



# September

## Public Newsletter

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# HIP-HIP HOORAY

## Happy Birthday!

Ricardo Huerta 9/05  
Audreana Sanchez 9/08  
Richard Acosta 9/08  
Melanie Roberts 9/11  
Leticia Gomez 9/12  
Adam Madrid 9/12  
Damon Trevino 9/12  
Kevin Hartley 9/13  
Jack Van Der Veen 9/14  
Kyle Cones 9/14  
Gregory Brittelle 9/15  
Patricia Hernandez 9/18  
Gonzalo Montoya 9/20  
Mark Crook 9/23  
Scott Walker 9/23  
Carmen Saiz 9/25  
Brenda Carrasco 9/29  
David Rodriguez 9/29

## City of Artesia Anniversaries

Lance Goodrich 18 yrs  
Jenna Gonzales 9 yrs  
Jesse Cain III 4 yrs  
Jayde Burnell 3 yrs  
Justin Benavidez 2 yrs  
Simon Flores 1 yr  
Mary Louise Kochaniec 1 yr  
Christopher Romero 1 yr  
Porfirio Segura 1 yr  
Hector Varela 1 yr

## Employee Spotlight

# Omar Acosta

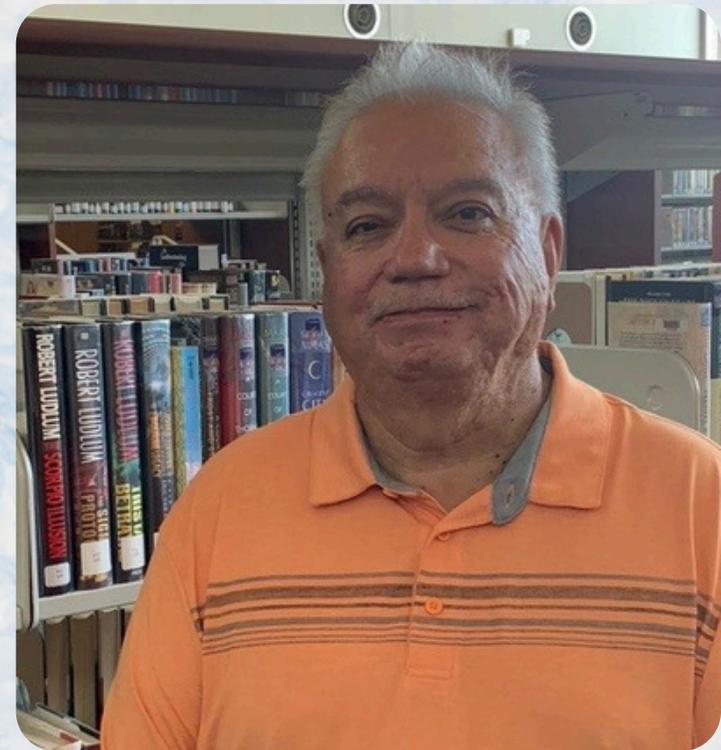
**Dedicated Librarian for over 30 years!**

**Daily Tasks:** Manage eight dedicated staff members, oversee daily operations, budget management, and policy and procedure development.

**What do you do in your spare time?** I enjoy reading, Netflix, and tending to the needs of my flock of chickens.

**What's your favorite book/genre?** True crime and family-oriented fiction. I now enjoy reading Steampunk or Noir fiction as well as Graphic novels.

**What is your favorite thing about being a librarian?** I most enjoy connecting people with the information or materials that they need or seek. Nothing is more rewarding than a child's face lighting up when we help them find a favorite book! Selecting and delivering books to our homebound patrons is another rewarding part of the work I do.



# Around Town

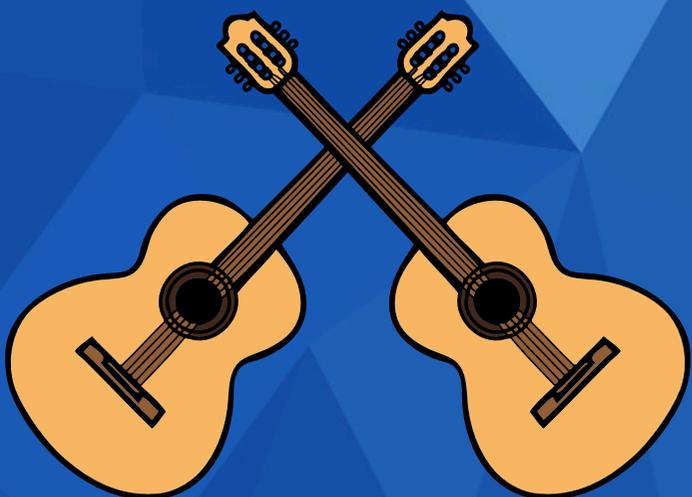
- The Artesia Arts Council is hosting Trivia Night on 9/10 at 6pm

