

# The Luna Light



*“The People’s College”  
Becoming The Premier Rural Community College in America*

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## LCC to host economic meeting

*“MOVING FORWARD WITH  
OUR ECONOMIC FUTURE...  
TOGETHER and UNITED!”*

By Don Bustos

Luna Community College and San Miguel County have collaborated and initiated the first step toward our economic future by contracting with the University of New Mexico Bureau of Business and Economic Research (BBER) to conduct a comprehensive study to assess long term trends in San Miguel County. BBER’s Dr. Jeffrey Mitchell, senior research scientist will present the findings of the study in a 45 minute presentation on the following topics:

- Historical strengths and weaknesses of the local economy
- Existing economic conditions
- Challenges for county economic development
- Opportunities and recommendations to renew growth

We are seeking identification of interested partners and team players in the areas of business and industry, health care, education, agriculture, farming, energy, non-profit groups, religious groups, youth, government, and most importantly YOU.

We will have an open discussion on developing our partner’s roles in creating an economic master plan that aligns with regional planning initiatives.

**SAN MIGUEL ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT PLANNING  
INITIATIVE  
COMMUNITY MEETING**  
Luna Community College LRC  
March 2, 2011  
5 p.m. to 8 p.m.



**Luna Community College LPN students Michelle Stinnett, Dave Kavanaugh, and Kimberly Smith are the 2011 Alta Vista Auxiliary Scholarship recipients. The scholarships were awarded by Janet Remenyik (far right), chairwoman of the Auxiliary Scholarship Committee and past president of the Alta Vista Auxiliary. To date, the Auxiliary has awarded these scholarships to three students for the past 11 years in the amount of \$122,000 to help support our students.**

## Congressman Ben Lujan Jr. and Governor David Cargo visit LCC

Congressman Ben Lujan Jr. and Gov. David Cargo visited Luna Community College’s Mora Site last week. A longtime champion of libraries and specifically that of his namesake, Gov. Cargo accepted a donation from a Library of Congress program that Congressman Lujan had requested for the library and the community of Mora.

Both spoke to community members, county officials and staff about the importance of literacy and libraries especially in rural communities. They also praised the county and LCC for collaborative efforts in providing both literacy and higher education to the community. As cake and punch was served and everyone went through the books that will be added to the library. *For a photo, see page 2.*



**Mora Commissioner John Olivas, Gov. David Cargo, Congressman Ben Lujan Jr., LCC Mora Site Director Wanda Martinez and Mora Commissioner Paula Garcia display an appreciative cake given to Lujan Jr. and Cargo for their role in education in Mora County. Cargo and Lujan Jr. visited the LCC Mora Site on Thursday.**

**Luna Community College President Dr. Pete Campos recently met with Santa Fe Community College student Calloway R. Bastien to discuss proposed legislation during Santa Fe Community College Day at the legislature. Bastien is the secretary of the SFCC Student Government Association and enjoys focusing on student-centered initiatives.**



# A closer look at your Rough Riders



*This is a continuation in a series of taking a closer look at your Luna Community College softball and baseball players.*

**Name:** Laura Sandoval  
**Nickname:** Laurita  
**Position:** Second Base  
**Major:** Fire Science  
**Classification:** Freshman  
**Hometown:** Albuquerque  
**High School:** Del Norte High  
**Parents and family:** Kelly Sandoval, mom; Paul Sandoval, dad; Vincent Sandoval, brother; Jacob Sandoval, brother.  
**Favorite movie, why?** The Lion King, because it's one of the greatest classics ever.

**Laura Sandoval**

**If you could trade places for a**

**day with someone who would it be and why?** Cher, because she is one of my inspirations and I would just like to see how her everyday crazy life is.

**How important is academics to you?** Academics is very important because it'll make a huge difference in your life if you are educated or not. It will help you be a better person when you know basic information that most people don't know.

