



VILLAGE OF MAGDALENA

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AGENDA

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF MAGDALENA BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026, AT 5:00 PM
VILLAGE HALL 108 N. MAIN STREET

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO ATTEND AND LISTEN TO THE MEETING VIA ZOOM MAY DO SO AT THE
FOLLOWING LINK:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2848694212?pwd=MVE4QjdR2NQVFozQnZMbTlaRUtrQT09>

Meeting ID: 284 869 4212

Passcode: MAGDALENA

PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

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1. CALL TO ORDER
 2. ROLL CALL & ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM
 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a. REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 23, 2026
 6. MAYOR'S REPORT
 7. CLERK'S REPORT
 8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS
 - a. EMS
 - b. FIRE
 - c. MARSHAL
 - d. JUDGE
 - e. PUBLIC WORKS
 - f. LIBRARY
 9. APPROVAL OF USE OF LODGER'S TAX FUNDS FOR EL DEFENSOR CHIEFTAIN SOURCE TOURISM MAGAZINE 2026-
DISCOVER MAGDALENA ADVERTISEMENT
 10. APPROVAL OF QUOTE FROM E-Z-I CONSTRUCTION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF OUTDOOR SPACE FOR THE KID'S
SCIENCE CAFÉ

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION – THE FOLLOWING MATTERS WILL BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION: MOTION & ROLL CALL VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AND THAT, PURSUANT TO NEW MEXICO STATE STATUTES SECTION 10-15-1. ONLY THE FOLLOWING MATTER WILL BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION:

a. NMSA 10-15-1(H)(2) LIMITED PERSONNEL MATTERS

i. DEPUTY MARSHAL - HIRING

- **MOTION & ROLL CALL VOTE TO RETURN TO THE REGULAR SESSION**
- **MOTION & ROLL CALL VOTE THAT MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION WERE LIMITED TO THOSE SPECIFIED IN MOTION FOR CLOSURE, AND THAT NO FINAL ACTION WAS TAKEN, AS PER NEW MEXICO STATUTES SECTION 10-15-1**

12. DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING APPROVAL TO HIRE DEPUTY MARSHAL

13. INPUT FROM VILLAGE OF MAGDALENA MAYOR & BOARD OF TRUSTEES

14. PUBLIC INPUT – 1 TOPIC PER PERSON - 3 MINUTE LIMIT

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15. ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO REVISION FOR UP TO 72 HOURS PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED MEETING DATE AND TIME (NMSA 10-15-1 F). A COPY OF THE AGENDA MAY BE PICKED UP AT THE VILLAGE OFFICE, 108 N. MAIN STREET, MAGDALENA, NM 87825. PUBLIC DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING THE AGENDA AND MINUTES, CAN BE PROVIDED IN VARIOUS ACCESSIBLE FORMATS. PLEASE CONTACT THE VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER IF A SUMMARY OR OTHER TYPE OF ACCESSIBLE FORMAT IS NEEDED. IF YOU ARE AN INDIVIDUAL WITH DISABILITY WHO IS IN NEED OF A READER, AMPLIFIER, QUALIFIED SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER OR ANY OTHER FORM OF AUXILIARY AID OR SERVICE TO ATTEND OR PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT THE VILLAGE CLERK AT (575)854-2261 OR VIA EMAIL AT CLERK@VILLAGEOFMAGDALENA.COM AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE MEETING OR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF MAGDALENA BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Michael Thompson called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Michael Thompson, Trustee James Nelson, Trustee Teri Winchester, Trustee Pete Emery, Juanita Puente-Clerk/Treasurer, Carleen Gomez–Deputy Clerk

PARTICIPATING VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE: Trustee Donna Dawson (5:07 pm), Michael Steininger-Finance Officer, Attorney Jared Najjar, Adrienne Mathewsen

GUESTS: Ray Olmsted, Melissa Olmsted, Michael Brown, Charlie Blaylock & Deborah Lawless–Assistant Clerk II