- Varsity Academy of Artesia will lead a self defense class at the library September 20<sup>th</sup> at 10am
- The Friends of the Artesia Library will be hosting their Book Sale Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> starting at 9am

- RDBG: Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> open 11-2 for shopping and food trucks.
- \$10 wristbands are needed for 21+ reopen at 5pm for beer and music

- Our Lady of Grace is hosting it's annual Fall Fiesta Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> at Guadalupe Park

- Artesia Aquatic Center is hosting a movie night showing Top Gun (1986) on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:30pm



# August 12<sup>th</sup> City Council Recap

## **Events During NCAR**

City Council approved requests to use city facilities. These requests included approval for Red Dirt Black Gold to take place from September 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. Then the Council directed staff to draft a sublease agreement for Skydive New Mexico to be at the Artesia Airport during the National Championship Air Races. Skydiving will be another event to do in town during Red Dirt Black Gold.

## **National Senior Citizen Day**

The Senior Center Supervisor notified Council about National Senior Citizen Day on August 21<sup>st</sup>. The Senior Center will host a free event for anyone 50 years or older. They will have games, prizes, and entertainment from 10 am - 2 pm, and a free luncheon at noon. This event aims to introduce new faces to check out what all the Senior Center offers.

## **NM State Funding**

The council approved an agreement to receive state money for four projects in town. Money was given to Artesia for our inclusive park project, the renovation of city hall, as well as the purchase of police vehicles, and a fire engine.

# August 26<sup>th</sup> City Council Recap

## **Recreation Flag Football**

We got an update from our recreation committee regarding the city's new recreation flag football program. Over 260 kids signed up for Artesia rec football this year. Games start September 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is the first year the city has adopted the NFL's Flag Football programming for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders.

