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Costume contest, haunted house set for Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 at LCC

Five student organizations involved in planning

If Luna Community College was looking for more unity in student entities, it got it as five student organizations are getting involved in a haunted house fundraiser that is set for Friday Oct. 31 and Saturday, Nov. 1. The LCC Haunted House Fundraiser will take place from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. on both days. The event will be held at the Luna Community College Humanities Building.

According to Luna Community College Student Government Secretary Amberlynn Sena, these student organizations are working diligently planning the annual LCC Haunted House event.

"We have the Luna Community College Student Government, SkillsUSA Automotive Club, Student Nursing Association, STEM Club and the Psychology Club involved this year," said Sena. "All five organizations will split the money that will be raised."

Entry for the Luna Community College Haunted House is \$5.

Last year's Luna Community College's Haunted House was commonly recognized as the best in Las Vegas as both students, staff and faculty worked productively to prepare for the event.

"We promise more of a scarier atmosphere this year," said Sena. "We were considered the best last year and it's going to give us more drive to make it better this year."

The college's student government is also sponsoring a costume contest that is scheduled from noon to 1 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 31 at the Luna Community College Multi-Purpose Education Center. Prizes will be given for first, second and third place.

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Student Brandon Chavez of the STEM101 class fires his handmade and science enhanced potato cannon and uses math and science to calculate how powerful it is when fired.

Higher Learning Commission visits Luna Community College



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Pictured Clockwise are: Luna Community College President Dr. Pete Campos greets Higher Learning Commission members Catherine Kinyon, Dr. Donna Dare and Lloyd Hammonds before 8 a.m. on Monday morning; Kinyon and Dare meet with community members on Tuesday morning; Dare meets with PASS Program and ACE Lab Manager Monica Rossetti and a resource room that was set up for the comprehensive evaluation visit which included the institution’s self study and evidence.





Pictured clockwise are: Hammonds meets with Luna Community College Small Business Development Center Director Don Bustos and LCC Santa Rosa Satellite Director Albert Campos (photo by Emily Chavez); Kinyon and Dare meet with Luna Community College students; Kinyon and Dare meet with Luna Community College Faculty Senate; Kinyon and Dare meet with Luna Community College's Human Resource employees and Kinyon, Dare and Hammonds meet with LCC Dental Assisting Program Administrator Gloria Pacheco. Also pictured are Jose and Davi Mondragon.

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Luna Community College Presents:

LUNA'S WALKING DEAD

HAUNTED HOUSE

LOCATION: GENERAL STUDIES/
HUMANITIES BUILDING

DATES: FRIDAY OCTOBER 31ST &
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1ST

8:00 P.M.—11:00 P.M.

ADMISSION PRICE: \$5.00 PER PERSON

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!

SPONSORED BY:

Student Government • STEM CLUB
Student Nursing Assoc. • Psychology Club
Skills USA Automotive



**AHHH! RUN, GET OUT! THE WHOLE
CAMPUS IS INFECTED!**

For additional information contact: Dawna Ortega-Gallegos at 454-5382.

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ANNUAL HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

For additional information contact Amanda Ortiz at 454-5324 or Dawna Ortega-Gallegos at 454-5382.

PRESENTED BY LCC

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

DATE: OCTOBER 31, 2014

TIME: 12:00P.M. —1:00P.M

LOCATION: MULTI-PURPOSE

EDUCATION CENTER

**PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN FOR
1ST, 2ND & 3RD PLACE!**



Happy Halloween!



Luna Community College student Derek Fernandez takes advantage of the few warm weather days left. The Luna Community College Physical Plant have done a diligent job on making the campus look great.

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Lujan urges Luna CC to help in YouthBuild Food Drive

Hello everyone!

A food drive is being organized through a partnership with LCC's Student Government and LCC's YouthBuild Program. The purpose of this food drive is to provide a community service project that will help bring hope, relief and security to our neighbors struggling with hunger.

This food drive will be a two-pronged approach. It will not only serve to help all members of the community through the Samaritan House, but it is also the vision of LCC's Student Government, to establish a food pantry to assist students served specifically by LCC.

“This is the leadership aspect of YouthBuild. By helping others, we hope to provide a transformative experience for Youthbuild students in seeing they can make a positive difference in the lives of others,—Roderick Lujan.

Donate food: Drop off food donations in the boxes located Administration Office, Human Resource Office, Game Room (Room 116 in the School of Business), and cosmetology.