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Michael Thompson led the gallery in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor Thompson asked for approval. Jim Nelson moved to approve the agenda, and Teri Winchester seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 26, 2026

Mayor Thompson asked for any discussion or changes to the minutes and there were none.

b. REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 9, 2026

Mayor Thompson asked for any discussion or changes to the minutes. Trustee Pete Emery had changes that needed to be made. Trustee Nelson moved to approve the amended minutes. Trustee Winchester seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Thompson reported that Senior Day was on February 13th, 2026, in Santa Fe. Mayor Thompson reported that he is working on a revised procedure to implement for requisitions and the purchasing process. He is also in the process of revising the Village's Procurement Policy.

CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk/Treasurer Juanita Puente is working on FCC Licensing. She is also getting ready for the upcoming quarterly reports on our Grants. She also reported that she will be attending a training class next week to see about applying for police radios and equipment.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & APPROVAL OF BUDGET ADJUSTMENT RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01 FY2025-2026

Michael Steininger reported on the Mid-Year Budget Adjustment Resolution (BAR). The topics covered were:

- Updating Magdalena & Hop Canyon revenue budgets
- W/Debbie's help – we are getting matches & reimbursements recorded.
- Senior Center - Grant – realigning.
- Adding the Grant for the newest trash truck.
- \$1.6 Million – mid-year Grant processing.

- Added 6 Library grants
- Adding Capital Purchases – Village Hall furnace & Hop Canyon generator
- Increased the Senior Center Food Budget based on Mid-year
- City of Socorro - \$8K for Ambulance supplies
- Senior Center - \$15K transferred from General Fund

Donna Dawson moved to approve Budget Adjustment Resolution No. 2026-01-FY2025-2026. Teri Winchester seconded the motion.

Mayor Thompson requested a roll-call vote:

James Nelson – Aye
 Donna Dawson – Aye
 Teri Winchester – Aye
 Peter Emery – Aye
 The motion carried unanimously.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & APPROVAL OF QUARTERLY REPORT ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

Finance Officer Michael Steininger reported on the Quarterly Report ending December 31, 2025. He reported that at mid-year (6 months) he is not seeing any troubling trends. He stated that Utilities are holding their own at this time.

James Nelson moved to approve the quarterly report ending December 31, 2025. Donna Dawson seconded the motion.

Mayor Thompson requested a roll-call vote:

Pete Emery – Aye
 Teri Winchester – Aye
 Donna Dawson – Aye
 James Nelson – Aye
 The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) BETWEEN SOCORRO COUNTY & THE VILLAGE OF MAGDALENA FOR LIMITED GRADING, MAINTENANCE & REPAIR OF VILLAGE ROADS

Mayor Thompson clarified that equipment charges for things like culverts will be \$75 per quarter mile charged covering road grading and \$300 per mile is hourly for additional work being done.

Pete suggested that we should water the road before blading to make the soil easier to penetrate.

James Nelson moved to approve the MOA between Socorro County & the Village of Magdalena for limited grading, maintenance & repair of village roads. Pete Emery seconded the motion.

Mayor Thompson requested a roll-call vote:

James Nelson – Aye
 Donna Dawson – Aye
 Teri Winchester – Aye
 Pete Emery – Aye
 The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE WEST CENTRAL CONSORTIUM – CENTRAL REGION EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE REC5 FY2025-2029 & THE MAGDALENA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Donna Dawson moved to approve the MOU between the West Central Consortium – Central Region Educational Cooperative REC5 FY2025-2029 & the Magdalena Public Library. Jim Nelson seconded the motion.