## **Off Road Vehicle Town Hall**

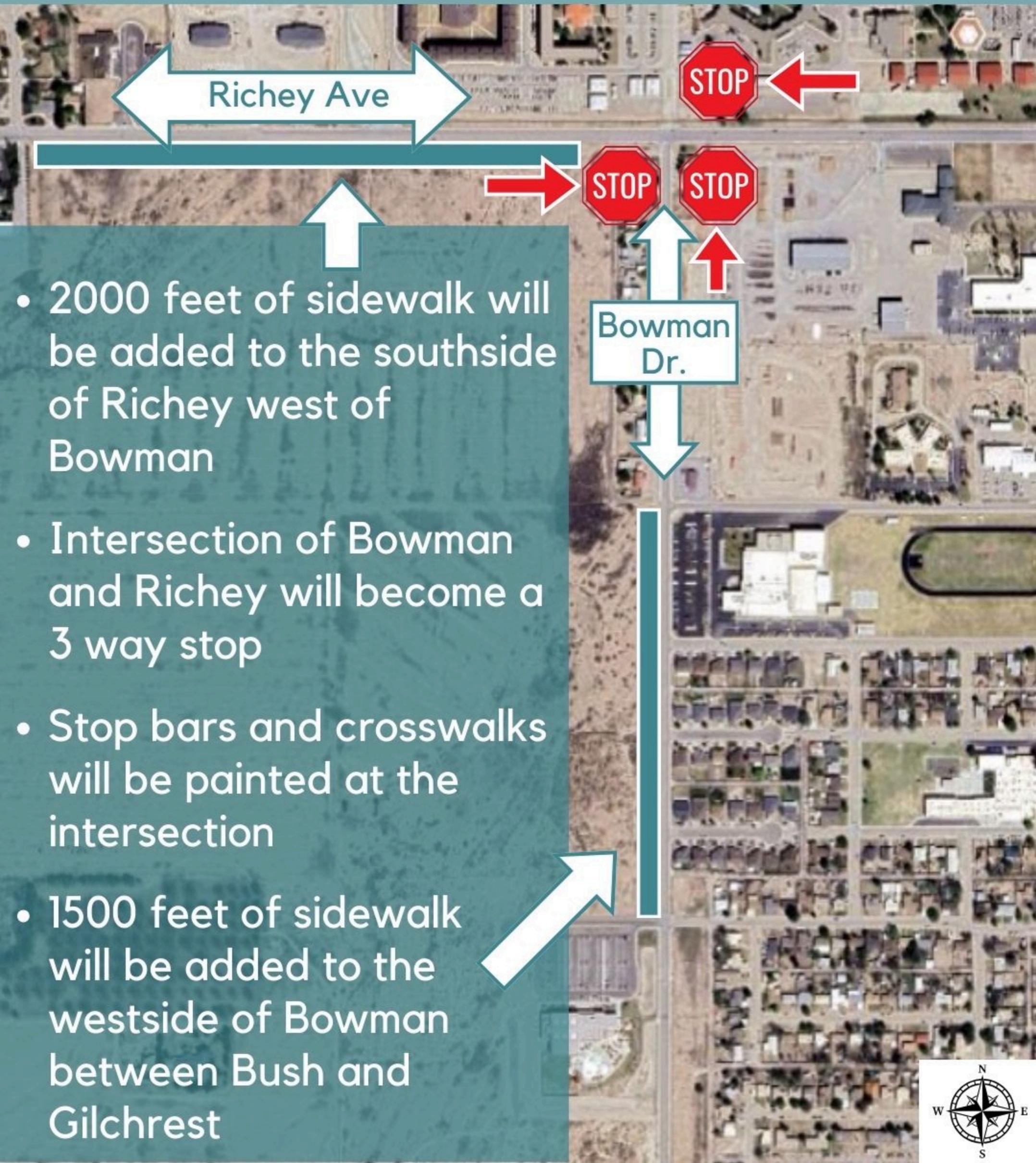
A town hall was set for August 28<sup>th</sup> discussing off road vehicles. Currently it is not legal to operate off road vehicles on city streets. The council has considered potential changes in policy. No policy decisions will be made at the town hall. Instead, the town hall is an opportunity for community members to share their opinions on the topic.

## **Land Swap Public Hearing**

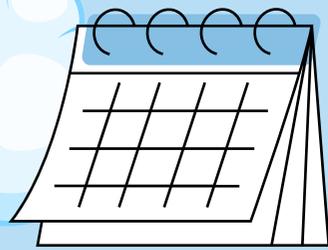
The council set a public hearing for the September 23<sup>rd</sup> city council meeting. The hearing will discuss a potential land swap between the City of Artesia and the Artesia Public Schools.

# TRAFFIC CHANGES - COMING END OF OCTOBER

- 2000 feet of sidewalk will be added to the southside of Richey west of Bowman
- Intersection of Bowman and Richey will become a 3 way stop
- Stop bars and crosswalks will be painted at the intersection
- 1500 feet of sidewalk will be added to the westside of Bowman between Bush and Gilchrest



# A Look Ahead



- **National Championship Air Races -**  
9/10 - 9/14
  - Roswell, NM
- **Red Dirt Black Gold Festival -**  
9/11 - 9/13
  - Downtown Artesia
- **Minute with the Mayor - 9/9 & 9/23**
  - *Kith & Kin; 8:30 AM*
- **City Council Meetings - 9/9 & 9/23**
  - *City Hall; 5:00 PM*
- **Homecoming Parade & Game - 9/26**
  - Go Dogs!!
- **Oil Patch Market - 9/27**
  - Derrick Floor 6:00 PM



# CITY OF ARTESIA JOB OPENINGS

Apply online at [artesianm.gov/596/jobs](https://artesianm.gov/596/jobs)

- Accounts Payable Clerk
- Building Inspector I Electrical
- Community Service Officer (CSO)
- Detention Officer
- Division Chief of Operations & EMS (Fire Department)
- Equipment Operator I - Cemetery
- Equipment Operator I - Streets
- Firefighter (Certified)
- Maintenance Tech
- Police Officer Certified/Corporal
- Police Officer Uncertified
- Records Clerk (Police Department)
- Water Tech



