

The Luna Light



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LCC G.O. Bond set for March 3 IN DISTRICT PROJECTS

Luna Community College, under Dr. Pete Campos' leadership, is engaged in the process of educating staff and community members on the merits of the upcoming \$15,500,000 General Obligation Bond election scheduled to be held March 3. Bond funds will be used for building improvements at all campus locations in the college district. Staff members have prepared a brochure which is available at the administration building.

It describes the funding available for each campus for building improvements and the property tax rate increase required. If you have questions, please contact Maria Paiz at 505/454-2501 or by e-mail at mpaiz@luna.edu. Information on the election can also be viewed online at www.luna.edu.

Luna Community College adopted a long-range capital improvements plan which addresses building needs for the future including the following:

Project Name	Location	Amount
Educational Center & Vocational Upgrades	Las Vegas	\$5,500,000
Springer Forrester Upgrades	Springer	\$1,800,000
Santa Rosa Vocational Upgrades	Santa Rosa	\$2,200,000
Anton Chico Equipment / Furniture	Anton Chico	\$250,000
Valley Vocational	Valley Schools	\$750,000
Watrous Community Center	Watrous	\$250,000
Mora Vocational	Mora	\$1,000,000
Wagon Mound Site	Wagon Mound	\$250,000
Total "In" District		\$12,000,000

OUT OF DISTRICT PROJECTS

Project Name	Location	Amount
Raton Vocation RMEB Building	Raton	\$2,000,000
Pecos Vocational Site	Pecos	\$750,000
Vaughn Vocational Site	Vaughn	\$750,000
Total "Not In" District		\$3,500,000
TOTAL FOR ALL PROJECTS*		\$15,500,000

*Funding for Raton, Pecos and Vaughn will only occur if these districts are added to the Luna Community College District's tax base.

Approval of the General Obligation Bond issue will result in an increase of property tax rates. The increase will be approximately \$2.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. An example of the tax impact for property owners is illustrated below.

Market Value of Property	Net Taxable Value*	Annual Cost	Monthly Cost
\$50,000	\$12,167	\$24.38	\$2.03
\$100,000	\$26,333	\$52.76	\$4.40
\$150,000	\$40,500	\$81.14	\$6.76
\$200,000	\$54,667	\$109.53	\$9.13
\$250,000	\$68,833	\$137.91	\$11.49
\$300,000	\$83,000	\$166.29	\$13.86
\$400,000	\$111,333	\$223.06	\$18.59
\$500,000	\$139,667	\$279.83	\$23.32

*Net taxable value is computed as follows: 85% of market value of property divided by 3 less \$2,000 for head of household deduction.

All registered voters within the Las Vegas City School, West Las Vegas Public School, Mora Independent School, Wagon Mound School, Springer Municipal School, Maxwell Municipal School, and Santa Rosa Consolidated School Districts will be eligible to vote on Tuesday, March 3, 2009.

Luna CC to host public safety seminar

Luna Community College will be hosting a public safety seminar specifically designed as a New Mexico Detention Center Training Academy Program from Monday, Feb. 9 to Saturday, Feb. 21.

The seminar will take place at the Learning Resource Center (LRC) Lecture Hall at Luna Community College.

“This program will give detention center officers the skills and abilities to be successful in their profession,” said Patrick Snedeker, warden at the San Miguel County Detention Center. “Detention is a profession; it’s a growing industry that is extremely rewarding. Detention jobs are available throughout the state and throughout the country.”

The courses that will be taught are: Rights & Responsibilities of Inmates; Inmate Rules & Regulations: Safety Procedures; All Emergency Plans & Procedures; CPR/First Aid; Interpersonal Relations; Social/Cultural Lifestyles of Inmate Population; Cultural Diversity for Inmates & Staff; Communication Skills; Counseling Techniques; Sexual Abuse/Assault Awareness; Security Procedures & Regulations/Key Control; Supervision of Inmates; Signs of Suicide Precautions; Use of

Force Regulations & Tactics and Defensive Tactics.

“These courses are very job specific. This will reduce liability in detention centers and assist in the development, and retention of staff,” said Snedeker. “This type of training makes individuals aware of the risks, challenges, and expectations required; when dealing safely, effectively, fairly and humanely with inmates.”