Please consider the most needed foods:

- Meals in a can (stew, chili, soup)
- 100 percent Fruit Juices Tuna/Canned Meat
- Peanut Butter
- Low Sugar Cereals
- Canned Fruits and Vegetables

The food drive will last from now through the end of the Holiday season, with donations being equally distributed to LCC's food pantry and Samaritan House.

Our goal is to permanently establish a food bank here at LCC and also provide assistance to the community. Working together and step by step we will go far and accomplish much. Thank you in advance for your participation!

Have a good day!

For more information, call or contact: Victor Ramirez President ASLCC. [720.331.5106](tel:720.331.5106) or extension 1504 or Roderick Lujan—Case Manager/Transition Coordinator YouthBuild Program, Extension 1259, 505.454.2593 or rlujan@luna.edu . —Roderick Lujan.

GO Bond C: Funding Guadalupe-Colfax County/ New Mexico's future

This fall, voters in our area counties will go to the polls to cast their ballots for everything from who will be our governor to who will represent our community in the state legislature. One of the most important questions facing our community this year will be the statewide higher education bond referendum —General Obligation Bond C.

This year's General Obligation Bond C (also referred to as GO Bond C) will ask voters to set aside more than \$139 million for nearly every public college and university in the state. If passed, this year's GO Bond will allocate \$1.38 million for Luna Community College's Santa Rosa and Springer Satellites.

Luna Community College's Santa Rosa Satellite will receive \$1 million to complete the interior upgrade the Regional Health and Safety Center to include; HVAC, electrical, interior partitioning for classroom areas, computer lab with ITV access with teleconferencing capabilities, instructor guided spinning course training, yoga and aerobics. Open areas will consist of cardio area, free weight areas. Also included will be both women's and men's ADA approved facilities and dressing areas.

Degree granting programs will include but not limited to, health safety and nutrition, physical therapy training, pre-nursing courses, Homeland Security, criminal justice, tactical training and self defense, structured fitness courses for credit will also be offered.

This facility once completed will employ two full time and numerous adjunct instructors. It will help in revitalizing traffic to the down town area, both auto and pedestrian and help in attracting business to our downtown merchants.

Santa Rosa has had the need for a facility such as the Luna Community College Regional Health and Safety Center. The improvements completed to date, already bring many complements and anticipation for the day the doors are opened and the use of the building can begin.

Luna Community College's Springer Satellite will receive \$380,000 for renovations to it's main building. The money will be used for HVAC improvements which includes the lowering of the ceiling, all the ductwork and installation of the system on top of the

roof. The money will also be used to rewire most of the electrical system.

At the Luna Community College Springer Satellite main building, classes such as allied health, business administration, community education, early childhood multicultural education, GED, liberal arts, general studies and teacher education are taught either in house, by ITV or online.

GO Bond C will not increase property taxes. What it will do is create jobs and boost our local economy. The improvement projects funded by Bond C will employ architects, builders and contractors, as well as provide support to their supply chains and small and large businesses up and down Main Street, including hotels, restaurants and grocery stores.

In these tight economic times, Guadalupe and Colfax County could greatly benefit from GO Bond C. It will work to ensure Luna Community College has the tools it needs to modernize and be competitive and will not only help recruit the best and brightest students from around the state, but also make it possible to keep our high school graduates right in Guadalupe and Colfax County where they can graduate and build careers, contributing to a strong local economy,.

For many of our state's colleges and universities, this year's bond will be their only source of funding and their only opportunity to make badly needed additions and renovations to aging structures. These institutions can't be expected to educate students using out-of-date facilities and classrooms that are in need of upgrading.

In addition to modernizing classrooms and infrastructure, GO Bond C is about maintaining what we've already invested in: our students, our communities and our schools. No matter what your political affiliation is, GO Bond C is something every New Mexican can support. Modernizing our colleges and universities will give our students a competitive edge and prepare them for competition within the global economy, making New Mexico vibrant and competitive—all without increasing our property taxes.

Absentee voting began on Oct. 7.

Jesse's quick hits

Remember to smile a few times a day. I hope this helps—Jesse

What did the strawberry say to the other?

If you'd listened to me, we wouldn't be in this jam.

What do skeletons say before they begin dining?

Bone appetite

What does Dracula get when he forgets to brush his teeth?

Bat breath

What did the doctor say to the tonsil?

You're so cute, I think I will take you out tonight.