**Plans after graduation:** Get into the Albuquerque Fire Department.

**What is on your bucket list?** To meet Cher and go skydiving!

**Favorite food, why?** Green chili chicken enchiladas, because it's just plain delicious.

**Favorite pro athlete:** Albert Pujols.

**What would you like to contribute to society?** After becoming a firefighter, I want to be able to save and protect lives and people's property. I want to be able to make a difference in someone's life and make life that much better.

**Whom do you admire the most and why?** My parents because they have always been there for me for whatever I have needed. They are just the best parents anyone could ask for.



**Name:** Elisse Tapaha  
**Nickname:** Lisse  
**Position:** Catcher/Outfield  
**Major:** General engineering  
**Classification:** Freshman  
**Hometown:** Fort Defiance, Ariz.  
**High School:** Window Rock High  
**Parents and family:** Marilyn Tapaha, mother; Muriel Tsosie, sister and Ethan Billy, brother.  
**Favorite movie, why?** Up, it's a cute movie and I want my own snipe.

**Elisse Tapaha**

**If you could trade places for a day with someone who would it be and why?** I'd like

to trade places with my nephew, because I would see the world in a different view.

**How important is academics to you?** Very important. Without it, how would you know what you don't know.

**Plans after graduation:** Keep going to school.

**What is on your bucket list?** Travel the world.

**Favorite food, why?** Fry bread, you can eat it with pretty much anything.

**Favorite pro athlete:** Natasha Watley.

**What would you like to contribute to society?** A new way of life.

**Whom do you admire the most and why?** I admire my sister, because ever since I was little I always looked up to her during a softball game.

**LCC:**

**"The People's College"**

*Don't forget College Night  
Feb. 15 at the Abe Montoya Recreation Center:  
5 to 7:30 p.m.*



**This picture of the moon was taken last Saturday night in the mountains of El Barranco a village about 30 miles south of the LCC campus. The Spanish word for moon is luna our college's first name. It is the hope of many people that our college can rise to many heights like the moon.**



**Luna Community College student Erik Varela does his homework on his personal computer recently at the Rough Rider Grill. The computer science major is one of several dozen students who are spending time at the college's cafeteria. Rough Rider Grill Food Services Manager Paul Sandoval and his staff have extended the hours and have many new and exciting plans for the cafeteria.**

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Luna Community College is offering a noncredit course called "GETTING PAID TO TALK: INTRODUCTION TO VOICE OVERS".

Students will learn the basics of recording voice-overs for TV and radio commercials, cartoons, audio book, documentaries, the Internet and more. Attendees will also have the opportunity to record a mock commercial under the direction of a *VoiceCoaches* producer.

APRIL 5 Tuesday 6:30-9:00pm  
LCC Main Campus, LRC Lecture Hall  
\$20 (\$10 for high school or college students)

For more information, call LCC Community Education at 505-454-5311, or 800-588-7232, ext. 1204



# Alfred Romero: Wagon Mound native one of the most respected coaches in New Mexico

By Henry Sanchez

*This is the fifth of a series of articles written on old-school athletics by Luna Community College sports performance instructor Henry Sanchez.*

It is important to know and remember our past because it reflects where we have been, where we are today and where we are going.

Alfred Romero was born and raised in the beautiful village of Wagon Mound which got its name because it was an important landmark in the history of the Santa Fe Trail, where the line between the new territory and the states was marked. The name came from a giant hill that towers over the village and

looks like a covered wagon. You must remember that the covered wagons traveled a distance of 15 miles per day, so when the sight of the wagon mound appeared they knew how many days it would take to get to Las Vegas and other destinations. In the early 20th Century, Wagon Mound had a population of over 1,000 people. Today 100 families and 347 people make up the village (The student population for the Wagon Mound Schools K to 12th grade is 70 students today).

Alfred Romero attended Wagon Mound High (the mascot is Trojans) and played all the sports offered to them. After he graduated from high school in the 1941, he went up the road 40 miles to Las Vegas and attended New Mexico Highlands University. But as was the case in those hectic years of war, he signed up with the United States Army and spent four years (1942-46) in service of his country.

In the school year of 1946, he returned from the service and again signed up at New Mexico Highlands University and completed work for his bachelor's degree.