The cost for the seminar is \$199 per student for New Mexico residents within the districts of Vaughn, Pecos, Springer, Raton, Mora, Wagon Mound, Las Vegas and Santa Rosa. The cost for New Mexico residents out of district is \$271. HELP-New Mexico, Inc. may assist with the tuition depending on eligibility. For more information on tuition eligibility, call Monica Lopez at HELP-New Mexico, Inc. at 505/425-9307.

“Having this public safety seminar here in Las Vegas demonstrates San Miguel County’s and Luna Community College’s commitment to our community,” said Snedeker.

For more information on the public safety seminar, call Snedeker at 505/454-7403.



Luna Community College Mariachi Instructor Jeanette-Mercedes Nolan performs with her group Los Jinetes Arrojos de Luna Community College recently. Nolan teaches both advanced and beginner courses. For more information, you may call Nolan at 505/454-5315 or at 1-800-588-7232. You may also contact her via e-mail at jnolan@luna.edu.

Education is necessary for growth of United States

By Casandra Trujillo/LCC student

Education is important in the world we live in today in order to gain the ability to keep up with the growth of research and development. There are so many new programs and software being introduced into our society. As the years go by, the world of technology continues to expand. The demand for education and the knowledge of such technologies also continues to grow.

As society continues to age, technology becomes more advanced. It is everywhere we go. It’s in our homes, in our schools, in our jobs, and even in our stores. Computers are rapidly becoming part of everyday living. However, it is crucial as well as beneficial to learn how to live without computers if technology were to fail.

Education is a necessity to the growth and development of our country. Society can not advance if we lack the knowledge to utilize the development in technology. As education advances, we are provided with the means to grow as well. We are

given the opportunity to gain the tools and knowledge we need to understand the technology we see in our society today. Furthering our education is becoming a demand of the world.

In the workplace, education and technology advance along with the high demand of educated personnel. Employers are requiring specific qualifications and degrees to gain employment. A solid education is vital for advancement. For example, if you are not knowledgeable with the programs being used in your field of work, the associate that does possess that knowledge will be the one that advances.

Anyone at any age can accomplish an education and gain the knowledge needed to live in our society successfully. It is never too late to further one’s education, to keep up with advanced technologies, or to maintain professional development. Education has become a great need and demand. The only question is...as research and development expands, do you possess the desire to gain the knowledge to expand with it?

Tutoring schedule for spring semester

Location: Student Services Room 111
Dates and Times: January 12, 2009- May 8, 2009
Tutor Center Opened: Monday- Thursday 8 a.m.-8 p.m.,
 Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Alfred Kemm: **Subject Area:** Basic Math to College Algebra, Reading, Grammar, Freshman Comp. I & II, Computer Fund., Microsoft Word, Excel, Accounting, Business, Economics

Monday: 9:00am-1:00pm
 Tuesday: 9:00am-1:00pm
 Wednesday: 9:00am-1:00pm
 Thursday: 9:00am-1:00pm

Shirley Griego **Subject Area:** Reading, Grammar, Freshman Comp I & II, Spanish, History, Basic Math

Monday: 10:45am-12:00pm & 1:15pm-5:00pm
 Tuesday: 3:00pm-5:00pm
 Wednesday: 10:45am-12:00pm & 1:15pm-6:00pm
 Thursday: 3:00pm-5:00pm

Gwendolyn Mares **Subject Area:** Basic Math- Algebra with Applications, Reading, Grammar, Freshmen Comp I & II, Accounting, History, Spanish, Microsoft Word and Excel, Computer Fund. Web Ct

Monday: 1:00pm-5:00pm
 Tuesday: 9:00am-12:00pm
 Wednesday: 1:00pm-6:00pm
 Thursday: 9:00am-12:00pm

Jesse Baca **Subject Area:** Reading, Grammar, Speech, Freshmen Comp. I, Web CT, Criminal Justice

Monday: 2:00pm-4:00pm
 Tuesday: 8:00am-1:30pm
 Wednesday: 2:00pm-4:00pm
 Thursday: 8:00am-1:30pm

Katherine Mitchell **Subject Area:** Reading, Grammar, History, Computer Fund., Excel, Word, Web CT, Basic English-Comp. II, and Basic Math-Trig