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Las Vegas Home Town Artesanos



Isabel Benavidez

Hispanic Folk Art Market



Steve Romero



Felix Sanchez

October 25, 2014
9:00am – 5:00pm



Cruz Flores

Unique, Hidden Treasures
Do not miss this opportunity to meet your
Home Town Artesanos who gather
together to share their GOD given talents!



Brenda Flores



Eleanor Lopez



June V. Lopez



Nancy Camacho



Geraldine Flores De Silva

**Our Lady of Sorrows
Parish Hall
On the Old Town Plaza**

Sponsored by The Commerce and Development Partnership,
The Hispanic Cultural and Community Affairs Committee
and the LVSM Chamber of Commerce and Industry 425-8631

Costume contest...

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Community members are welcome to join the contest. Snacks and cocoa will be served.

"It's a good thing that not only Luna Community College is dedicated to students, but to the community," said Joe Moreno, a member of SkillsUSA Automotive Club. "It's nice to see so much involvement. Dominic Lopez our automotive club president is determined to have us involved in our college and community."

In addition, to these events SkillsUSA also intends to honor veterans in a ceremony that will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 11.

Notes: SFC David Muniz of the National Guard has agreed to assist LCC in their Haunted House event. For more information on the National Guard, call Muniz at 505/264-2960.

This file photo shows several LCC students, staff and family members that participated in last year's haunted house.



LCC employees to take part in Hispanic Art Market

By June Lopez

Los Artisanos de Las Vegas Grandes will be holding an Annual Folk Art Market from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25, at our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall on the Old Town Plaza.

June V. Lopez and Cruz Flores are both employees of Luna Community College. Lopez started in 1994 as an early childhood teacher. She also earned her associates degree in early childhood. She is presently a library technician at the Luna Community College Learning Resource Center.

Flores started at Luna Community College in 2003 as a part-time employee in trades and coordinated the CDL program and the First Offender Program. Currently he is the coordinator of the Noches de Familia Program.

Lopez met Cruz during a CPR class he was giving for the early childhood providers. They both had the same interest for art. Flores does retablos and bultos and Lopez does copper crosses plus a variety of different art. This will be the fourth time they have organized this kind of art market which features Hispanic artists.

There will also be nine other artist joining the market. Geraldine Silva (retablos and Gesso relief), Brenda Sanchez (bultos and retablos), Eleanor Lopez (jewelry), Lawrence Quintana who is also a past employee of Luna Community College, will be displaying his hand carved walking sticks, Mrs. Isabel Benavidez (oil paintings), Felix Sanchez (wire Crosses), Steve Romero (frames) and Nancy Camacho (paintings/retablos)



June Lopez and Cruz Flores will participate in an Hispanic Art Market.



Our Lady of Sorrows Church along with Father Brasier and Father Mitchell have agreed to work with the Artist to graciously allow us to use the Parish Hall. We appreciate their support so we donate the monies we make from the Artists paying their space to display their art to the church. The support is great all around. We have always had the support from the chambers. A special Thanks to Lavinia Fenzi and the radio station KNMX.

The mission of the Artisanos de Las Vegas, Grandes is to promote the art of the people which flourished in our community years ago and encompasses a range of decorative mediums including wood, metal, clay, paper, wire, and jewelry. Hope to see you all there it's a great opportunity to purchase a special unique gift for that special person for Christmas.

Spanish Market quality art at reasonable prices.

Lasting strength

By Dr. Pete Campos
LCC President

We had an extraordinary 2 1/2 days with the Higher Learning Commission comprehensive evaluation team. They extensively reviewed our self-study before their arrival and got right down to business on Monday by going over evidence in the resource room and asking tough questions of our Board of Trustees, administration, faculty, staff, students and community members. The evaluation team had an intended methodology, direct approach and laser like focus on collecting verbal observations and data driven evidence. The visit provided us with a no-nonsense experience. There were differences of opinion about how it went, mixed emotions about the interaction amongst colleagues and employee uncertainty. In fact, most of the conversations I had with employees after the visit were centered on what they would have liked to have said instead of what they told the evaluators. One employee said, I told the evaluators something and I meant to say something else, but it was too late. I hope they realize, I was nervous.

