



**City of Cortez**  
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## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

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March 22, 2022

The following are the current events and topics for the City:

1. Code Enforcement Officer Thomas Anderson saw a need for another certified building inspector and took it upon himself to prepare for and earn his ICC Residential Building certification. This is a much needed increase in our capabilities and will be a great help to our already overstretched building inspector. Thanks for your hard work and dedication Thomas!
2. With all of our new directors in place we are planning to host an open house at the Sunflower theatre on April 6, 2022 from 5:30-7:00pm. Everyone is welcome. Director Racheal Marchbanks will deliver a short presentation on economic development and considerations for our community. Light refreshments will be served.
3. Met to discuss the upcoming Sligo and Mildred road projects. RFP's will be sent out in April with work (hopefully) commencing in May. The Sligo project involves pretty much a full rebuild and will not occur until after the end of the school year since a major section is in front of the school. Mildred is going to be difficult to deal with since the project will be in front of all of the hospital access points. Public Works has been planning and working on how best to deal with this problem. We will be communicating with the public prior to work commencing, and regularly during these projects.

## **EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHT**

Lori (Oliver) Millich

Nominated by: Chief Vernon Knuckles

Lori Millich is the Executive Assistant for the Chief and Assistant Chief at the Cortez Police Department. As the Executive Assistant she supports the Chiefs in a variety of complex and confidential duties, including managing internal personnel records, gathering information, preparing reports, and coordinating with the Chief and Assistant Chief.

Lori started her career with the City of Cortez 37 years ago, in 1985, as a full-time PBX operator. In 1987, Lori transferred to the Service Center as the General Services Secretary. In 1991, Lori returned to the Police Department as a Records Clerk. In 1996, Lori became the Chief of Police's Administrative Secretary, and in 2021, her position was changed to Executive Assistant to the Chiefs of Police to reflect her professional duties more accurately.

Along with her official duties, Lori also takes on many un-assigned additional responsibilities, such as being a member of the City Wellness Committee. Moreover, it is not uncommon to find Lori taking on not-so-glamorous tasks such as sweeping up leaves in the back parking lot of the Police Department or out front conducting VIN inspections. Lori's contributions to the Police Department and the City of Cortez are too numerous to mention, but one guarantee is that if something needs doing, Lori is always eager to jump in and do it.

Lori is a life-long resident of Montezuma County, an avid runner who has completed numerous half-marathons. The races Lori talks about the most are races she can run with her daughter. Lori is the mother of two, both grown and grandmother of three. When a baby comes into the PD, it ends up in Lori's arms. Lori is a country girl who loves farming, driving the tractor, cutting hay, and ranching with her husband.

When I spoke to Lori about presenting this employee highlight, she was humbled and insisted another employee be selected. Lori's humility speaks volumes to her character and work ethic. This quiet professional from behind the scenes provides an enormous value to our team(s). Lori never seeks recognition but always goes beyond what is expected to ensure the Police Department and the City provide the best possible service to the citizens and visitors.