Artesia Animal Shelter  
**Pups Of The Month**



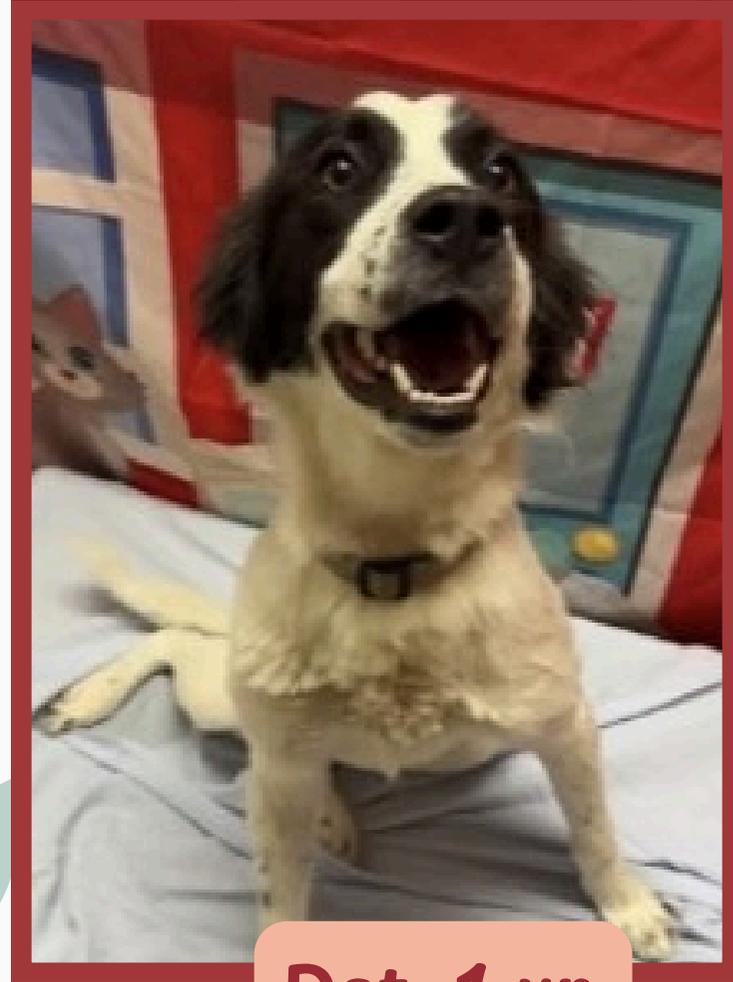
**Bruce, 2 mos.  
Male Terrier Mix**



**Tot, 2 yrs. Female  
Husky**



**Clarence, 7 wks.  
Male Shepherd  
Mix**

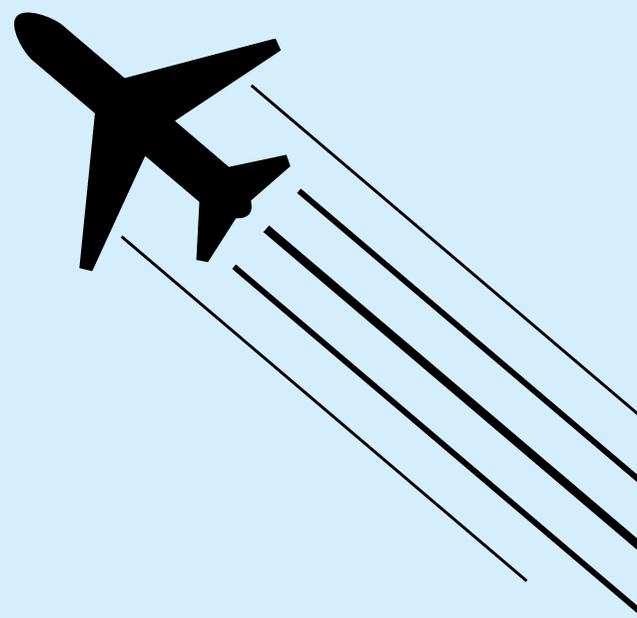


**Dot, 1 yr.  
Female Border Collie**



**Missy, 1 yr.  
Female Pit Mix**

# NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AIR RACES



**The National Championship Air Races  
are coming to Roswell!**

**60,000 tickets have been sold so far  
for the event. We anticipate many of  
these attendees will be staying in  
Artesia during the week of the races.**

**The National  
Championship Air  
Races will be held  
Sep. 10-14, 2025.**





**NATIONAL  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
AIR RACES<sup>®</sup>  
AND AIR SHOW**



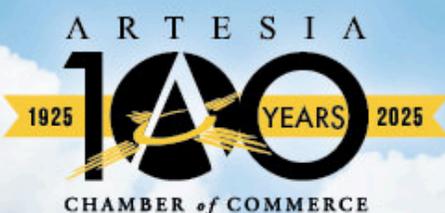
# AIR RACES ARE COMING!