Mayor Thompson requested a roll-call vote:

Pete Emery – Aye

Teri Winchester – Aye

Donna Dawson – Aye

James Nelson – Aye

The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF ESTIMATE FOR PURCHASE OF GENERATOR FOR THE MAGDALENA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Charlie Blaylock, Fire Chief, explained that the old generator that is currently inside the Magdalena Fire Department does not meet the airflow requirements and cannot be connected. He suggested a smaller generator that meets the correct criteria. The Fire Department will be the central command station in a natural disaster. Mr. Blaylock spoke with the State Fire Marshal's office regarding the expenditure and there does not seem to be any resistance.

Teri Winchester moved to approve the request and Pete Emery seconded the motion.

Mayor Thompson requested a roll-call vote:

James Nelson – Aye

Donna Dawson – Aye

Teri Winchester – Aye

Pete Emery – Aye

The motion carried unanimously.

MICHAEL BROWN – CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST TO CREATE A POSITION FOR AN ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER FOR THE VILLAGE OF MAGDALENA

Mr. Michael Brown introduced himself to the Mayor and Board of Trustees. He stated that he has been retired for about one year and has a background in Law Enforcement. Mr. Brown has recommended that the Village have an Animal Control Officer on staff to help with the ongoing problem of loose dogs in the community. As a new resident of the Village, he feels that dogs running loose are not only a safety issue, but it also gives a poor impression of the Village overall.

Ray Olmsted also stated that something really needs to be done. He reported that there is a German Shepard that has repeatedly tried to bite through his fence to get at his fenced in dogs.

Donna Dawson made a motion to create a job description for an Animal Control Officer and consider that position in combination with a Community Service Officer.

Mayor Thompson called for discussion. There was no discussion.

Mayor Thompson requested a roll call vote:

Jim Nelson – Aye

Donna Dawson – Aye

Teri Winchester – Nay

Pete Emery – Nay

Mayor Thompson broke the tie by signifying Nay.
The motion failed.

Pete Emery made a motion to consider a combination job description for a Community Service Officer and Animal Control Officer and Teri seconded the motion.

Mayor Thompson asked for discussion. Teri Winchester wanted to know about any ordinances that are currently on the books. She stated that if people were given citations and had to start paying fines and tag fees, the public may take it more seriously and pet owners would contain their animals.

Jim Nelson does not think it is reasonable to combine the roles. Jim Nelson stated that if we create a job description for an Animal Control Officer, it should only be a part-time position.

Mayor Thompson requested a roll-call vote:

Pete Emery – Aye

Teri Winchester – Nay

Donna Dawson – Nay

James Nelson – Nay

The motion failed.

INPUT FROM VILLAGE OF MAGDALENA MAYOR & BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Pete Emery reported that we are having problems with deer & elk getting into our lagoons. He said this is a problem for the wildlife, but it also creates issues for the Village workers because the wastewater must be treated with different chemicals. He is looking for suggestions on how to keep the wildlife out. He also said that the Asset Management Plan is very necessary for the success of the Village both for now and in the future.

Teri Winchester reported that an outdoor freezer for the Senior Center is not needed. She spoke with Serena Guerro regarding the delivery process; they have worked out a way to have fewer John Brooks shopping trips. Ms. Winchester also spoke to Jane Lucero who is the Aviation Director for the State of New Mexico. Ms. Lucero will be coming to Magdalena at some point to go over the paperwork we need to have in place and take a tour of our facility. Ms. Winchester also addressed the map of the lagoons and thought that removing the fence around Lagoon #5 may be a possible solution. If Lagoon #5 is out of the picture, we would not need to make the repairs and possibly use the lagoon for water for wildlife. We would need to contact the EPA/Fish & Game for suggestions and approval.

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There was not any public discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Donna Dawson moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 pm and Teri Winchester seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Juanita Puente
Clerk/Treasurer

Michael Thompson
Mayor

Minutes Taken By:

Deborah Lawless
Assistant Clerk II

Carleen Gomez

From: James Nelson <jcnelson@gilanet.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2026 11:59 AM
To: Carleen Gomez
Subject: Re: Department Report Due

Six EMS calls in February.