In 1950, he started his outstanding teaching and coaching career at Wagon Mound High coaching basketball and baseball and still



**During the 1953-54 season Wagon Mound High won the state Class B basketball championship. Pictured (l-r) Albert Valdez, Frank Aragon, Sam Martinez, Isaac Romero, Joe Chavez, Harold Daniels, Lawrence Martinez, Donald Isbell, Gilbert Montoya, Amadeo Gallegos and Coach Alfred Romero. Student managers are Frank Baca and Fritz Thompson.**

found time to earn his master's degree at Highlands.

From 1950 to 1985, he was the coach and athletic director who put Wagon Mound on the sports map (a career that lasted an outstanding 35 years). His career in basketball at Wagon Mound speaks for itself with a total of 566 wins and 271 losses. His teams won two state championships, six regional championships and 10 district titles.

In 1954, Wagon Mound defeated Maxwell 46-44 for the state championship. Gil Montoya made the game's winning basket with three seconds left to play. This was Wagon

Mound's first state title and the irony is that they had defeated Maxwell in the regional tourney by the same 46-44 score. This was New Mexico's first small school basketball state championship (Class B) which was played in Tucumcari. Wagon Mound had one starter, Joe Chavez, at 6-2 and the rest of the starters were 5-9 and under. They relied on up tempo (fast break) style which brought much joy to the northern population of the state. Coach Romero would run and train with his teams and employed the old-style of love and discipline that had great results.

Gilbert Montoya who sank that basket 58 years ago to win the first state championship for Wagon Mound in 1954, said: "I believe with coach Alfred Romero we had certain advantages because the cooperation of the community, school board, teaching staffs, administration and parents was great."

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# Respected coach Alfred Romero...

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I wonder if that statement can be said today anywhere in the state? To emphasize how important this was to the players and coach, Wagon Mound was honored in 2004 at the state tourney and nine of 10 players and the coach showed up to be honored.

In 1976, Wagon Mound won its second state basketball title by defeating Navajo Mission High 67-57. In the state final, Danny Gray, Paul Romero and Alfred Romero were too much for the Navajo Mission team. Wagon Mound finished with 26 wins and one loss. The loss was to Springer High. Wagon Mound beat Springer three of four games that year.

In 1975, Wagon Mound finished second at the state tourney losing to Jal High 70-49 in the state championship game. That year, their record was 27-3. In 1955, they finished third at the state tourney by defeating Lordsburg 77-49 in the quarterfinals, then losing to Santa Rosa 72-53 in the semifinals. In the game for third place, they defeated Roy 59-52.

In baseball, Wagon Mound under coach Romero, were very successful winning several district, regional championships and making it to the state playoffs twice. (This can be another article).

Coach Alfred Romero has been married for 55 years to the love of his life Pauline and they have four grown children, Susan, Anita, Mary and Alfred.



**Coach Alfred Romero remains an icon not only in Wagon Mound but also throughout New Mexico.**

Tom Herrera (senior recruiter at Luna Community College) played for Coach Romero from 1973-76. When asked about the coach he said: "What impressed me the most was how prepared he was and had us prepared for all games. He started us in the fourth and fifth grades. He was the only coach and handled all the teams with complete dedication and devotion."

His complete dedication to his family, community, school and students are a great example for the rest of us to model after. Thank you coach Alfred Romero for living the life you have and giving to so many others.

A lifetime of accomplishments and successes:

- Married to his wife Pauline for 55 years
- Coached in one school for 35 years
- National Region 8 Coach of the Year in 1977 and 1983 (This award included New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, California and Hawaii)
- New Mexico High School Coaches Association Coach of the Year in Class A for 1956 and 1974.
- Coached New Mexico North/South All-Star Basketball Game in 1955 and 1976
- Member of the New Mexico High School Coaches Association Board of Directors
- Chairman of District 1A Basketball
- Member of North/South Selection Committees
- Mayor—Village of Wagon Mound
- Inducted into the New Mexico High School Coaches Association Hall of Honor in 1991



