the third, plating a pair of unearned runs on a Mika Pando RBI single and a base-hit-turned-error.

The 'Dogs responded immediately, however, scoring three in the home half on a wild pitch, a Molina RBI ground out, and an illegal pitch. That 4-2 lead would hold until the top of the sixth, when the Wildcats made it a one-run affair on a base hit up the middle from Luis Garcia. With two on, they had a chance to do more, but an unassisted out by Estrada at short ended the threat.

Morales -- who came on in relief of Byers for the final out of the sixth -- then overcame a leadoff error with a pop fly to third and a pair of strikeouts.

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Lady 'Dog Softball

vs. Goddard
April 22 @ Roswell

ARTESIA	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	3
GODDARD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

ARTESIA
Batting: McKenna Morrison 1-3 (1-2B), 1-BB; Haley Tucker 2-4, 1-RBI; Perseis Aguilar 1-4 (1-2B), 1-RBI; Kayden Apodaca 1-4, 1-RBI; Kadence Ray 2-4; Jenna Whitmire 1-3, 1-SAC; Makayla Lujan 1-2 (1-2B); Mikenzi Carlo 0-1, 1-BB; Makaylee Morillon 0-2; Elizabeth De La Riva 0-1; Zowe Warren 0-0, 1-BB; Madison Martinez 0-1
Team: 9-H, 3-E, 4-SB, 3-RBI, 9-LOB
Pitching: Apodaca, fr.: 7-IP, 0-H, 0-R, 0-ER, 11-K, 2-BB

GODDARD
Batting: Lindsay Campa 0-3; Juliet Gallegos 0-2, 1-BB; Marisol Hernandez 0-3; Andrea Manzanares 0-3; Gabriella Flores 0-3; Alexandria Rubio 0-3; Leah Conyers 0-2, 1-BB; Audrina Cobos 0-2; Cadence Tubbs 0-2
Team: 0-H, 2-E, 1-SB, 0-RBI, 4-LOB
Pitching: Gallegos, 8th: 7-IP, 9-H, 3-R, 2-ER, 6-K, 3-BB

ARTESIA	2	10	2	7	-	-	-	21
GODDARD	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	0

ARTESIA
Batting: McKenna Morrison 0-2, 1-BB; Haley Tucker 2-4, 4-RBI; Perseis Aguilar 3-4 (1-2B), 1-RBI; Kayden Apodaca 0-1, 1-BB; Kadence Ray 3-4 (1-2B, 1-HR), 4-RBI; Jenna Whitmire 0-3, 1-HP; Elizabeth De La Riva 3-4 (1-2B), 1-RBI; Zowe Warren 1-2 (1-2B), 1-BB, 1-HP; Makaylee Morillon 2-2 (2-3B), 1-BB, 4-RBI; Taylon Martinez 1-1; Madison Martinez 1-2 (1-2B)
Team: 16-H, 1-E, 4-SB, 14-RBI, 2-LOB
Pitching: Morillon, so.: 4-IP, 2-H, 0-R, 0-ER, 2-K, 1-BB

GODDARD
Batting: Lindsay Campa 0-1, 1-BB; Leah Conyers 0-2; Marisol Hernandez 0-2; Andrea Manzanares 0-2; Gabriella Flores 1-2; Alexandria Rubio 0-2; Juliet Gallegos 0-2; Audrina Cobos 0-1; Cadence Tubbs 1-1
Team: 2-H, 8-E, 0-SB, 0-RBI, 4-LOB
Pitching: Flores, jr.: 4-IP, 16-H, 21-R, 11-ER, 3-K, 4-BB

Bulldog Baseball

vs. Lovington
April 20-21

LOVINGTON	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	3
ARTESIA	1	0	3	0	0	0	-	4

ARTESIA
Batting: Ethan Ramirez 0-0, 2-BB, 1-HP; Nye Estrada 0-2, 1-BB; Davian Molina 0-2, 1-HP, 1-RBI; Jack Byers 0-3; Julian Rodriguez 0-3; Jesse Armendariz 0-3; Ayden Huffman 0-3; Diego Samora 0-2; Frankie Galindo 1-1 (1-2B), 1-BB
Team: 1-H, 4-E, 2-SB, 1-RBI, 3-LOB
Pitching: Byers, fr.: 5 2/3-IP, 6-H, 3-R, 1-ER, 10-K, 4-BB; Morales, fr.: 1 1/3-IP, 0-H, 0-R, 0-ER, 2-K, 0-BB

LOVINGTON
Batting: Cesar Salinas 1-1, 3-BB; Luis Garcia 1-4, 1-RBI; Mika Pando 1-4, 1-RBI; Jonathan Aceves 0-3, 1-HP; Jayden Hernandez 1-3, 1-HP; Nick Parra 0-2; Ryan Wieser 1-4 (1-2B); Ethan Gonzales 1-2 (1-2B), 1-BB; Camon Ochoa 0-3; Aiden Taylor 0-1; Jayden Gutierrez 0-1
Team: 6-H, 2-E, 3-SB, 2-RBI, 10-LOB
Pitching: Pando, so.: 4-IP, 1-H, 4-R, 3-ER, 5-K, 3-BB; Salinas, sr.: 2-IP, 0-H, 0-R, 0-ER, 1-K, 1-BB

ARTESIA	3	0	0	1	0	2	0	6
LOVINGTON	0	4	3	0	0	0	-	7

ARTESIA
Batting: Ethan Ramirez 1-3, 1-HP; Nye Estrada 0-4; Davian Molina 2-4 (1-HR), 2-RBI; Jack Byers 1-4, 1-RBI; Julian Rodriguez 1-2, 2-BB, 1-RBI; Jesse Armendariz 1-4; Jett Fuentes 0-4; Diego Samora 2-4 (1-2B); Franki Galindo 1-4 (1-2B), 1-RBI
Team: 9-H, 5-E, 2-SB, 5-RBI, 9-LOB
Pitching: Estrada, jr.: 6-IP, 7-H, 7-R, 6-ER, 8-K, 0-BB

LOVINGTON
Batting: Cesar Salinas 0-3; Luis Garcia 0-3; Mika Pando 1-3; Jonathan Aceves 1-3; Jayden Hernandez 2-3, 1-RBI; Nick Parra 1-3; Ryan Wieser 1-3 (1-2B), 1-RBI; Ethan Gonzales 1-3 (1-HR), 2-RBI; Camon Ochoa 0-2
Team: 7-H, 6-E, 0-SB, 4-RBI, 1-LOB
Pitching: Gonzales, so.: 6-IP, 8-H, 6-R, 3-ER, 3-K, 2-BB; Aceves, sr.: 1-IP, 1-H, 0-R, 0-ER, 3-K, 0-BB

ARTESIA	0	0	4	5	0	1	0	10
LOVINGTON	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3

ARTESIA
Batting: Franki Galindo 2-5; Nye Estrada 2-5 (1-2B), 1-RBI; Davian Molina 1-1, 4-BB; Jack Byers 0-3, 2-BB; Diego Samora 1-4 (1-2B), 1-HP, 2-RBI; Julian Rodriguez 2-4, 1-BB, 1-RBI; Jesse Armendariz 2-4 (1-2B), 3-RBI; Jett Fuentes 1-4; Ethan Ramirez 1-3, 1-BB, 1-RBI
Team: 12-H, 1-E, 3-SB, 8-RBI, 11-LOB
Pitching: Molina, sr.: 4 1/3-IP, 3-H, 2-R, 2-ER, 12-K, 2-BB; Morales, fr.: 2 2/3-IP, 1-H, 1-R, 1-ER, 3-K, 3-BB

LOVINGTON
Batting: Cesar Salinas 1-3 (1-2B), 1-BB, 2-RBI; Luis Garcia 0-3, 1-HP; Mika Pando 1-3 (1-2B), 1-BB, 1-RBI; Jonathan Aceves 0-4; Jayden Hernandez 1-4; Nick Parra 0-3; Ethan Gonzales 0-2, 1-BB; Patrick Sanchez 1-2, 1-BB; Camon Ochoa 0-2, 1-BB
Team: 4-H, 0-E, 0-SB, 3-RBI, 8-LOB
Pitching: Aceves, sr.: 3 2/3-IP, 4-H, 6-R, 6-ER, 7-K, 5-BB; Salinas, sr.: 3 1/3-IP, 8-H, 4-R, 4-ER, 2-K, 3-BB

LeBron's Lakers beat Grizzlies to take 2-1 series lead

LOS ANGELES (AP) — LeBron James and the Lakers came out in front of this franchise's first sellout playoff crowd in a decade and immediately produced one of the greatest first quarters in team history.