Jim Nelson

EMS director

On 3/5/2026 11:16 AM, Carleen Gomez wrote:

Jim,

Can you please get your EMS Department Report to me?

Thank You,

Carleen Gomez, CMC
Deputy Clerk
Village of Magdalena
Ph: (575)854-2261

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Carleen Gomez

From: MVFD Chief <magvfdchief@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 10:26 AM
To: Carleen Gomez
Cc: VoM Librarian; Robert Aguilar; Debbie Lawless; VoM Clerk; Michael Thompson
Subject: Re: Department Reports Due - Thursday, 3/5/2026

MagVFD reports 1 Fire incident in the month of February. Additional departmental news is the state Fire Marshall has reviewed and provided an approval letter for a new generator purchase and install at Mag VFD Station #1.

Thanks,

Charlie Blaylock, Fire Chief

Magdalena Volunteer Fire Department

682-999-7097

magvfdchief@gmail.com

Magdalena Marshal's Office

Monthly Report	Month: FEB	Year: 2026
Marshal Zamora	ID#:Mag-1	
Total Miles Driven:		
GENERAL CALLS:	AMOUNT	REVENUE
TRAFFIC CITATIONS: Village Ordinances	5	455
TRAFFIC CITATIONS: State Statutes		
VERBAL WARNINGS ON SPEEDING	4	
ANIMAL CONTROL COMPLAINT	2	
TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS		
D.W.I. ARRESTS		
FELONY ARRESTS		
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS		
12 HOUR HOLD ARREST		
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS		
JUVENILE CASES	1	
DOMESTIC CASES		
CRIMINAL DAMAGE / PROPERTY		
ASSISTANCE CALLS:		
AMBULANCE/FIRE		
PUBLIC SERVICE	4	
NM STATE POLICE		
SHERIFF'S OFFICE		
NM FISH & GAME		
US BORDER PATROL		
US FOREST SERVICE		
OTHER:		
ALARM CALLS		
FINGERPRINTING		
Driving Tests	1	
Misc. Cases	2	
TOTALS:	19	455

MAGDALENA MARSHAL DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY VEHICLE EXPENDITURE REPORT

For the month of : **FEB** Year: **2026**

License Number: _____
Make and Model: FORD E/F 150
Training & Maintenance on Units

Report due in NO LATER THAN THE 10th OF THE MONTH

Date	Beginning Mileage	Ending Mileage	Miles Traveled	Fuel Gallons	Amount	Motor Oil Quarts	Amount	Maintenance Section
1								01 Chassis Maintenance
2								02 Electrical Maintenance
3	8948	8998	50	7.8	22.9			03 Engine Maintenance
4								04 General Supplies
5								05 Interior Maintenance
6								06 Lubrication
7								07 Miscellaneous
								09 Tire Purchase
9								10 Tire Repair 15
10								11 Wash and Wax
11								(Attach Copy of Invoices)
12								Invoice No.: _____ Amt.\$ _____
13								10
14								Invoice No.: _____ Amt.\$ _____
15								Date _____
16								Invoice No.: _____ Amt.\$ _____
17								Code: _____ Date: _____
18								Invoice No.: _____ Amt.\$ _____
19								Code: _____ Date: _____
20	8998	9482	484	20.4	57.15			Invoice No.: _____ Amt.\$ _____
21								Code: _____ Date: _____
22								Invoice No.: _____ Amt.\$ _____
23								Code: _____ Date: _____
24								Invoice No.: _____ Amt.\$ _____
25								Code: _____ Date: _____
26								Invoice No.: _____ Amt.\$ _____
27								Code: _____ Date: _____
28								Invoice No.: _____ Amt.\$ _____
29								Code: _____ Date: _____
30								Invoice No.: _____ Amt.\$ _____
31								
Totals			534	28	80.5			

I certify that the above is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  **Title:** MARSHAL