Monday: 1:00pm-4:00pm
 Tuesday: 10:00am-11:30am
 Wednesday: 1:00pm- 4:00pm
 Thursday: 10:00am-11:30am
 Friday: 10:00am-12:00pm & 1:00pm-3:00pm

Tony Martinez **Subject Area:** Biology, Human Anatomy & Physiology

Monday: 5:00pm-8:00pm
 Tuesday: 5:00pm-8:00pm
 Wednesday: 5:00pm-8:00pm
 Thursday: 5:00pm-8:00pm

Juanita Martinez **Subject Area:** Basic math to College Algebra, Freshmen Comp I, Grammar, Reading, Science

Monday: 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m.
 Tuesday: 10:00am-11:00pm
 Wednesday: 9:00a.m.-12:00pm
 Thursday: 11:00am-2:00pm
 Friday: 9:00am-12:00pm

Anthony Lopez **Subject Area:** Reading, Grammar, Basic English-Freshman Comp II, Computer Fund., History

Monday: 1:00pm-4:00pm
 Tuesday: 10:00am-11:30am
 Wednesday: 1:00pm-4:00pm
 Thursday: 10:00am-11:30am
 Friday: 10:00am-12:00pm & 1:00pm-3:00pm

Linda Salazar **LRC-Subject Area:** Basic Math, Reading, Grammar, Computer Fund, English- Comp II, Web CT, Excel, Microsoft Word, History, Spanish, and Research

Monday: 5:00pm-7:00pm
 Tuesday: 5:00pm-7:00pm
 Wednesday: 5:00pm-7:00pm
 Thursday: 5:00pm-7:00pm

Daniel Galindre **Nursing Department MO-8**

Tuesday: 8:30am-5:30pm
 Thursday: 8:30am-5:30pm

Michael Smith **Nursing Department MO-8**

Monday: 8:00am-1:00pm
 Tuesday: 8:00am-1:00pm
 Thursday: 8:00am-1:00pm



Luna Community College President Dr. Pete Campos talks to students in LCC's First Offenders Program, recently. The program works in collaboration with the San Miguel Magistrate Court.

Campos talked about the importance of prevention in high risk activities including drugs and alcohol. For more information the program, call Coordinator Cruz Flores at 505/454-5337.

LCC's SLOA Committee celebrates Ortega's birthday

By Janet Maes

The Luna Community College Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Committee celebrated Elaine Ortega's birthday at the SLOA meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 21 in the Student Services Board Room. The committee members thanked Elaine for her hard work and dedication in her role as committee chair.

Germaine Sandoval baked one of her beautiful doll cakes and the committee members serenaded Elaine with *Las Mananitas* and *Happy Birthday*. Jeanette Nolan, LCC humanities and mariachi instructor, led the singing and played her guitar. The committee members present were: Elaine Ortega, Jeanette Mercedes Nolan,



Elaine Ortega

Peter Manthei, Susan Olson, Sharon Holguin, Germaine Sandoval, Dr. Samuel Stockett, Dr. Julian Vigil, Anthony Baca, and Janet Maes.

The mission of the Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Committee is to define Student Learning Outcomes as it relates to the mission of Luna

Community College; develop policies and procedures for assessment; collect, analyze and interpret SLOA data; assist and support instruction with development of tools for assessment; make appropriate suggestions for improvement in the collection and analysis of data; report SLOA data to instruction, administration, the New Mexico Higher Education Department, and the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement.

For more information about the SLOA committee, please contact Elaine Ortega at extension 1252 or email at cortega@luna.edu.



Anthony Baca, LCC auto collision repair instructor, works on one of several *Luna Light* stands which will be located in different areas around northern New Mexico. At right, Tom Herrera and Georgia Baca prepare for the Pecos Homecoming parade.



Blast from the past

Can you guess which LCC employee's baby picture this is? The first person to give the right answer will get a free meal from the LCC Rough Rider Grill. You may enter the contest by e-mailing your answer to



jgallegos@luna.edu or calling extension 1200. LCC employees are encouraged to turn in a baby photo of themselves to Jesse Gallegos at the LCC Student Services Building.

Last week's winner: Eudelia Tarr
Last week's picture: Dorothea Delgado



Highlighting our Community

Isaac Sandoval, an inspiring artist, stands next to a painting of President Obama. Copies of his work will be on display at local representatives and senators offices at the state capitol.