Los Angeles leaped to a 35-9 lead amidst one raucous ovation after another from fans eager for a return to the Lakers' tradition of playoff success. After all those first-quarter fireworks, not even Ja Morant could carry the Memphis Grizzlies all the way back to prevent the Lakers from seizing Game 3.

Anthony Davis had 31 points and 17 rebounds, James finished with 25 points after Dillon Brooks was ejected for striking him in the groin, and Los Angeles survived Morant's 24-point fourth quarter to beat the Grizzlies 111-101 Saturday night for a 2-1 lead in their first-round playoff series.

Rui Hachimura scored 16 points in another strong effort off the bench for the seventh-seeded Lakers, who came out impressively in this long-awaited return to a true playoff atmosphere for a franchise with 17 titles. Los Angeles tied an NBA record by taking a 26-point lead into the second quarter, and Memphis couldn't get closer than 13 points until the final two minutes.

Brooks was ejected 17 seconds into the second half after the Memphis agitator struck James in the groin while guarding him near midcourt. While the top scorer in NBA history rolled on the court in pain, officials tossed Brooks after a brief video review — and James stood up and led the Lakers to victory.

"I didn't make a statement," James said. "I've been doing this too long. I'm not making any state-

ments. We had the opportunity to come home and play well on our home floor, and we did that. No statement was made. We just wanted to play well, and we got a win. I don't need to make statements."

Game 4 is Monday night in Los Angeles.

Morant scored 45 points in his return from a one-game absence with a sore right hand, even scoring 22 consecutive points for the Grizz during his stunning fourth quarter while they attempted to rally from an early 29-point deficit. He wore a black brace and padding on his hand and appeared tentative early, but eventually found his usual unguardable form.

Morant also had 13 assists and nine rebounds, but second-seeded Memphis couldn't fully recover after the lowest-scoring first quarter in franchise history.

"I think we won by double digits in the last three quarters, so obviously that first quarter pretty much hurt us," Morant said. "(I) feel pretty good, man. Obviously some stuff you've just got to play through and tolerate. ... In that fourth quarter, I was just trying to win the game. Got it going pretty good, making shots, and just couldn't get it over that hump."

With the Lakers' sellout crowd booing his every move, Brooks had just seven points on 3-for-13 shooting before his ejection. He drew the Lakers fans' ire for his behavior during and after Game 2, when the 27-year-old Brooks called the 38-year-old James "old" and belittled James' abilities.

Brooks declined to speak to reporters after the game. Memphis coach Taylor Jenkins only commented tersely on Brooks' ejection: "Officials made a call."

This rivalry stayed chippy in the third quarter, with Lakers forward Hachimura getting a technical foul for a furious reaction to a foul.

Aside from the physical play, the Lakers were in control of Game 3 until the Grizzlies made it mildly interesting late, never getting closer than nine points.

"First quarter, I thought we were playing hard, (but) our offense significantly impacted our defensive ability," Jenkins said. "The way our guys fought for quarters 2, 3 and 4 showed a lot of great resiliency. We've got to learn to get better from this. Adversity is going to bring out the best in us."

Desmond Bane scored 18 points for the Grizzlies.

Lakers fans ripped into Brooks in pregame warmups and each time he touched the ball before his ejection. More importantly, the Lakers played with a similar edge from the opening tip. The Grizzlies failed offensively in the first quarter, going 3 for 25 with six turnovers. Brooks was particularly bad, missing 10 of his first 12 shots and making little impact on defense.

"I thought our crowd was phenomenal," Lakers coach Darvin Ham said. "Really felt them in the building. Thank God we gave them something to cheer about, the way we came out."

TIP-INS

Grizzlies: Brooks is the only player in franchise history to be ejected from multiple playoff games. He has been ejected six times in his six-year career, and he served two suspensions this season for an accumulation of technical fouls. ... Their nine points in the first quarter were the fewest scored by any NBA team in any quarter this season.

Lakers: D'Angelo Russell scored 17 points. He had a four-point play in the first quarter, the Lakers' first such play in a postseason game since Kobe Bryant did it in 2009. ... The 17-time NBA champions' last playoff game with a full crowd was in 2013. The Lakers missed the next six ensuing seasons, and their 2020 championship run occurred in the Florida bubble. They hosted three first-round games in 2021 with a half-full arena due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Softball

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Apodaca finished with 11 strikeouts and two walks in the no-no, while Artesia was led at the plate by Tucker and Kadence Ray, both 2-4.

"We left quite a few runners on in that first game, but toward the end of it, we started putting the ball in play more so that [Goddard] actually had to work a little bit more, and we were able to score some runs there," said Pulido. "[Apodaca] also had a great game with a shutout no-hitter, so that was exciting."

The Artesia girls fared better offensively in Game Two, racking up 16 hits through four innings.

"We talked to them before the second game and just told them to remember their plan, remember what you're looking for when you're at the plate," Pulido said. "And they were more disciplined at the plate, it seemed like, in that one. They were swinging at the pitches they wanted to swing at, not necessarily because they were behind in the count or they weren't sure where the strike zone was going to be."

The Lady Bulldogs went up 2-0 in the top of the first in the second contest on a passed ball and an RBI single to right by Ray before breaking the game open in the second.

Artesia plated 10 there while batting around, getting a two-RBI single from Tucker, a three-RBI triple from pitcher Makaylee Morillon, and a three-run homer to left from Ray in the process.

Two more Lady 'Dogs crossed in the third on Rocket errors, and Artesia put the 15-run rule in play in the fourth with seven more. a Morillon RBI triple, another two-RBI base knock from Tucker, consecutive doubles by Aguilar, Madison Martinez and Ray, and an RBI infield single by Elizabeth De La Riva all played a role in that inning.

Morillon came a pair of singles to center away from a no-hitter of her own over the course of four innings, striking out two and walking one. Ray finished 3-4 at the plate, a triple shy of the cycle with four runs batted in. Aguilar and De La Riva were also 3-4 with a double and one RBI apiece, Morillon went 2-2 with a pair of triples and four RBI, Tucker was 2-4 with four runs batted in, and Zowe Warren and Martinez both went 1-2.

"KJ hit a home run across the street, so that was exciting, and it was just good to see the way they were hitting and getting balls in the gaps, because Goddard has a good outfield," said Pulido. "Makaylee had two triples and did really well in the circle, too, with a shutout game."

"But most of all, they were having fun. They were cheering in the dugout, and we don't really hear that very often from this group; they'll encourage each other, but they're fairly quiet. But they were cheering and enjoying themselves, and that was also exciting to see. I really hope that carries over into Tuesday when we play Lovington and that they can stay up and feed off today's wins."

With the pair of wins, Artesia improved to 18-5 overall, 10-0 in district. They'll look to wrap up the district title at 5 and 7 p.m. Tuesday against the Wildcats at the Mack Chase Athletic Complex. Lovington (17-7, 8-2) swept Portales Saturday by finals of 11-1 and 14-1.

"These are our last district games of the season, so we want to finish strong and go out there and have fun," Pulido said. "We're just really proud of the girls and how they've been playing. We're starting to come together a little bit tighter, and that makes a big difference. That's what's going to take us into the state tournament and help us be successful."

The Lady Bulldogs will also be hosting their annual youth league event with teams from the Artesia Girls' Softball Association, and Artesians are encouraged to turn out in force to cheer them on as they vie for an unbeaten district championship.

Baseball

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Byers had six hits, one earned runs, and 10 Ks to his credit through five-and-two-thirds innings in the win, while Morales finished with no hits, no runs and two strikeouts. The Bulldogs took full advantage of their breaks offensively in the contest, as the team logged just one hit on the evening: a leadoff double from Galindo, who was left standing in the bottom of the fifth.


With the 2-1 finish, the 'Dogs did suffer their first district loss, moving to 13-10 overall, 5-1 in D4 play. But up the road in Roswell Thursday, the Portales Rams were hanging a 14-8 loss on the Goddard Rockets, meaning Goddard (15-8) will also enter this week's final series with a D4 mark of 5-1.

"Portales kind of helped us out a little bit," said Ortiz. "We now we know we just have to win two out of three, and we're going to take it one game at a time and give Goddard our best."


The winner-take-all series will open at 5 p.m. Thursday in Roswell before finishing up at 5 and 7 p.m. Friday at Brainard Park. The Bulldogs will host their annual Little League Night Friday, as well as recognize their seniors.