MAGDALENA MARSHAL DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY VEHICLE EXPENDITURE REPORT

For the month of : FEB Year: 2026

License Number: _____

Make and Model: Ford F150

Training & Maintenance on Units

Report due in NO LATER THAN THE 10th OF THE MONTH

Date	Beginning Mileage	Ending Mileage	Miles Traveled	Fuel Gallons	Amount	Motor Oil Quarts	Amount	Maintenance Section
1								01 Chassis Maintenance
2	32664	32857	193	15.6	45.44			02 Electrical Maintenance
3								03 Engine Maintenance
4	32857	33009	152	14.5	42.25			04 General Supplies
5								05 Interior Maintenance
6								06 Lubrication
7								07 Miscellaneous
8								09 Tire Purchase
9	33009	33320	311	18.2	53			10 Tire Repair 15
10	33320	33506	186	12.4	36.12			11 Wash and Wax
11								(Attach Copy of Invoices)
12	33506	33740	234	17.6	51.23			Invoice No.: _____ Amt.\$
13								10
14								Invoice No.: _____ Amt.\$
15								Date
16								Invoice No.: _____ Amt.\$
17	33740	33818	78	12.4	34.84			Code: _____ Date: _____
17	33818	34131	313	14.2	40.01			Invoice No.: _____ Amt.\$
19	34131	34300	169	12.5	35			Code: _____ Date: _____
20								Invoice No.: _____ Amt.\$
21	34300	34489	189	13.9	39.03			Code: _____ Date: _____
22								Invoice No.: _____ Amt.\$
23								Code: _____ Date: _____
24								Invoice No.: _____ Amt.\$
25	34489	34637	148	15.8	44.29			Code: _____ Date: _____
26								Invoice No.: _____ Amt.\$
27	34637	34857	220	14.6	44			Code: _____ Date: _____
28								Invoice No.: _____ Amt.\$
29								Code: _____ Date: _____
30								Invoice No.: _____ Amt.\$
31								
Totals			2193	161.70	\$465.21			

I certify that the above is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  Title: Deputy 



JUDGE'S REPORT

February 2025

The Magdalena Municipal Court continues to follow all required COVID guidelines set forth by the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico. At this time, most court cases continue to be heard telephonically with some trials held in person.

Cases heard in February 2026

February 9, 2026

12-6-1 – Speeding 40mph in a 30mph zone

Telephonic Arraignment

Defendant plead not guilty and scheduled trial with a lawyer on 2/23/2026

February 23, 2026

12-6-1 – Speeding 40mph in a 30 mph zone

Trial

Defendant requested to pay a fine and plead guilty

Fine of \$75 was issued and paid

Driving without a driver's license.

Telephonic Arraignment

Defendant presented new driver's license.

Case dismissed.

1 other warrant issued in January for non-payment of fines.

2 warrants released – fines paid – Totaling \$354.00

Librarian's Report February 2026

Days Open	23	# of Volunteers	0
Days Closed	1: President's Day 2/16	Volunteer Hours	0
Total Visitors	318	Museum Pass	1
Museum Visitors	19	New Library Cards	8 Adult 6 kids: Σ 14

Events:

Number of Events:	11	Attendance:	87
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2/6	Coding Club	9J 1A
2/7	Bring Your Child to the Library Day	11 parents with children
2/7	Local Author Presentation Uncle River: A Poetic Memoir	11
2/7	Kids Science Cafe Create a Gift	5 J 3A
2/9	Photography Club	4
2/14	Blind Date with a Book	8
2/18	Photography Club	5
2/18	Star Watch	9
2/25	Photography club	5
2/26	Book Club	8
2/27	Coding Club	8 kids, 1 Adult

Circulation

PHYSICAL		DIGITAL	
# of Books	129	# of eBooks	A-40, YA-2, J-0
# of Books on CD	0	# of Online Audio	A-42, YA-2, J-3
# of DVDs	39		
Literacy Kits	9		
Total Physical	177	Total Digital	87
Total Circulation			
ILL Processed	0		