**Dr. O.C. Ferrell and Dr. Linda Ferrell spoke to the LCC business ethics class last week. "The Ferrell's are always welcome here at Luna Community College. They bring such valuable information to our students regarding ethics," says LCC Business Instructor Elaine Ortega.**

**The Ferrell's are the publishers of the current textbook being used in the classroom which they also autographed for students. The Ferrell's are management and ethics professors at the UNM Marketing School of Anderson.**

# LCC supports Villanueva community families

By Rita Bustamante

Recently the parish of Our Lady of Guadalupe Food for Families Grant Program in Villanueva held a cooking class for the parents of the children registered in the religious education program. Luna Community College Chef and Culinary Arts Instructor, Adrienne O'Brien and Ashley Hensley, student and president of the Culinary Arts club, joined the group on Sunday Jan. 30 at the parish hall in Villanueva.

O'Brien and Hensley volunteered their time to educate parents on how to cook healthy foods and use sanitary measures.

In addition to participating in the class, the parents were awarded financial reimbursements for purchases of healthy foods-foods that appeared on the Food for Families application. All of this was made possible through a grant provided to the parish from the Archdiocese of Santa Fe Catholic Foundation.

The Catholic Foundation is dedicated to promoting the gospel values and supporting the health and well-being of individuals, families and communities within the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.



Pictured above are: Ashley Hensley, LCC Culinary Arts Club President, Rita Bustamante, Grant Coordinator and Chef Adrienne O'Brien, LCC Lead Instructor / Culinary Arts. (courtesy photo)

# Adjustments in store for higher education

By Dr. Pete Campos

There are several higher education measures before the legislature that have caught the attention of the general public. A couple of those issues have included: a change in the funding formula and a possible moratorium placed on new construction until 2017. Consideration of these and other proposals either before the legislature or soon to be addressed during the interim signal that change is coming.

It is difficult to project the final outcome of the appropriations act. However, I do believe once the session is over and final action is known regarding all legislation we will have a lot of work ahead of us. The work will evolve around a **master plan** for the future of Luna Community College.

By July 2011, we will have made more changes to our policies as a

result of this year's legislation passed and signed into law. Those changes will be easier to make because we have caught up with our policy changes that reflect current law.

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We have worked in a transparent, efficient and effective manner to address the issues impacting students from handling transportation concerns by baseball players and their parents to expanding our qualified instructional personnel to provide various valuable perspectives in quality educational delivery.

While we are not sure of all the issues headed our way – we are positioned to effectively respond to them. *This is in large part due to the professional growth and cooperation of our Luna Family.*

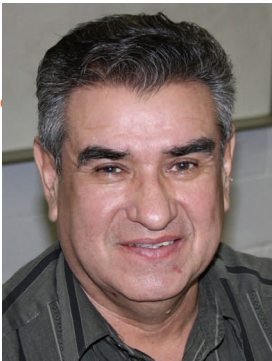




Congratulations to Robert Blea from Santa Rosa who was awarded the Samuel "Pat" Chavez Scholarship from the LCC Foundation. The \$1,000.00 scholarship is offered to a Santa Rosa student that is interested in welding. Pictured (l-r) are : Dante Vigil, Darlene Baca, Ernesto Salazar, Robert Blea, Matt Martinez, Phil Wolff, Emilio Vallejos and Sarah Flores.

### **Celebrity Look-Alike Contest**

*We are asking individuals to vote on which picture looks closer to our Luna Community College employee. Please e-mail your vote to [jgallegos@luna.edu](mailto:jgallegos@luna.edu) or by calling extension 1200. Votes will be taken until 3 p.m. on Tuesday. If you would like to volunteer for a look-alike, please call ext. 1200. Remember this is all in fun. Last week's vote on Paul Sandoval—6 for Howard The Duck and 5 for Elvis Presley .*