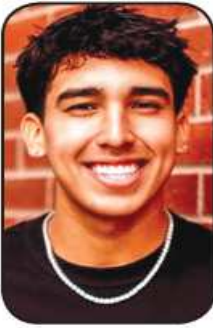



"We talked about it a little bit after the Lovington game, and they know how important it is," said Ortiz. "So we're just going to come to practice ready and prepare to go up against a good Goddard team."

"We're hosting the double header Friday, so we also just want to encourage everyone to come out and support us."



APS Staff and Students of the Month: APRIL



 <p>Name: Ethan Ramirez Class: Senior Parents'/Guardians':</p> <p>Names: Rebecca and Lael Ramirez Grandparents' Names: Josefa and Nieves Chavarria Siblings' Names: Alexis, Darius and Sadie What clubs/activities are you involved in? National Honor Society, Rotary club, football and baseball What is your favorite class and why? Accounting because I am going to major in it Which elementary school did you attend? Hermosa Elementary What do you like best about living</p>	<p>in Artesia? The community When you graduate from high school, what do you plan to do? Go to NMSU and get my MBA in accounting as well as my CPA If you could give one piece of advice to younger students, what would it be? Don't procrastinate. If you could thank anyone in your life, who would you thank and why? My mom because despite being a single mother, she made me the person I am today.</p>  <p>Name: Ayden Huffman Class: Sophomore Parents'/Guardians' Names: Sara Polk, Dustin Polk</p>	<p>Bill and Cindy Polk Siblings' Names: Tinsey Polk, Payslijo and Finlay Groves What clubs/activities are you involved in? Band, football and baseball What is your favorite class and why? History because it's always a good vibe and I learn a lot Which elementary school did you attend? Yeso Elementary What do you like best about living in Artesia? The athletics program When you graduate from high school, what do you plan to do? Plan to play college baseball and major in sports medicine If you could give one piece of advice to younger students, what would it be? Don't be lazy and just get your work done</p>	<p>When you grow up, what do you hope to be? Catcher for the St. Louis Cardinals If you could thank anyone in your life, who would you thank and why? My mom; she's my #1 supporter and is always there for me</p>  <p>Name: Andrew Rodriguez Class: Junior Parents'/Guardians' Names: Jonathan and Kim Rodriguez Grandparents' Names: Victor and Frances Siblings' Names: Makayla, David, Alex, LeAnna What clubs/activities are you involved in? Football, baseball What is your favorite class and why?</p>	<p>History because it interests me Which elementary school did you attend? Maedgen Elementary in Lubbock, Texas What do you like best about living in Artesia? The traditions When you graduate from high school, what do you plan to do? Go to college If you could give one piece of advice to younger students, what would it be? Make sure you get your work and responsibilities taken care of immediately When you grow up, what do you hope to be? A coach If you could thank anyone in your life, who would you thank and why? My parents because they push me to be a better person</p>	 <p>Name: Rebekah Jimenez Spouse's Name: Eric Jimenez Children's Names: Aby, Ayla, Raiden and Rhys / Luke and Madi Where did you go to school? Texas Women's University What do you do at AHS? English teacher How many years have you been at AHS? Eight What is your favorite thing about Artesia High School? The people I work with! What is one thing that you would like all the students at Artesia High School to know/learn? They are capable of great things!</p>
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Commentary

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, April 23, the 113th day of 2023. There are 252 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 23, 2005, the recently created video-sharing website YouTube uploaded its first clip, "Me at the Zoo," which showed YouTube co-founder Jawed Karim standing in front of an elephant enclosure at the San Diego Zoo.

On this date:

In 1616 (Old Style calendar), William Shakespeare died in Stratford-upon-Avon on what has traditionally been regarded as the 52nd anniversary of his birth in 1564.

In 1898, Spain declared war on the United States, which responded in kind two days later.

In 1940, about 200 people died in the Rhythm Night Club Fire in Natchez, Mississippi.

In 1954, Hank Aaron of the Milwaukee Braves hit the first of his 755 major-league home runs in a game against the St. Louis Cardinals. (The Braves won, 7-5.)

In 1969, Sirhan Sirhan was sentenced to death for assassinating New York Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. (The sentence was later reduced to life imprisonment.)

In 1971, hundreds of Vietnam War veterans opposed to the conflict protested by tossing their medals and ribbons over a wire fence in front of the U.S. Capitol.

In 1988, a federal ban on smoking during domestic airline flights of two hours or less went into effect.

In 1992, McDonald's opened its first fast-food restaurant in the Chinese capital of Beijing.

In 1993, labor leader Cesar Chavez died in San Luis, Arizona, at age 66.

In 1998, James Earl Ray, who confessed to assassinating the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and then insisted he'd been framed, died at a Nashville, Tennessee, hospital at age 70.

In 2007, Boris Yeltsin, Russia's first freely elected president, died in Moscow at age 76.

In 2020, at a White House briefing, President Donald Trump noted that researchers were looking at the effects of disinfectants on the coronavirus, and wondered aloud whether they could be injected into people.

Ten years ago: France legalized same-sex marriage after a wrenching national debate that exposed deep conservatism in the nation's heartland and triggered huge demonstrations. Mullah Omar, the reclusive leader of the Taliban in Afghanistan, died in a Pakistani hospital. (News of Omar's death would not reach the United States for more than two years.) A car bomb exploded outside the French Embassy in Tripoli, wounding three people and partially setting the building on fire.

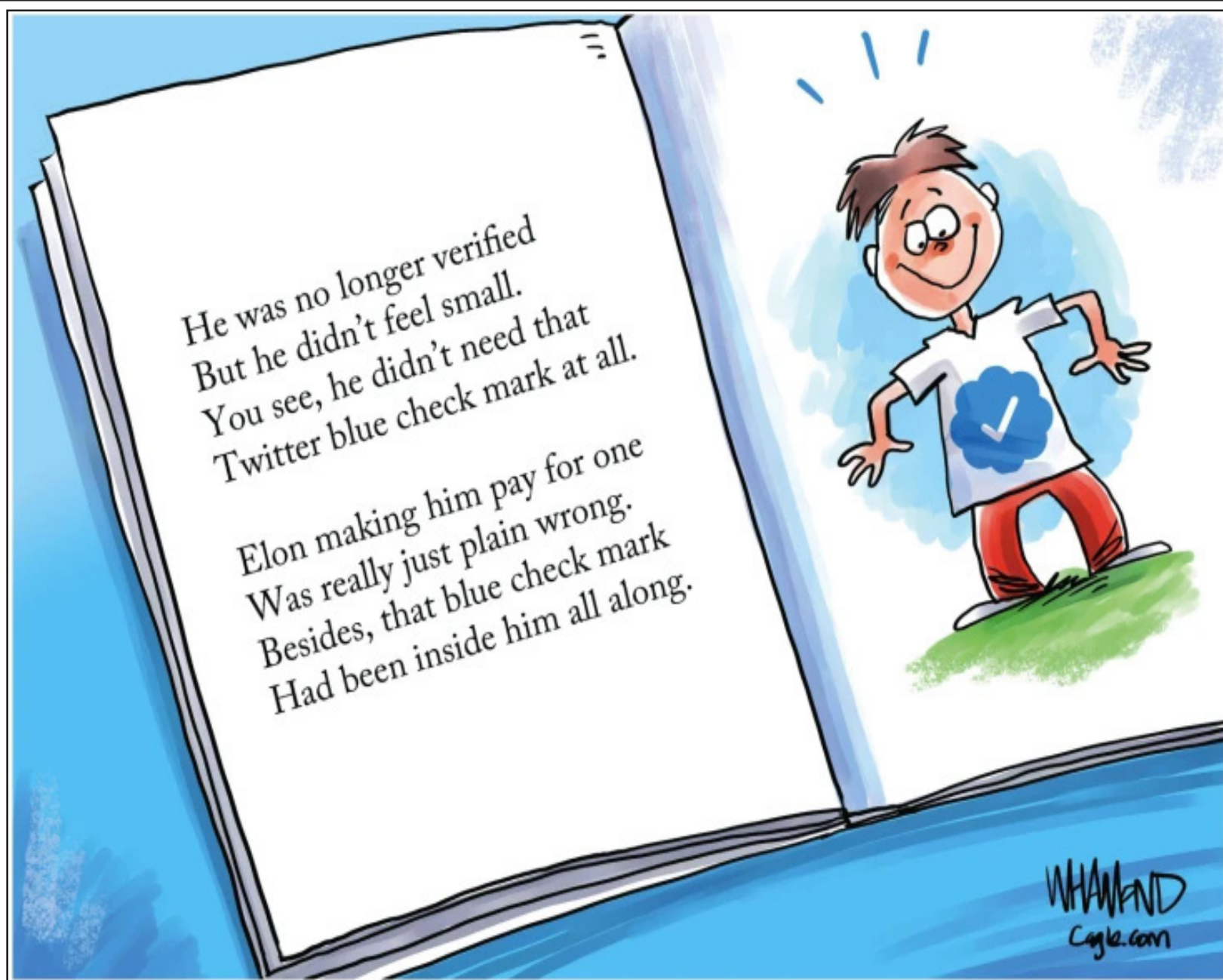
Five years ago: A man plowed a rental van into crowds of pedestrians in Toronto, kill-

ing 10 people and leaving 16 others hurt; police said the suspect, Alek Minassian, had posted a Facebook message indicating anger toward women. (Minassian is due to go to trial in February 2020.) French President Emmanuel Macron began a three-day state visit to Washington by visiting George Washington's Mount Vernon estate with his host, President Donald Trump, and their wives. The Duchess of Cambridge, formerly known as Kate Middleton, gave birth to a new prince who was fifth in line to the British throne; Louis Arthur Charles was the third child for the duchess and her husband, Prince William.