Computers/Wi-Fi

# Computer Sign ins	40
Total Unique Wi-Fi Devices	17
Avg. # Wi-Fi Devices per day	5

MAINTENANCE ISSUES: We continue to await the arrival of the Village staff assigned to hanging the Queen's picture: Please see July 30, 2025 workorder

Narrative:

- Blind Date with a Book event sparked a lot of interest beyond the planned event on the 14th. Several brave patrons checked out books with the covers hidden throughout the month.
- The Photography Club has had a great start and continues to grow in members.
- MPL is gauging interest in a summer Solar Cooking Group
- Literacy Kits are now available for families to check out and are included in the physical circulation portion of this report
- Jeri created a GoodReads account for the library that includes an on-line book club and monthly book recommendations.
- Storytime Station got off to a rocky start; patron feedback has encouraged us to move the event to Fridays
- Jeri participated in a meeting with the county extension office to develop a collaborative plan to enhance the summer reading program
- Jeri met with Socorro Public Library staff: networking and collaboration opportunities
- Jeri continues to meet and collaborate with the Safe Teen Spaces group to develop and provide safe spaces for teens to hang out
- Library staff continue to meet every other week to coordinate and plan
- New library cards are here; patrons are switching over as they come in or call
- On Feb. 18, Jeri attended a seed library meeting development on-line workshop
- Feb.23rd, Jeri participated in a SAM Grant workshop
- Jeri traveled to a meeting at the Albuquerque Seed Library
- Jeri purchased Rocket Language for patrons to use for free; this will also be used for the Spanish class if there is enough interest

Upcoming Events:

Summer Reading Program, gardening events, landscape design, seed library, plant cutting exchange, Spanish class, GED class

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Armstrong

Louise Hall

Jeri Hurd, Library Director



The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive. The first signature, positioned above the name 'Louise Hall', is written in a fluid, connected style. The second signature, positioned above the name 'Jeri Hurd, Library Director', is also in cursive and appears to be a stylized representation of the name. A long, thin horizontal line is drawn across the top of the page, passing through the 'Respectfully Submitted,' text and extending to the right.



February, 2026

Newsletter

Saturday, February 7th
11 am-12:30 pm

Visiting Author: Uncle River

Pie Town's very own Uncle River joins the Magdalena Public Library for a reading of his new poetry / memoir, *The Cosmic Cycle and a Life it Created*.

Enjoy a reading, Q&A, and book signing..

A few copies will be available for purchase at the event.



Also on Saturday

Join us for national **Bring Your Child to the Library Day!**



1: From 12pm - 3 pm children can work with Jim Sauer on the Arts and Crafts "Make a Gift" Fundraiser.

2: Children ages 7-12 can sign up for their first library card. A parent will need to complete and sign the application form.

(Adults, we're working out some system kinks. We hope to make the new cards available for you later next week.)

Magdalena Public Library

library@villageofmagdalena.com
<http://www.villageofmagdalena.org>

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575 854-2561



Photography Club

Mondays, 5-6 pm
(at the library)

This week, if you have images from your two-lens experiment, please email them to Steve. He'll review them to share with the group.

This week's topic: Composition

Newcomers welcome! See you on **Feb 9th, at 5 pm.**



Blind Date with a Book Saturday, February 14th

10am - 12 pm

Take a chance on the unknown. The covers are hidden, the details are mysterious, so you never know who you'll meet.

Join us for a relaxed morning of **coffee, cookies, and conversation** from 10-12. Come for the curiosity, stay for the chat... and you might just leave with a great match!

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<http://www.magdalencpubliclibrary.org>

100 N. Main St. Magdalena, NM
575-854-2501

Are you interested in solar cooking?