The visit is over. The evaluation team complimented our work on the self-study and resource room. Their comments referred to the well organized and positive approach of our self-study and evidence based information. Then, the direction pointed towards what the staff, faculty, students and community felt about the college. There were numerous individuals who provided a verbal perspective of what they thought about the post-secondary services provided to the students and community. There was mention of the dual credit/concurrent enrollment courses for high school students, the educational opportunities for students of all ages and the employment/economic development benefit to the college service area. Overall, the community and student support were considered strengths of Luna Community College.

During the HLC evaluation team exit conference, the strengths of the college and opportunities for Improvement (OFI's) were re-

layed to LCC personnel. We learned so much from the evaluation team! These evaluators talked about curriculum alignment and how to make education work effectively for the benefit of students; they offered educational best practices and positive suggestions which sounded like our own ideas; and, they cared about our response to their bold and in-depth suggestions and how their recommendations would guide our future success as a college.

As an objective observer, I developed high regards for the spirit, strategy, commitment and foresight of this evaluation team. While they saw right through us, they also remained respectful and cognizant of our diversity, culture and particular dynamics. Their sensitivity, humble demeanors and solid work ethic will lead to an evaluation report that will help us prepare for the next decade and change for the better.

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Overall, we have a very competent and dedicated faculty and staff. Now, our responses to the evaluation team will serve as an important part of their findings and recommendations to the Higher Learning Commission. We'll find out the evaluation teams recommendations after Thanksgiving, a truly appropriate time to give thanks for Luna Community College. General Robert E. Lee, American soldier best known for commanding the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia in the American Civil War, said, "The forbearing use of power does not only form a touchstone; but the manner in which an individual enjoys certain advantages over others is a test of a true gentleman. The power which the strong have over the weak, the magistrate over the employed, the educated over the unlettered, the experienced over the confiding, even the clever over the silly; the forbearing and inoffensive use of all this power and authority, or the total abstinence from it, when the case admits it, will show the gentleman in a plain light. The gentleman does not needlessly and unnecessarily remind an offender of a wrong he may have committed against him. He can only forgive; he can forget; and he strives for that nobleness of self and mildness of character which imparts sufficient strength to let the past be put as the past."

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Everyone is Welcome

Tuesday, October 21 at 7:30 p.m.

NMHU Ifeld Auditorium

The NMHU Political Science Club has invited the campaigns of Susanna Martinez and Gary King to answer questions concerning Northern New Mexico and the state as a whole.

Submit your questions for the candidates to our Facebook!
NMHU Political Science Club



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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2014
5:00PM TO 7:00 PM
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Important safety tips

Always be aware of your surroundings. If something or someone looks suspicious, report it! Such as odd behavior, over-dressing on warm days, a vehicle driving back and forth over and over. This should include odd behavior in the classroom. If something just seems odd, never hesitate in reporting it. It takes all of us to create a safe and comfortable environment; we must get involved and reporting suspicious activity is the best way of getting involved.

Do not walk alone at night, use a buddy system or call security for an escort to your vehicle. When reporting any suspicious activity or persons, give as much detail as possible, as in the case of a suspicious vehicle provide information such as color, number of

doors, tinted windows, custom wheels, make and model, and license plate number.

A public resource available for information and safety tips, please visit nmsexoffender.com. Here you can find valuable information. Feel free to visit this site regularly for updated information. Important phone numbers: Security (505) 629-8244; New Mexico State Police (505) 425-6771 in an Emergency Dial 911

Information provided by Luna Community College's Life/Safety Coordinator Andrew Duran.

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LCC School of Business Faculty



Geraldine Romero
Accounting
MA – Business Administration
BA – Accounting, Math,
Secondary Education



Elaine Ortega
Business Administration
MBA – Business Management
BA – MIS Management
AAS – Computer Programming



Dolores Gutierrez
General Business
MBA – Business Administration
BA - Accounting



Brendaleigh Lobato
Adjunct Instructor
MA – Computer Technologies
BA – History/Spanish Minor
AAS – Computer Technologies

The School of Business at LCC offers Associate Degrees in Accounting, Business Administration, General Business and Certificates in Accounting and Small Business Management

“To Graduate

SkilledMotivatedAccomplishedReliableTalented

Students”

Our Goal is:

- To provide quality education through courses, certificates and degrees;
- To prepare students for the workforce;
- To prepare students for transferability to a university; and
- To assist students in professional development



October 24, 2014
3:00pm
Rough Rider Grill
366 Luna Drive
Las Vegas, NM

“Your Input Is Valuable”

Refreshments & Door Prizes

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