One year ago: Russian forces in Ukraine tried to storm a steel plant housing soldiers and civilians in the southern city of Mariupol while attempting to crush the last corner of resistance in a location of high symbolic and strategic value to Moscow. More than 100 people were killed in southeast Nigeria in an explosion that rocked an illegal oil refinery. A California man who was part of a child exploitation ring in which members filmed themselves sexually abusing more than 20 children and then distributed the footage on the dark web was sentenced to life in prison.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Alan Oppenheimer is 93. Actor Lee Majors is 84. Irish nationalist Bernadette Devlin McAliskey is 76. Actor Blair Brown is 76. Writer-director Paul Brickman is 74. Actor Joyce DeWitt is 74. Actor James Russo is 70. Filmmaker-author Michael Moore is 69. Actor Judy Davis is 68. Actor Valerie Bertinelli is 63. Actor Craig Sheffer is 63. Actor-comedian-talk show host George Lopez is 62. U.S. Olympic gold medal skier Donna Weinbrecht is 58. Actor Melina Kanakaredis is 56. Rock musician Stan Frazier (Sugar Ray) is 55. Actor Scott Bairstow is 53. Actor-writer John Lutz is 50. Actor Barry Watson is 49. Rock musicians Aaron and Bryce Dessner (The National) are 47. Professional wrestler/actor John Cena is 46. Actor-writer-comedian John Oliver is 46. Actor Kal Penn is 46. Retired MLB All-Star Andruw Jones is 46. Actor Jaime King is 44. Pop singer Taio Cruz is 40. Actor Aaron Hill is 40. Actor Jesse Lee Soffer is 39. Actor Rachel Skarsten is 38. Rock musician Anthony LaMarca (The War on Drugs) is 36. Singer-songwriter John Fullbright is 35. Actor Dev Patel is 33. Actor Matthew Underwood is 33. Model Gigi Hadid is 28. Rock musicians Jake and Josh Kiszka (Greta Van Fleet) are 27. Actor Charlie Rowe ("Salvation") is 27. Retired tennis player Ashleigh Barty is 27. U.S. Olympic gold medal snowboarder Chloe Kim is 23.

Thought for Today: "People say money is not the key to happiness, but I have always figured if you have enough money, you can have a key made."
-- Joan Rivers



Time traveling, leaving hauntings

My So-Called Millennial Life

By Cassie McClure



It was something about the curve of her cheek to her chin in the side-view mirrors. I mentally spoke to her: she could make the left turn through the light; she could trust herself. But I knew that hesitancy. It was hesitancy that came from inexperience, but also knowing that the car she commanded wasn't very commanding. I've been her.

Living in the same college town in your late 30s where you spent your 20s can make you start to feel haunted by versions of yourself. One I saw coming around the drive-thru for Dunkin', a young woman — baggy jeans, an earth-colored tank top and unruly, short hair — leaned into the window, but no car. As I slowly pulled up, she looked out at me, turned and grinned into the window, and then jumped out of the lane, opening the door of her PT Cruiser that had dice in the mirror.

"An old and deeply uncool car," I told my mom in the passenger seat. "I remember that. And my dice. Just missing the wallet chain. I miss that wallet chain sometimes."

There was a bit of scoffing and a repeat of "uncool car?" reminding me the car was one I didn't purchase; I was just lucky that my father had de-

ecided to collect late 1980s Volvos, enough of them to rotate through when one in beige temporarily died and got swapped with a dark gray one. You could drive them like you stole them, but you still wouldn't be going very fast.

It's not just college-aged girls or underpowered cars that haunt me; it's sometimes the streets.

My husband and I recently headed up the route I routinely took back home in college. When my parents' house sold, there wasn't a reason to go back. And still, I recalled the speed traps.

One of the small towns along the way is where I realized it had been so long since I had been through it that I was now a time traveler. I saw the town's effort to beautify the last stretch of road before it opened to mountainous tribal land. They had planted now-established trees in the median and expand-

ed sidewalks. It was a change I could only see with my old, fresh eyes.

There'd be an assumption that these are ghosts of regret, but they're not. They are ghosts who are versions of me that led to who I am now. It's not just my college self spooking around the corners; it's the best and strongest parts of myself that remind me of what I can do.

It's driving that route with a car as old as me and no air conditioning during a Southwest summer, dumping bottles of water on my head and keeping the windows down. It's the parking lot where I nervously met my husband in person for the first time. It's the hospital where I summoned every ounce of fortitude to hobble, just stitched and deflating, behind my days-old newborn as we got into an ambulance. It's walking into class raw after losing my father to meet an in-

credibly kind, yet wary, professor who didn't understand why I was there. Where else would I be?

It's having lived here, having worked there. It's having shared a laugh there with someone no longer here.

I'm still haunting spaces, leaving ghosts for a future version of me. It's the kitchen table spot that's mine. It's becoming a regular. It's going to a new place, learning the year they opened, and thinking, 'that wasn't so long ago,' but back then, you didn't need their services. And here you are, sitting on bleachers watching a kid born that same year start their lessons.

The streets you travel now won't look the same in 20 years, in 50 years or in 100 years. But the spirit of who we were may still linger if we make peace with our brief dash through time, especially if we do our best in the time and places shared by those who may travel the same paths as us in the future.

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What else needs a baseball pitch clock?

Tyrades!

By Danny Tyree



My brother, the former Babe Ruth Leaguer, remains deeply skeptical of Major League Baseball's newly instituted pitch clock.

He is not alone in regarding the sport's leisurely pace as an integral part of its charm. But many analysts cheer any attempt to trim the bloated runtime of modern games.

"Field of Dreams" leaves older fans misty-eyed, but if you can erect a skyscraper on the field in the time it takes to play a double-header, "America's Pastime" is not going to hit a homerun with younger generations.

Have you ever wondered what other activities in life deserve a timeclock and a series of internationally recognized signals that someone needs to pick up the %^&* pace?

For starters, there are the raconteurs oblivious to their own snotty nose. They think you're hanging on their every word, but in fact you're more fascinated by what's hanging from their nostrils. After two minutes of patience, cut loose with a megapack of Kleenex fired from a T-shirt cannon. Adrenaline-enhanced shop-

ping excursions invite critique. ("Okay, I'll hold your purse another 20 minutes. After that, if you shop 'til you drop, I'm telling the buzzards, 'Cleanup on aisle 7!'")

In all fairness, interminable home-repair and automotive-repair projects need restrictions, too. ("One more weekend. Then you're sleeping in a van-up-on-blocks down by the river.")

How about "will he or won't he?" political candidates who spend months holding their finger to the wind and dipping their toe in the water? Okay, the first dip is free, but after that we're putting piranhas in the pond, dude.

Let's not overlook insufferable nonentities basking in their "15 minutes of fame." Let's shut this down early. ("I know it has been only nine minutes,

but as Alan Jackson sang, 'It's 15 minutes somewhere.'")

What about family members who hover in front of an open refrigerator for what seems like an eternity? I know, they're just trying to decide what grub strikes their fancy. Okay, but after the lettuce starts to wilt, they should be more worried about what size boot is going to be striking their gluteus maximus.

I propose zero tolerance for those recorded "Your business is very important to us" messages, as well as for restaurant waitstaff who hog your time with endless focus-group-tested adjectives. ("Your thesaurus is very *snicker* important to us. I'm sorry but I can't do this without laughing. Just as you'll someday look back on your tip and laugh.")