As summer nears, we'd like to start a new Solar Cooking Group exploring simple, low-tech ways to prepare food without heating up the house. We'll share ideas, try out different solar cookers, and learn what works (and what doesn't) in our own climate.

No experience needed—just curiosity, sunshine, and a willingness to experiment together. Click the link below to sign up, or drop by the library!



Literacy Kits

We're excited to introduce four new take-home Literacy Kits, **available for checkout next week**. Topics include: Stargazers, Emotions, Insects, and CVC Words for Beginning Readers.

Each kit provides carefully selected books, guided activities, and hands-on learning materials designed to support reading, curiosity, and conversation at home.

Perfect for families, caregivers, and early learners—no prep required. Just open the kit and explore together.

Magdalena Public Library

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Recommended Reads

Adult



The Hounding
Kenobe Purvis

Whispers spread, rituals return, and a village prepares for something it barely understands. Old fears surface, half-remembered and hard to place.

YA



We Are Lost and Found
Helene Dunbar

In 1980s New York City, a close-knit group of teens finds freedom and belonging through music, friendship, and chosen family. As their lives unfold, an unspoken threat grows harder to ignore.

Middle grade



The Science Book

Science gets big, weird, and wonderful. Flip through ideas, experiments, and discoveries that connect everyday curiosity to how the universe works.

Find us on GoodReads



The no-pressure book group for people who can't commit to book groups.

Coming Events...

- **March 21:** Writer/Landscape Designer, Judith Phillips

details next week

Magdalena Public Library

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<http://www.villageofmagdalenapubliclibrary.org>


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Sign up here for the Solar Cooking Group.

Join us on Goodreads! This month's theme: Short books!

Daily Literacy Activities from the NM State Library

**The library will be closed Monday,
February 16th for President's Day.**



See Mercury and the Crescent Moon

Join us for a special sky-watching event!

WEDNESDAY, February 18
starting at 6pm
(weather permitting)


Evening Sky Watching at the Library
Right after sunset, look west to see the Moon with three planets nearby:

Venus -
The brightest object in the evening sky, positioned below the Moon (sets early in twilight, so arrive on time)

Mercury -
Close to the horizon near Venus, harder to spot in the bright twilight

Saturn -
Higher in the sky than the Moon. Through our telescope, you'll see its famous rings tilted nearly edge-on to Earth, a view that only happens every 15 years or so.

Presented by
John Briggs and the
Magdalena Astronomical Society





NEW DAY!

Every Friday, 11-11:30

All aboard for Storytime Station

We heard you loud and clear! Tuesday mornings are not a good time. So **Storytime Station**, our weekly early-literacy adventure for toddlers is now **every FRIDAY from 11-11:30**. Join us for a fun and friendly mix of stories, songs and movement, designed to help toddlers and preschoolers build language skills, imagination, and confidence.

*Storytime begins (again!)
on Feb 20. Come join us!*

Caregivers are encouraged to participate
—come sing, laugh, and explore with us!



Magdalena Public Library
108 North Main St.
575 854 2361

Jeri Hurd, Director
Magdalena Public Library
Box Car Museum
PO Box 145

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SOURCE TOURISM MAGAZINE 2026

Village of Magdalena QUOTE:

Full Page, inside

2000 copies printed and distributed around Socorro County area to tourism location and events, directed toward newcomers and visitors to the area.

Cost \$850.00 (discounted from \$980.00 retail) plus tax.

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(additional 3% credit card fee if paid with card)

Discover Magdalena

Trail's End and Gateway to the Stars

They don't make places like this anymore!

Explore, Eat, & Stay: hiking, horseback riding, cowboy roundups, rodeo, star parties, art tours, antiquing, rock hounding, hunting, historic train depot, Stockyard, Box Car Museum, Kelly Mine, & Riley ghost town!

Magdalena Annual Events

MAGDALENA COMMUNITY YARD SALE - APRIL 19

Large community yard sale along Highway 60 free to vend, everyone is welcome to participate!