**SEPTEMBER 10 – 14, 2025**

**TURN YOUR HOME  
OR VEHICLE INTO  
EXTRA INCOME! →**

**Apply TODAY for other  
opportunities to make money!**

- ◆ Artesia Chamber of Commerce (107 N. 1st St.)
- ◆ America's Job Center (704 W. Main St.)



107 N 1st Street  
Artesia, NM 88210  
(575) 746-2744  
ArtesiaChamber.com

paid for by  
ARTESIA  
LODGERS TAX

## HOST, HELP, & HUSTLE!

RENT OUT YOUR  
HOME OR RV!



Outdoorsy



BECOME A DRIVER!

Uber



lyft



HAVE AN EXTRA  
VEHICLE? RENT IT!

TURO



# Red Dirt Black Gold Festival



SEPTEMBER 11-13, 2025  
DOWNTOWN ARTESIA

**THURSDAY 9/11 5-10PM**  
**NM HERITAGE NIGHT**

**KID ZONE AT HERITAGE  
PLAZA 5-8PM**

**FRIDAY 9/12**  
**11AM-2PM & 5-10PM**  
**INDIE FOLK NIGHT**

**FREE ADMISSION**  
**11 AM -2 PM**  
**\$10 WRISTBANDS NEEDED**  
**FOR 21+ AT 5PM REOPEN**

**SATURDAY 9/13**  
**11AM-2PM & 5-10 PM**  
**RED DIRT BLACK GOLD**



**GATES OPEN AT 5PM**  
**MUSIC STARTS AT 6PM**

**PURCHASE A WRIST  
BAND FOR ALL 3 DAYS  
FOR \$25**

**AGE 20 AND UNDER  
ARE FREE**



# SKYDIVING IS COMING TO ARTESIA!



**OPENINGS FOR SEP. 12-14**  
**AVAILABLE ON**  
**VIVA SKYDIVE'S WEBSITE**

**CLICK HERE TO**  
**BOOK YOUR JUMP**



Soar with the stories of  
African Americans in Aviation History —  
discover what these American aviators achieved and what they overcame.

# BLACK WINGS

**AMERICAN DREAMS OF FLIGHT**

Opening September 10th, 2025  
Artesia Historical Museum and Art Center

505 West Richardson Ave. Artesia, NM 88210

(575) 748-2390 | [www.artesiamuseum.org](http://www.artesiamuseum.org)



*Tuskegee Airmen, 1944 | Photo courtesy of Library of Congress*

The extraordinary works of the Tuskegee Airmen caused the black press to publicize not only their achievements, but those of other black servicemen. The press they both received led many to call for the end of racial segregation in American society.



Smithsonian Institution

**MetLife Foundation**

"Black Wings: American Dreams of Flight" was organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service in collaboration with the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum. The exhibition was made possible by the generous support of MetLife Foundation.



# PRINT YOUR TRANS AERO MEMBERSHIP CARD

- **Permanent Eddy County residents are automatically enrolled in Trans Aero Medevac's free air ambulance program.**
  - **This means there is no remaining balance that needs to be paid you're flown by Trans Aero Medevac.**



**THIS BENEFIT ONLY APPLIES TO TRANS AERO AND NOT OTHER MEDICAL TRANSPORT COMPANIES**

- **To request that Trans Aero flies you in an emergency, print out the membership card and keep it with your driver's license or health insurance card. This will make sure that it's seen before you get flown anywhere.**

**Trans Aero**  
**MEDEVAC**

**EDDY COUNTY RESIDENT  
MEMBER**

This card signifies that the holder is a resident of Eddy County, and is enrolled in the Trans Aero MedEvac Membership Plan.

In case of an emergency that requires air medical transportation, please immediately call dispatch at  
**844-435-4911.**

This membership is limited to residents of Eddy County, NM. Certain limitations apply.

**PROUDLY SERVING SOUTHEASTERN NEW MEXICO**



**CLICK HERE TO PRINT YOUR**  
**MEMBERSHIP CARD**