How about the clueless people who run into old acquaintances and sprawl across the entire grocery aisle or five parking spaces for a traffic-stopping gabfest? You can arrange for professional crowd dispersal with just a few kind words. ("I'm so glad y'all are speaking to each other, considering what she's been saying all over town about your momma...")

Most ministers have already adapted to current attention spans, but many of you have encountered the kind who lose all track of time. Those clergymen can be conditioned to love their fellow humans more and the sound of their own voice less. ("You mean that was the collection plate I shot all to pieces, preacher? Sorry. I dreamed I was duck hunting. Better luck next week.")

I would love to hear some of the things you readers want to put a timer on.

Pay no attention to the mysterious voice whispering, "Submit it and he will plagiarize."

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AROUND TOWN

HOSPITAL BOARD -- The Artesia Special Hospital District Board of Trustees will meet at 5:15 p.m. Monday, April 24, in Green Chile Room A at Artesia General Hospital for the purpose of conducting regular business and discussing finances and other matters in an open setting.

STEM CENTER -- Explore all things science, technology, engineering and math from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. April 24-28 at the Artesia Public Library's Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation STEM Center. For more information, call the library at 575-746-4252.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS -- Adults ages 18 and up are invited to play Dungeons & Dragons from 2-5 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, at the Artesia Public Library. Join a group of players on imaginary quests led by a dungeon master in the

ultimate immersive storytelling game for adults. For more information, call the library at 575-746-4252.

FAMILY HISTORY -- Those interested in conducting family history research are invited to do so from 10 a.m. - noon Tuesday, April 25, at the Artesia Public Library. Both those new to genealogy and those just needing extra help are welcome. For more information, call the library at 575-746-4252.

YARN UNITED -- Adults ages 18 and up are invited to the Yarn United knitting and crochet club from noon - 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, at the Artesia Public Library. For more information, call the library at 575-746-4252.

KITCH LIT -- Adults ages 18 and up are invited to Kitch Lit, the book club for foodies,

at 1:30 p.m. on the last Thursday of each month. Discussions will include: April 27, "Delicious!" by Ruth Reichl; May 25, "The Kitchen Front" by Jennifer Ryan; June 29, "Kitchens of the Great Midwest" by J. Ryan Stradal; July 27, "Love & Saffron" by Kim Fay; Aug. 31, "Marrying the Ketchups" by Jennifer Close; Sept. 28, "The Recipe Box" by Viola Shipman; Oct. 26, "Sugar and Salt" by Susan Wiggs; Nov. 30, "Summer at Little Beach Street Bakery" by Jenny Colgan; and Dec. 28, "The Magic of Lemon Drop Pie" by Rachel Linden. For more information, call the library at 575-746-4252.

SAVE THE FROGS ADULT CRAFT -- Adults ages 18 and up are invited to craft flower-pot frogs for Save the Frogs Day at 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 28, at the Artesia Public Library. For more information, call the library at 575-

746-4252.

NOON BOOK CLUB -- The Noon Book Club will hold its April meeting at noon Monday, May 15, at the Artesia Public Library. The title will be "Perestroika in Paris" by Jane Smiley. Future book club meetings for the year will feature: June 19, "The Pilgrim's Progress" by John Bunyan; July 17, "Queen of Our Times" by Robert Hardman; Aug. 21, "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt; Sept. 18, "The Rose Code" by Kate Quinn; Oct. 16, "When All Is Said" by Anne Griffin; Nov. 20, "The Wish" by Nicholas Sparks; and Dec. 18, "Christmas Every Day" by Beth Moran. For more information, call the library at 575-746-4252.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY-TIME -- Preschool StoryTime for children ages 3-5 will be held from 10-11 a.m. Tuesdays

at the Artesia Public Library. StoryTime includes stories, language activities, STEM learning, crafts, music and social/play time. For more information, call the library at 575-746-4252.

MOTHER GOOSE -- Mother Goose for children ages birth to 3 will be held from 10-10:30 a.m. Wednesdays at the Artesia Public Library. Mother Goose includes rhymes, stories, puppets and baby games to enhance brain and language development. For more information, call the library at 575-746-4252.

TODDLER MOVE AND PLAY -- Toddler Move and Play for ages 1-3 will be held from 11-11:45 a.m. Thursdays at the Artesia Public Library. Toddler Move and Play includes group musical activities and social/play time with age-appropriate toys. For more information, call the library at

575-746-4252.

STEAM AFTER SCHOOL -- STEAM After School for children in grades K-6 will be held from 4-5 p.m. Thursdays at the Artesia Public Library. STEAM After School includes activities such as science experiments, Rok Blocks, LEGOs, circuits and coding games. For more information, call the library at 575-746-4252.

MEN'S PICK-UP BASKETBALL -- The City of Artesia is hosting men's pick-up basketball from 5-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Artesia Center, 612 N. Eighth St. For more information, call 575-746-9009.

TOPS -- The Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Club meets at 9 a.m. Wednesdays at the Senior Center. For more information, call the Center at 575-746-4113.

MFA launches new mortgage, down payment assistance

ALBUQUERQUE — To expand homeownership opportunities for low-and-moderate-income New Mexicans, the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority (MFA) recently launched HomeForward, a competitive-rate mortgage and down payment assistance program for first-time and non-first-time homebuyers.

The program offers both first mortgage loans and optional second mortgage loans that can provide up to 3 percent of the home sales price in down payment assistance.

"We know that finding affordable financing and saving money for a down payment can be barriers to homeownership, so this program helps address those needs," said MFA Executive Director/CEO Isidoro Hernandez. "This is another tool that more New Mexicans can use to help them achieve homeownership, which is the key to building wealth, stability and economic growth within communities."

The program can be used as a standalone first mortgage loan or can be combined with an optional second mortgage loan to provide down payment assistance of up to three percent of the home sales price. The down payment assistance loan, which can only be used for the down payment and not closing costs, typically amounts to a small monthly payment that is paid in addition to the homeowner's monthly mortgage payment.

Income and purchase price limits for the program vary by county, based on county median home price and median income. To qualify, homebuyers need to meet eligibility requirements for the program and then work with an MFA participating lender. A full list of participating lenders can be found at: housingnm.org/homebuyers/mfa-participating-lenders

Through the program, first mortgage loans combined with down payment assistance second mortgage loans can be used to finance any owner-occupied single-family property located within the state of New Mexico. Manufactured homes can also qualify for the program if they meet current Agency or Government-Sponsored Enterprise (GSE) guidelines for Federal Housing Administration (FHA), Fannie Mae (FNMA), Veterans Administration (VA), HUD Section 184, or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

In 2022, MFA programs provided \$430 million in affordable-rate mortgage loans and \$15 million in down payment assistance to help more than 2,100 New Mexicans become homeowners. The widespread need for affordable housing in New Mexico was recently identified in a 2022 study commissioned by the MFA-led Housing New Mexico Advisory Committee that found 5,140 new single-family homes are needed every year to meet the growing demand for housing.

The program is funded by the New Mexico Housing Trust Fund. To date, MFA has leveraged 21-to-1 the approximately \$61 million dollars the state has invested in the New Mexico Housing Trust Fund since it was created in 2005. This funding generated the development of 4,795 affordable housing units with an economic impact of \$580 million across the state.

For more information about MFA's homeownership and down payment assistance programs, visit housingnm.org/homebuyers.

Census

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... meet this definition. Producers can respond online at agcounts.usda.gov or by mail.

"If you received the ag census but do not fit the definition of a farm, are no longer farming, never farmed, or are a landowner who leases your land to a producer, please write your status on the form and mail it back," said Ott.

The Census of Agriculture remains the only comprehensive and impartial source of agriculture data for every state and county in the nation. Census data are used by policymakers, trade associations, researchers, agribusinesses, educators, and many others. The information helps inform decisions on farm policy, rural development, the development of farm technologies, and more. It also aids in the creation and funding of loans and insurance programs and other forms of assistance.

The ag census differs from other NASS surveys. Beyond being conducted just once every five years, it provides important demographic information and data on certain commodities, such as horses, bison, and Christmas trees, that would not otherwise be available. The Census of Agriculture collects information on nearly every aspect of American agriculture for a complete picture of the health of the industry. Changes to the 2022 questionnaire include new questions about the use of precision agriculture, hemp production, hair sheep and updates to internet access questions.

Federal law under Title 7 USC 2204(g) Public Law 105-113 requires that the NASS keep all submissions confidential, use the information for statistical purposes only, and publish aggregate data to prevent disclosing the identity of any individual producer or farm operation.

