

April 2005



### **Former Secretary of Commerce Don Evans Speaker at the Chamber Awards Banquet.**

Don L. Evans was the 34<sup>th</sup> Secretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce under the Bush administration from 2000-2004. His cabinet agency had 40,000 workers with a \$5.8 billion budget focused on promoting American business both at home and abroad. A former businessman in the Oil and Gas Industry, Secretary Evans believes in free enterprise, corporate accountability and corporate stewardship. His main mission as secretary was a positive working climate for U.S. and world economic growth. President Bush and Don Evans shared the same belief that governments don't create wealth and prosperity; people do. It is government's role to create the right conditions in which America's business will flourish. The banquet is being planned for early May with the exact date to be announced within the next few weeks.

### **Chamber Hires Membership Director**

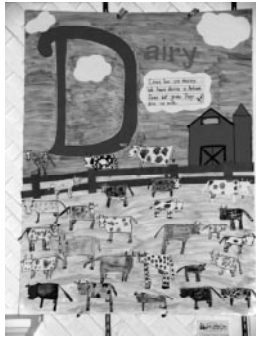


The Artesia Chamber of Commerce has hired Debbie Bell as membership director. Her duties will include recruitment, retention, membership benefits program and more.

### ***Chamber Parking Lot***

Through legislative funding by Rep. Joe Stell & Sen. Tom Jennings, the Artesia Chamber of Commerce is expanding the visitor's parking lot to include fencing, paving, lighting, planters and trees. For additional information or to pick up a bid package contact Mary Josselyn at 746-9821.

# Student Art Show on Display



“Artesia A-Z”, a centennial student art show is open at the Artesia Historical Museum & Art Center’s Art Annex Gallery. The show features art by the elementary school students of Artesia, illustrating Artesia’s past & present.

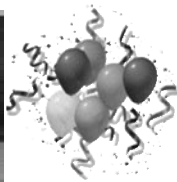
This art show is a partnership project between the Museum and Artesia Public Schools’ art teachers Nita Harrell and Valerie Vaughn. Each elementary grade was assigned a different letter of the alphabet and asked to illustrate something about Artesia that began with that letter. The results are impressive-our kids really have great imaginations and lots of artistic talent. Presented by Museum Director Nancy Dunn.

## UPDATE INFO

The Chamber is updating their member registry and we need your help. Please send us your web site addresses and any email addresses that we can reach you at. All information can be faxed to us at 505-746-2745.

## City of Artesia Celebrates Centennial Birthday

*The City of Artesia celebrated the Centennial Birthday party February 25<sup>th</sup> at the Artesia Center.*



## The Artesia Habitat for Humanity Corporate Challenge

Devon Energy gets the spotlight! The employees and business associates of this corporation donated about \$1500.00 for building Imelda Porras’ house, on Missouri Avenue, the first house Habitat for Humanity built in Artesia. Following completion of the fundraiser, Devon Energy employees worked the blitz build. They hammered, sawed, swept, and carried water, as well as providing a delicious spread for fifty workers on day two of the blitz. Their contribution was creative, informative, extremely helpful and fun. Habitat for Humanity Artesia Board applauds Devon Energy’s contribution and challenges all of our local corporations and companies to do the same. A non-profit service project is a great morale builder for your company and for the community! Habitat for Humanity is a great non-profit organization! Call Kathy Phipps at 505-746-6365 or email [kphipps@pvtnetworks.net](mailto:kphipps@pvtnetworks.net) if you would like to donate or participate. The next blitz build is April 16 and 17 at 708 Washington beginning at 8:00 AM each day. Don’t miss it! Get your company, organization, or friends involved.

# ☆CENTENNIAL NEWS UPDATE☆



Clay Walker was recently signed to perform July 1<sup>st</sup> at Heritage Plaza for the Centennial Celebration.

[www.claywalker.com](http://www.claywalker.com)



Grupo Vida was recently signed to perform July 4<sup>th</sup> at Jaycee Park. Grupo Vida is one of the top Latino bands in the country from San Antonio, TX.

[www.grupovidanews.com](http://www.grupovidanews.com)

## Thank You Centennial Sponsors thru 3-23-05

Yates Petroleum, Southwest Dairy Museum, Trailblazers, Carlsbad Radio, Land O'Lakes, Xcel Energy, Betty Price, Mack Energy, Marbob Energy, Navajo Refining, City of Artesia, Eddy County, Central Valley Electric, Penasco Valley Telecommunications, Artesia Credit Union, J&J Home Health Care, Tomsco, First National Bank, La Fonda, Artesia National Bank, Letcher Golden & Assoc.

## A FAMILY AFFAIR HEALTH FAIR

April 16<sup>th</sup> is the 10<sup>th</sup> "A Family Affair" health fair at the Artesia Center. There will be free health screening such as eye exams, blood pressure and glucose checks. United Blood Services will be there for blood draws and bone marrow testing. There will be good food, lots of freebies, door prizes and things to see and do. There will even be a booth for pet lovers. Come join the fun on April 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. at the Artesia Center.



## Trailblazers Celebrate Heritage Business of the Month.



The Artesia Trailblazers hosted its first Heritage Business of the month in conjunction with the City Centennial Celebration at Bryan Printers and Stationers. Other Heritage Business Receptions include: Bennies Western Wear, Bullocks Feed and Seed, Martha's Fabrics, B&B Newsstand, Guy Chevrolet, Artesia Ford, Baker Stephens, Artesia Furniture and the Artesia Daily Press.

## Two Red.Com



Julie Lyles carries on her mother Janiece Morgan's legacy with Two Red.com. Two Red offers the finest in everything; women's apparel, bath and body and home furnishings. Spring has arrived so come in and shop with the girls at Two Red located at the NW Corner of Main and 26th ST

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