MAGDALENA ART GALLERY & STUDIO TOUR - MAY 17

Check out our local artists by visiting our museums, galleries and studios. Food and music will be provided

SANTA RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH FESTIVAL - MAY 26

Riley, NM - Mass at 10 a.m. with lunch to follow. Explore a ghost town while you're here!

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA CATHOLIC CHURCH FIESTAS - JUNE 21

Kelly, NM Mass at 10 a.m., lunch and music. Explore a ghost town while you're visiting!

MOTORCYCLE RALLY, HWY 60 QUILT & CAR SHOW - JUNE TBA

Bikes, hot rods, classic cars and quilts...oh my!
Rally will be held at the Magdalena Fire Station on 1st Street. All proceeds go to benefit the Kid's Science Café

FRONTIER FESTIVAL & PARADE - JUNE 28

Frontier history comes alive during our annual festival. Demonstrations, talks, food & music.

MARY MAGDALENE CATHOLIC CHURCH FIESTAS - JULY TBA

Lunch, music, arts & crafts and much more!

MAGDALENA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT FLY-IN - SEPTEMBER 13

Pilots from all over fly into town, enjoy food, refreshments and entertainment and then they all fly back home. Join us in some aviation fun in the Magdalena Mountains.

HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT - OCTOBER 31

Halloween fun for all ages. Come decorate your trunk and treat the kids or bring your kids out for some fun safe Halloween candy! Costumes are encouraged!

HOLIDAY COMMUNITY ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW - DECEMBER TBA

Craft show will be at the Fine Arts Center at Magdalena Schools. Come show off your arts & crafts skills or get some Christmas shopping done!

CHRISTMAS ELECTRIC LIGHT PARADE - DECEMBER 6

Starts at sundown at Magdalena Schools and ends at the West end of town. Free candy canes and hot chocolate will be available at the Fire Station

NEW YEAR'S EVE PINATA BURNING

Starting at 6 p.m., refreshments and snacks will be available. Think Zozobra, only mini...burn your troubles away with the New Year. Magdalena Fire Department will be onsite to monitor the effigy as it burns.

See www.villageofmagdalena.com for events, maps, and Guide to Magdalena. Keep current with community happenings by signing up for emails at MAGeBOARD. Email mageboard@icloud to enroll.

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ATTENTION: VILLAGE OF MAGDALENA

Estimate #0036

Date: 3/04/26

Project Title: Magdalena KID'S SCIENCE CAFE

Change orders- None at this time

Project Description: E-Z-I Construction will construct outdoor seating area with 15x20 ft Pergola.

Scope of work for remodel:

**Construction of Outdoor Space
15' x 20' open pergola oriented on the west wall of the existing facility/structure.
Foundation will have spot footing with 4" slab on grade with 6x6 wire mesh.
Soff cut joints and light broom finish.
Per request overhead is to be constructed of wood (Pergola).
Benches will be built of wood.**

**Lumber will be 6x6 post and Simson ties 6"x6" rafters.
Grading and dirt work**

Adress: 202 Spruce St, Magdalena, NM 87825

Assessment:

Mobilizing heavy equipment for dirt work and grading	\$2,000	
Dirt pad and concrete curb with spot footings (#4 rebar in footing; #3 rebar throughout curb.	\$ 7,850	
Materials (Includes freight)	\$11,500	

Wood Engineered soil		
Framing	\$7,000	
10 Windows Removal and replacement Vinyl 250 series JELD-WEN	\$11,500	
Waste management	\$1,200	
	Total	\$39,050
	TAX NM GRT:7.1%	\$2,733.50
	Total:	\$41,783.50

Outstanding Balance: \$

Total Due: \$

Total Paid: \$0

All tools and necessary materials will be provided by contractor(s). Contractors will ensure job site safety and will leave areas clean after work is complete on a day by day basis.

Thank you for your business, we look forward to working with you.

Blessings, Joshua Lopez

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