The NASS will release the results of the ag census in early 2024. To learn more about the Census of Agriculture, visit nass.usda.gov/AgCensus. On the website, producers and other data users can access frequently asked questions, past ag census data, special study information, and more.

For state specific questions, contact your USDA NASS State Statistician at 1-800-392-3202: New Mexico - Margie Whitcotton.

City of Artesia Building Permits: March

PROPERTY OW	NO.	STREET	LOT	BLK	ADDITION	FZ	BP#	AMOUNT	CONTRACTOR	BP DATE	BP DISCRPTION	VALUATION	CBP
Olga Alvarez	912	W. Cannon Ave.	7		Carver Replat	x	206	\$ 45.00	Jacob Lopez Elec.	3/1/2023	Electrical Permit		Done
Hermosa LLC	321	W. Main St.	15	9	Clayton & Stegman	x	207	\$ 184.00	Permian Solutions	3/2/2023	Interior Remodel	\$ 40,000.00	x
BCA Medical	608	N. 1st St.		26A	Fairview	AO	208	\$ 50.00	E.T. Plumbing	3/2/2023	Plumbing Permit		Done
Christopher Cook	1310	W. Bush Ave.	5		Havins	x	209	\$ 72.00	G Power Electrical	3/2/2023	Electrical Permit		Done
Wesley Davis	401	W. Hermosa Dr.	1	1	Hermosa	x	210	\$ 72.00	G Power Electrical	3/2/2023	Electrical Permit		Done
Christen Seeley	2001	W. Currier Ave	9	6	Plains Park Amd	x	211	\$ 62.00	Artesia Plbg & Htg	3/2/2023	Gas Permit		Done
Rhiannon Carrera	808	W. Runyan Ave.	9	12	Alta Vista #2	x	212	\$ 72.00	G Power Electrical	3/2/2023	Electrical Permit		
Josefa Thorson	811	N. 6th St.	6	7	Combs	x	213	\$ 72.00	G Power Electrical	3/2/2023	Electrical Permit		Done
Mary Robinson	1111	W. Runyan Ave.	11	5	Fairacres	x	214	\$ 72.00	G Power Electrical	3/2/2023	Electrical Permit		Done
Anthony Heady	1510	S. 21st St.			Plains Park	x	215	\$ 72.00	G Power Electrical	3/2/2023	Electrical Permit		Done
Blaine Wallace	1016	W. Fairground Rd.			Mts & Bnds	x	216	\$ 72.00	G Power Electrical	3/2/2023	Electrical Permit		Done
Dakota Goodson	1601	S. 21st St.	50	4	Plains Park	x	217	\$ 72.00	G Power Electrical	3/2/2023	Electrical Permit		Done
Ana Laura Carrillo	R276	N. 13th St. #19			Mts & Bnds	x	218	\$ 45.00	No Shorts Electric	3/2/2023	Electrical Permit		Done
D & S Homes	1304	W. Champ Clark Ave.	4	7	Vaughan	x	219	\$ 45.00	Mariscal Electric	3/2/2023	Electrical Permit		Done
Maverik Inc.	2602	W. Main St.			Mts & Bnds	x	220		Black Canyon Const.	3/3/2023	Street Closure		Done
Abo Apartments	700	N. 10th St. #C	6	3	Ross	x	221	\$ 468.00	tinum Water Solutio	3/3/2023	Gas Permit		Done
Domingo Torrez	1210	W. Mann Ave.	24	1	Fairacres	x	222	\$ 56.00	Owner	3/6/2023	Curb-Cut/Driveway	\$ 4,000.00	Done
Nick Garcia	503	W. Washington Ave.	3	56	Artesia Imp Co.	AO	223	\$ 84.00	Design Roof Services	3/6/2023	Re-Roof	\$ 11,790.00	Done
LCH Well Services	11	Bilco Rd.			Mts & Bnds	x	224	\$ 163.00	Richard's Remdlg	3/7/2023	20' x 20' Office	\$ 34,000.00	x
Richard Haldeman	15	W. Compress Rd.			Mts & Bnds	x	225	\$ 44.00	Artesia Plbg & Htg	3/7/2023	Plumbing Permit		
Artesia Daily Press	501	W. Main St.	3	11	Clayton & Stegman	x	226	\$ 45.00	Precision Electric	3/7/2023	Electrical Permit		
Robert/Cynthia G	1809	W. Washington Ave.	17	2	Abo	x	227	\$ 52.00	Owner	3/8/2023	Metal Fence	\$ 2,000.00	Done
City of Artesia	20th St	Between Mann-Hermosa			Mts & Bnds	x	228		J & H Services	3/8/2023	Street Closure Phase III		x
Jo Henderson	1312 B	W. Main St.	5	8	Buck	x	229	\$ 48.00	Crouch PHAC Inc.	3/9/2023	Gas Permit		Done
Bob Crumrine	1705	W. Jacob Ave.	6	9	Plains Park	x	230	\$ 69.00	Owner	3/9/2023	6' R-Panel Fence	\$ 8,000.00	
Hermosa LLC	321	W. Main St.	15	9	Clayton & Stegman	x	231	\$ 45.00	Precision Electric	3/9/2023	Electrical Permit		x
Chris Simons	1603	W. Mahone Dr.	8		Blue Quail	x	232	\$ 45.00	Mariscal Electric	3/10/2023	Electrical Permit		
Champion Supplie	2001	W. Bullock Ave.	19	7	West Acres #2 Replat	x	233	\$ 50.00	Owner	3/10/2023	HOBL		Done
Chase Oil Co.	11279	Lovington Hwy.			Mts & Bnds	x	234	\$ 515.00	Pettus Construction	3/10/2023	86 addition to warehc	\$ 214,500.00	x
Kasey Abernathy	802	W. Missouri Ave.	2	34	Artesia Imp Co.	x	235	\$ 343.00	Lumio HX Inc.	3/10/2023	Solar Panels	\$ 83,545.74	
Kasey Abernathy	802	W. Missouri Ave.	2	34	Artesia Imp Co.	x	236	\$ 117.00	Lumio HX Inc.	3/10/2023	Electrical Permit		
Yates Holdings LLC	105	S. 4th St.	22	9	Clayton & Stegman	x	237	\$ 244.00	C & E Industrial Svcs	3/13/2023	Mech Permit		
E.C. Framing	2513	W. Mann Ave.	26		West Acres #8	x	238	\$ 174.00	Bulldog Const.	3/13/2023	Plumbing Permit		
Richard Price	1703	La Cima Dr.	4	1	Loma Vista	x	239	\$ 45.00	Straight Shot Elec.	3/13/2023	Electrical Permit		Done
E.C. Framing	2513	W. Mann Ave.	26		West Acres #8	x	240	\$ 117.00	Straight Shot Elec.	3/13/2023	Electrical Permit		
Joann Couch	1700	E. Hermosa Dr.			Mts & Bnds	x	241	\$ 45.00	Jeout's Electrical Wc	3/13/2023	Electrical Permit		Done
Xavier Anaya	37	Mirage Rd.			Mts & Bnds	x	242	\$ 220.00	Freedom Forever TX	3/14/2023	Solar Panels	\$ 49,727.00	Done
Xavier Anaya	37	Mirage Rd.			Mts & Bnds	x	243	\$ 117.00	Freedom Forever TX	3/14/2023	Electrical Permit		Done
Ralph Rodriguez	922	S. Roselawn Ave.	10	3	Roselawn	x	244	\$ 66.00	Owner	3/14/2023	18'x20'x9' Carport	\$ 6,485.00	
Donald Huber	1106	Cannon Place	16		Carver Replat	x	245	\$ 58.00	Owner	3/14/2023	6' Metal Fence	\$ 5,000.00	
Maverik Inc.	2602	W. Main St.			Mts & Bnds	x	246	\$ 100.00	essential Services LL	3/15/2023	Mech Permit		x
Lupe Mariscal	1103	N. 7th S.t	11	6	Carver Replat	x	247	\$ 66.00	Artesia Plbg & Htg	3/20/2023	Gas Permit		Done
Tina Perez	1208	W. Mann Ave.	22	1	Fairacres	x	248	\$ 45.00	Moreno Electric	3/20/2023	Electrical Permit		
CSE New Mexico,	R276	N. 13th St. #17			Mts & Bnds	x	249	\$ 45.00	No Shorts Electric	3/20/2023	Electrical Permit		Done
Miguel Ruiz	810	S. 2nd St.	5	3	Tyler	x	250	\$ 54.00	Artesia Plbg & Htg	3/20/2023	Plumbing Permit		Done
Tracy Torres	304	N. Roselawn Ave.	2	34	Fairview	x	251	\$ 50.00	Owner	3/20/2023	Re-Roof Porch	\$ 1,000.00	
Diane Austin	604	W. James Ave.	7	2	Fairview Replat	x	252	\$ 62.00	Artesia Plbg & Htg	3/21/2023	Gas Permit		Done
Craig Riley	5	W. Jackson Rd.			Mts & Bnds	x	253	\$ 120.00	Do Right Roofing	3/21/2023	Re-Roof	\$ 21,214.90	Done
Prestige Equipme	1813	N. 1st St.			Mts & Bnds	x	254	\$ 48.00	Crouch PHAC Inc.	3/21/2023	Gas Permit		Done
Jessie Vachel Harr	1502	W. James Ave.	14	5	Charlann	x	255	\$ 80.00	Do Right Roofing	3/21/2023	Re-Roof	\$ 10,064.25	Done
James Torrez	1306	Walnut Dr.			Mts & Bnds	x	256	\$ 346.00	Hdridge Constructio	3/21/2023	50'x80'x16' Metal BLDG	\$ 85,000.00	
Hermosa LLC	321	W. Main St.	15	9	Clayton & Stegman	x	257	\$ 52.00	Crouch PHAC Inc.	3/21/2023	Plumbing Permit		
The Modern Hous	1513	W. Mahone Dr.	5		Blue Quail	x	258	\$ 50.00	Owner	3/21/2023	HOBL		Done
Steven Balencia	807	Monterrey Way	14		Monterrey Way	AO	259	\$ 45.00	Jacob Lopez Elec.	3/22/2023	Electrical Permit		Done
Kathryn Coleman	703	W. Hermosa Dr.	2		Francis	x	260	\$ 184.00	iberty General Cons	3/22/2023	12'x16' Kitchen Addi.	\$ 39,066.92	
Ross Hendrickson	2619	W. Richardson Ave.	40	2	Waller #2	x	261	\$ 105.00	Owner	3/22/2023	19'x11' Enclosed Patio	\$ 18,000.00	
Felix T. Herrera	1810	W. Runyan Ave.	10	8	Barnett	x	262	\$ 166.00	Owner	3/23/2023	28'x23' Addition	\$ 35,000.00	
American Tower L	1115	S. 1st St.			Mts & Bnds	AO	263	\$ 148.00	Mastec Network Sol	3/23/2023	Cell Tower	\$ 30,000.00	
Rocio Cazares	700	S. Roselawn Ave.	1	54	Artesia Imp Co.	x	264	\$ 56.00	Idalis Construction	3/23/2023	Curb-Cut/Driveway	\$ 3,500.00	Done
Becky Carper	33	Lark Lane	5	5	Quail Run Unit 3	x	265	\$ 45.00	IAT Services LLC	3/23/2023	Electrical Permit		Done
Century 21	1302	W. Merchant Ave.	8	5	Buck	x	266	\$ 44.00	Advantage Htg & Clg	3/23/2023	Mech Permit		
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Strategies to encourage kids to read more