**Augustine Valencia**

and



**Ritchie Valens**

or



**Augustine Valencia**

and



**Felix The Cat**

## *Ready to Escape and Re-charge?*

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| Course ID   | Title                             | Location | Times            | Start Dates       | Days        |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|----------|------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| ANTH221E-21 | Cultures of the World (DL)        | EWEB     | 2:00pm – 4:50pm  | 3/14/11 – 5/13/11 | Mon/Wed     |
| CNA100-42   | Nursing Assistant Training        | Offsite  | 8:00am – 5:00pm  | 3/15/11 – 3/22/11 | MTWRF       |
| CNA100-43   | Nursing Assistant Training        | Offsite  | 8:00am – 5:00pm  | 4/12/11 – 4/19/11 | MTWRF       |
| CNA100-44   | Nursing Assistant Training        | Offsite  | 8:00am – 5:00pm  | 5/11/11 – 5/17/11 | MTWRF       |
| CNA100L-42  | Nursing Assistant Training Lab    | Offsite  | 8:00am – 5:00pm  | 3/23/11 – 3/28/11 | MWRF        |
| CNA100L-43  | Nursing Assistant Training Lab    | Offsite  | 8:00am – 5:00pm  | 4/20/11 – 4/25/11 | MWRF        |
| CNA100L-44  | Nursing Assistant Training Lab    | Offsite  | 8:00am – 5:00pm  | 5/18/11 – 5/23/11 | MWRF        |
| CSA101-01   | Introduction to the Internet      | Main     | 8:30am – 4:30pm  | 2/19/11 – 2/26/11 | Saturday    |
| CRT115-01   | Metal Working                     | Main     | 2:30pm – 9:00pm  | 3/14/11 – 5/13/11 | Mon/Wed     |
| CUL107-01   | Current Topics in Food Safety     | Main     | 12:30pm – 2:10pm | 3/15/11 – 5/13/11 | Tuesday     |
| DTEC118-02  | Solid Modeling                    | Main     | 2:00pm – 5:50pm  | 3/14/11 – 5/13/11 | Mon/Wed     |
| ENG115-05   | Freshman Composition II           | Main     | 3:00pm – 4:40pm  | 3/14/11 – 5/13/11 | MTW         |
| FS145-01    | Principles of Vehicle Extrication | Main     | 1:00pm – 3:50pm  | 3/14/11 – 5/13/11 | Mon/Wed     |
| MATH116-05  | Intermediate Algebra              | Main     | 4:00pm – 5:40pm  | 3/14/11 – 5/13/11 | MTWR        |
| MUS180E-03  | Music Appreciation (DL)           | EWEB     | 1:00pm – 3:50-m  | 3/15/11 – 5/13/11 | Tues/Thurs  |
| PE117-02    | Kickboxing & Step Combo           | Main     | 1:00pm – 2:10pm  | 3/14/11 – 5/13/11 | MTW         |
| POLS151E-03 | American National Government      | EWEB     | 7:00pm – 9:50pm  | 3/14/11 – 5/13/11 | Mon/Wed     |
| PSYC101E-20 | Introduction to Psychology (DL)   | EWEB     | 6:00pm – 8:50pm  | 3/14/11 – 5/13/11 | Mon/Wed     |
| PSYC242E-02 | Developmental Life Span (DL)      | EWEB     | 9:00am – 11:50am | 3/15/11 – 5/13/11 | Tues/Friday |
| PSYC258-01  | Abnormal Psychology               | Main     | 11:00am – 1:50pm | 3/14/11 – 5/13/11 | Mon/Wed     |
| PE112-02    | Physical Fitness                  | Main     | TBA              |                   | MTWRF       |
| PE113-02    | Weight Training                   | Main     | TBA              |                   | MTWRF       |
| WELD104-01  | Surface Padding                   | Main     | 1:00pm – 5:00pm  | 3/15/11 – 5/13/11 | Tues/Thurs  |

**Note:** Reduced tuition rates for Out-of-District and Out-of-State apply only to total enrollment of six (6) credit hours or less. Full rates apply to ALL credit hours once the student enrolls for more than six (6) credit hours with the exception of Senior Citizen rates. Tuition and fee rates are subject to change without notice. Registration and Laboratory fees are not included.

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