Many adults feel there's no better way to relax than curling up with a good book. Though a relaxing afternoon of reading may appeal to adults, kids could prove a little more reluctant to crack a book. Children have much to gain from reading and being read to. According to the Children's Bureau of Southern California, a nonprofit organization devoted to strengthening vulnerable children, their families and the communities where they live, reading aloud to children supports their cognitive development; improves their language skills; prepares them for academic success; increases their discipline and ability to concentrate; and improves their imagination and creativity. Many of those same benefits apply to kids who read on their own, which may be more appealing as kids advance through elementary school and aspire to become more independent. Since children have so much to gain from cuddling up with a good book, parents can try these strategies to encourage kids to read more.

Allow kids to read the same book. Parents of young readers or children learning to read undoubtedly know how much children like to read the same book over and over again. Though that might not engage moms and dads, experts note that allowing kids to read the same books again and again is an effective way to foster a love of reading in children. Researchers have linked reading the same books again and again to greater vocabulary acquisition and improved reading comprehension, among other benefits. Kids are more likely to enjoy reading if they recognize more words and can better understand the stories, so parents can encourage kids to read the same books again and again.

Take a book along when running errands or traveling. The Children's Book Review notes that books can be just as handy in cars as tablets and other devices kids use to watch movies while on the go. Though some children may get car sick when reading while a car is in motion, those who don't have plenty of time to read while in the backseat. On long road trips, promise a movie after kids have read for an hour. When running errands with the kids in tow, encourage them to read by keeping a couple of books or magazines in the backseat at all times.

Practice positive reinforcement with emerging readers. Another way to encourage young readers to pick up a book more often is to praise their efforts even if they struggle with words. Patience can go a long way toward instilling a love of reading in children. If kids are struggling with a word or words, read the sentence aloud with them. Reading also has a tendency to pique readers curiosity, so parents can encourage kids to ask questions about the books they read and help them find answers to those questions if necessary.

Enroll kids in library reading programs. Summer reading programs sponsored by local libraries have been found to be conducive to promoting reading in young children. In its report titled The Role of Public Libraries in Children's Literacy Development, the Pennsylvania Library Association indicated that preschool and summer reading programs encourage children to spend significant amounts of time with books and also encourage parents to play a greater role in their children's literacy development. Participation in such programs is typically free of charge, so there's no reason why families cannot take advantage of these highly effective programs.

Reading benefits children in myriad ways. Parents can look to various strategies to foster a love of reading in their children.



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Public Record

ARTESIA POLICE DEPARTMENT
April 16
FOUND PROPERTY
7:08 a.m. - Officer dispatched to Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in reference to found property.

ALARM
7:54 a.m. - Officer dispatched to Tractor Supply Co. in reference to a burglar alarm.

VICIOUS ANIMAL
9:13 a.m. - Officer dispatched to the 500 block of Roselawn Avenue in reference to a vicious animal. The animal was picked up.

VANDALISM
10:17 a.m. - Officer dispatched to 1103 N. Sixth St. in reference to the vandalism of a structure.

STOLEN VEHICLE
11:49 a.m. - Officer dispatched to 2402 N. Freeman Ave. in reference to a stolen vehicle.

DOMESTIC
11:58 a.m. - Officer dispatched to North Eighth Street and West James Avenue in reference to a physical domestic dispute.

FOUND PROPERTY
12:22 p.m. - Officer dispatched to West Grand Avenue and South 13th Street in reference to found property.

ACCIDENT
12:32 p.m. - Officer dispatched to Top Dog Car Wash in reference to a motor vehicle accident with no injuries.

ALARM
3:44 p.m. - Officer dispatched to PVT in reference to a burglar alarm.

FOUND PROPERTY
4:44 p.m. - Officer dispatched to La Hacienda Inn in reference to found property.

BREAKING AND ENTERING
7:48 p.m. - Officer dispatched to 1107 N. Sixth St. in reference to breaking and entering.

OPEN DOOR
7:55 p.m. - Officer dispatched to the Artesia Aquatic Center in reference to an open door.

WANTED SUBJECT
8:36 p.m. - Officer dispatched to North Seventh Street and West Cannon Avenue in reference to a wanted subject.

OPEN DOOR
10:52 p.m. - Officer dispatched to the Abo Apartments in reference to an open door.

SUICIDAL SUBJECT
11:08 p.m. - Officer dispatched to the 1000 block of South 14th Street in reference to a suicidal subject.

WANTED SUBJECT
11:56 p.m. - Officer dispatched to South Sixth Street and West Washington Avenue in reference to a wanted subject.

April 15
ARRESTS
6:32 p.m. - Joel Alberto Martinez, 42, arrested and charged with aggravated DWI.

7:08 p.m. - Jordan Nelson, 29, of Artesia, arrested and charged with DWI.

LOUD MUSIC
12:14 a.m. - Officer dispatched to the 700 block of West James Avenue in reference to loud music.

12:24 a.m. - Officer dispatched to the 1400 block of West Hank Avenue in reference to loud music. A verbal warning was issued.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY
1 a.m. - Officer dispatched to the 900 block of West Mahone Drive in reference to suspicious activity.

AUTO BURGLARY
7:57 a.m. - Officer dispatched to La Quinta Inn & Suites in reference to an auto burglary.

OPEN DOOR
7:57 a.m. - Officer dispatched to 112 S. Eighth St. in reference to an open door.

ALARM
8:21 a.m. - Officer dispatched to 1603 W. Missouri Ave. in reference to a burglar alarm.

8:52 a.m. - Officer dispatched to Popeye's in reference to a burglar alarm.

BURGLARY
8:53 a.m. - Officer dispatched to Stonegate Self Storage in reference to the burglary of a structure.

LARCENY
9:01 a.m. - Officer dispatched to 703 W. Mann Ave. in reference to larceny.

FOUND PROPERTY
9:55 a.m. - Officer dispatched to Allsup's, 1303 W. Hermosa Drive, in reference to found property.

HARASSMENT
10:28 a.m. - Officer dispatched to Wal-Mart in reference to harassment.

HAZARD
10:39 a.m. - Officer dispatched to South 10th Street and West Missouri Avenue in reference to a hazard.

BATTERY
11:27 a.m. - Officer dispatched to the Abo Apartments in reference to battery.

FRAUD
1:14 p.m. - Officer dispatched to 709 N. Fourth St. in reference to telephone fraud.

DWI
1:51 p.m. - Officer dispatched to the 2700 block of North Pecos Avenue in reference to DWI.

5 p.m. - Officer dispatched to Roswell Highway, mile marker 73, in reference to DWI. An arrest was made.

ALARM
5:46 p.m. - Officer dispatched to 1007 N. Sixth St. in reference to a burglar alarm.

7:13 p.m. - Officer dispatched to Bethel Baptist Church in reference to a burglar alarm.

WANTED SUBJECT
7:58 p.m. - Officer dispatched to South Sixth Street and West Washington Avenue in reference to a wanted subject.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT
8:07 p.m. - Officer dispatched to the 300 block of West Gage Avenue in reference to disorderly conduct.

RECKLESS DRIVING
9:49 p.m. - Officer dispatched to the 2600 block of West Missouri Avenue in reference to reckless driving.

10:05 p.m. - Officer dispatched to West Main Street and Gissler Road in reference to reckless driving.

10:23 p.m. - Officer dispatched to the 1700 block of West Grand Avenue in reference to reckless driving.

LOUD PARTY
10:23 p.m. - Officer dispatched to the 1100 block of South Yates Street in reference to a loud party.

FIGHT IN PROGRESS
11:35 p.m. - Officer dispatched to the 500 block of West Bullock Avenue in reference to a fight in progress.

SHOTS FIRED
11:51 p.m. - Officer dispatched to the Abo Apartments in reference to shots fired in the area.

April 14
ARREST
5:05 p.m. - Zachary Grado, 20, of Artesia, arrested and charged with distribution of a controlled substance, to wit: opium/cocaine.

VANDALISM
9:24 a.m. - Officer dispatched to 810 W. Mann Ave. in reference to vandalism.

SHOPLIFTING
9:30 a.m. - Officer dispatched to AutoZone in reference to shoplifting.

VANDALISM
11:08 a.m. - Officer dispatched to Jaycee Park in reference to vandalism.

11:40 a.m. - Officer dispatched to 619 Bowman Drive in reference to the vandalism of a vehicle.

THREATS
11:41 a.m. - Officer dispatched to the Juvenile Probation and Parole Office in reference to threats.

HAZARD
12:31 p.m. - Officer dispatched to East Main and North First streets in reference to a hazard.

ALARM
1:07 p.m. - Officer dispatched to First American Bank in reference to an alarm.

LARCENY
1:29 p.m. - Officer dispatched to Roselawn Elementary School in reference to larceny.

SHOTS FIRED
3:46 p.m. - Officer dispatched to the 1100 block of North Sixth Street in reference to shots fired in the area. An arrest was made.

BATTERY
3:49 p.m. - Officer dispatched to the 200 block of West Missouri Avenue in reference to battery.

HAZARD
3:52 p.m. - Officer dispatched to South 13th Street and West Grand Avenue in reference to a hazard.

SHOTS FIRED
4:33 p.m. - Officer dispatched to North Sixth Street and West Cannon Avenue in reference to shots fired in the area.

ACCIDENT
4:37 p.m. - Officer dispatched to Pecos Diamond in reference to a motor vehicle accident with no injuries.

HAZARD
4:58 p.m. - Officer dispatched to Roswell and Lake Arthur highways in reference to a hazard.

ACCIDENT
5:20 p.m. - Officer dispatched to South Fourth Street and West Park Avenue in reference to a motor vehicle accident with no injuries.

INCORRIGIBLE CHILD
7:22 p.m. - Officer dispatched to the 1100 block of South Second Street in reference to an incorrigible child.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT
10:35 p.m. - Officer dispatched to the 900 block of West Mahone Drive in reference to disorderly conduct.

LOUD MUSIC
11:06 p.m. - Officer dispatched to the 2900 block of West Dallas Avenue in reference to loud music.

EDDY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
April 21
12:40 a.m. - Deputy dispatched to the 1000 block of East Mill Road in reference to shots fired in the area.

ACCIDENT
6:01 a.m. - Deputy dispatched to the 5500 block of Seven Rivers Highway in reference to a motor vehicle accident with injuries.

STOLEN VEHICLE
7:21 a.m. - Deputy dispatched to Lovington Highway, mile marker 125, in reference to a stolen vehicle.

VICIOUS ANIMAL
7:45 a.m. - Deputy dispatched to the 40 block of West Blevins Road in reference to a vicious animal.

April 20
ACCIDENT
2:07 a.m. - Deputy dispatched to North Seventh and West Main streets in reference to a motor vehicle accident with injuries.

UNWANTED SUBJECT
2:09 a.m. - Deputy dispatched to the 200 block of West Chisum Avenue in reference to an unwanted subject.

ALARM

3:20 a.m. - Deputy dispatched to 9 Lake Arthur Hwy. in reference to a burglar alarm.

RECKLESS DRIVING
5:38 a.m. - Deputy dispatched to Roswell Highway, mile marker 78, in reference to reckless driving.

AUTO BURGLARY
6:43 a.m. - Deputy dispatched to 2105 E. Castleberry Road in reference to an auto burglary.

LIVESTOCK
8 a.m. - Deputy dispatched to the 12200 block of Lovington Highway in reference to livestock in the roadway.

RECKLESS DRIVING
8:04 a.m. - Deputy dispatched to North 26th and West Main streets in reference to reckless driving.

LIVESTOCK
8:21 a.m. - Deputy dispatched to the 12400 block of Lovington Highway in reference to livestock in the roadway.

8:40 a.m. - Deputy dispatched to Lovington Highway and Turkey Tract Road in reference to livestock in the roadway.

RECKLESS DRIVING
11:04 a.m. - Deputy dispatched to Seven Rivers Highway, mile marker 53, in reference to reckless driving.

FRAUD
12:45 p.m. - Deputy dispatched to 1113 Camino del Llano in reference to fraud. A report was taken.

RECKLESS DRIVING
3:18 p.m. - Deputy dispatched to Roswell Highway, mile marker 78, in reference to reckless driving.

3:21 p.m. - Deputy dispatched to East Main and North First streets in reference to reckless driving.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY
4:57 p.m. - Deputy dispatched to the 20 block of Chalk Bluff Road in reference to suspicious activity.

ACCIDENT
4:59 p.m. - Deputy dispatched to 129 Lake Arthur Hwy. in reference to a motor vehicle accident with injuries.

ASSIST
7:41 p.m. - Deputy dispatched

to the 900 block of South Second Street to assist the Artesia Police Department.

7:50 p.m. - Deputy dispatched to Jaycee Park to assist the Artesia Police Department.


SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY
8:33 p.m. - Deputy dispatched to the 600 block of East Mill Road in reference to suspicious activity.

RECKLESS DRIVING
9:55 p.m. - Deputy dispatched to Roswell Highway, mile marker 77, in reference to reckless driving.

ALARM
10:49 p.m. - Deputy dispatched to OK Express Lube in reference to a burglar alarm.

April 19
DISORDERLY CONDUCT
11:53 a.m. - Deputy dispatched to Lovington Highway and Square Lake Road in reference to disorderly conduct.

ACCIDENT
1:46 p.m. - Deputy dispatched to 1901 Briscoe Ave. in reference to a motor vehicle accident with no injuries.



REGISTRATION - 9:00 am
MEMBERSHIP MEETING - 10:00 am

Join us for door prizes and a \$500 grand prize.

ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS
SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023

Join us at any of these locations

- Artesia Public Schools Admin Building
301 Bulldog Blvd | Artesia, NM
- Cloudcroft High School
10 Swallow Place | Cloudcroft, NM
- Hondo Schools
111 Don Pablo Lane | Hondo, NM

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6:00 PM
The Chapel, NMMI
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