

The Luna Light



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LCC Foundation awards 14 students scholarships



Foundation Scholars pictured (l-r) are: Roy Miller, Alejandra Ruiz, Elaina Sanchez, Valerie Martinez, Angela Allen, Celine Kramer, Kris Padilla, Jesse Robertson, and LCC Foundation Executive Director Sarah J. Flores.

By Sarah J. Flores
LCC Foundation Director

The Luna Community College Foundation has awarded its Foundation Scholars this semester. The Foundation awarded over \$5,000 in scholarships to 14 students.

We will be accepting scholarship applications in January to those students who do not qualify for financial aid. If you have any questions please stop by the financial aid office in the administration building or call (505) 454-5367. You can also visit our Website at www.luna.edu/foundation or Facebook us!

The following Foundation Scholars are: Angela Allen, Eian Griego, Celine Kramer, Nic Manzanares, Valerie Martinez, Roy Miller, Kris Padilla, Kathryn Regensberg, Jesse Robertson, Alejandra Ruiz, Adeline Salas, Donna Martinez, Elaina Sanchez and Marrison Vigil.

LCC hosting Holiday Fair



LCC's Cruz Flores is one of the many local participants who has sold items at the Holiday Fair.

Luna Community College will be hosting a Holiday Fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 10 at the Rough Rider Grill (LCC Cafeteria.)

The LCC Holiday Fair will feature vendors and is a great venue for last-minute shoppers. They will be selling a variety of items including handmade jewelry, baked goods, homemade arts and crafts, Christmas wreaths and ornaments, purses and homemade blankets.

About 15 percent of all vendors will be Luna Community College students, staff and faculty.

"Our students will have an opportunity to showcase what they have learned here at Luna Community College," LCC Activities Coordinator Melissa Lopez said. "We want to bring more activities to campus. We are community oriented here at Luna Community College. This fair is a great place for people to buy unique Christmas gifts."

LCC is taking vendor applications until Monday, Dec. 5. For application information on the LCC Holiday Fair, you may call Lopez at 505/454-5357.

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LCC students finish project in Sapello

My name is Sarah (or Sally) Mayer-Swift, my latest roles in life are psychotherapist and counselor with a private practice in Las Vegas and an instructor at Highlands University in the Counseling Department.

For the last seven years I've had the privilege of owning property in the Sapello area of San Miguel county and have developed a great love for that land and all that it's taught and offered me. One of the many realizations I've had from living here on the land is how foolish we are to think we are separate from each other, our environment, the land and animals or from the life that has created us all.

As a result of this, I have for several years now had the dream of partnering with the land, my horses and nature to create activities or programs that can help others reconnect with their own nature and nature itself, which in turn can help us heal, grow and expand and reconnect with each other. The "dream's" name is "Ancilla at Windhorse Ranch".

When I was able to begin building structures that would help support this dream, I had the idea that perhaps the actual construction of the buildings could become an activity or learning experience for others. I had selected straw bale construction, due to its benefits for the environment, and thought maybe a workshop on this uncommon method would be of interest to others.

However, I didn't know how I would actually put that together. Then very synchronistically the architect that I had been working with, Jonathan Whitten, mentioned my project to Gary Martinez, Luna Community College Vocational Education Department Director, who then mentioned it to Joseph Montoya, LCC's Building Technology Instructor.



LCC Building Technology students put the finishing touches on the Wind River project out in Sapello. Pictured (l-r) are LCC instructor Joseph Montoya, Anthony Martinez, Peter Olivas, and Roderick Lujan.



The LCC Building Technology Module is almost completed. It is expected to be finished by the end of the spring semester.

that form. I looked it up and here are several of it's meanings: "an aid for use as in understanding or accomplishing something"; or often "helping", "an aid to achieving or mastering something difficult".

Rather appropriate, don't you think?

I guess you'd say that the rest is history. Joseph agreed to use the construction as a hands-on tool for teaching his trades students. This project provided a unique opportunity and appropriate teaching tool, according to Joseph, because it is a "post-and-beam" type construction project. This method of framing construction is included in the curriculum being taught at Luna Community College, in the Building Technologies program, as required by the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER).

However, the post-and-beam framing style is not being provided by the current teaching module house being built by the students at the main campus of LCC; it consists of platform framing.

Both Joseph and his students have been wonderful to work with; they are professional and reliable, and the building is coming along beautifully. Joseph and his students have done an excellent job on the post-and-beam frame and roofing needed for the straw bales to be stacked in as walls. I am very grateful for all their hard work and for the opportunity for them to educationally benefit from this project. It just seems right.

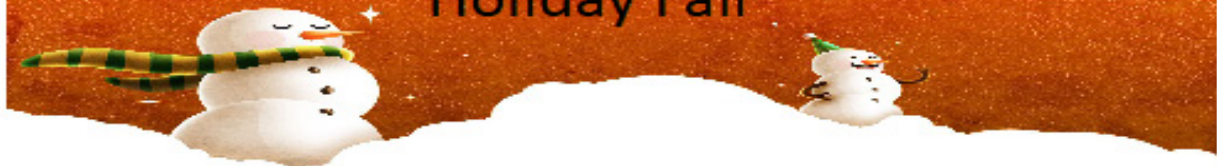
In closing, another interesting note is about the word "Ancilla".

It came to me in a dream I had about the land and this mission I'd been contemplating. I had never heard the word before in



Thanksgiving 2011

Luna Community College's 4th Annual Holiday Fair



The LCC Holiday Fair will be held on Saturday, December 10th, 2011
from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Rough Rider Grill.

Entry fees are listed below. LCC will provide one table, or "booth," for the showcase of your crafts and inventory. If you would like additional booths, you may purchase each additional booth for 1/2 the entry fee.

(E.G. For a staff member, 2 booths would cost \$15: \$10 + \$5 = \$15)

Students: \$5

Faculty & Staff: \$10

Community Members: \$15

Please Make all Checks Payable to: Luna Community College

All entry fee proceeds will go to LCC Activities.

Please complete the bottom portion and return with your entry fee to:

Melissa Lopez

366 Luna Drive, Las Vegas, NM 87701

Phone: 505-454-5357 or x1217

Fax: 505-454-2520

*Please contact Melissa with any questions

All applications and booth fees must be received by December 5, 2011, 5:00 p.m.

Cut on dotted line

LCC Christmas Fair Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Number of Booths Needed: _____

Entry Type: (Check One) Student Faculty/Staff Community Member

Do you need an outlet? (please circle) Yes No

*Internal Use: Full Payment Received



Thankful during Thanksgiving

The following were messages were sent in from Luna Light readers. Participants were asked to share their thoughts on what they are thankful for.

"I am thankful for my wonderful family in New Mexico and a wonderful friend Jesse who keeps me informed on what's going on down there. Want to wish you all a "HAPPY THANKSGIVING AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL,"—**Vickie From Las Vegas, Nev.**

"My parents mean the world to me, I am thankful for their health,"—**Elaine Montano.**

"My friend Jesse Gallegos called and asked me to send him a few sentences on what I am thankful for! First of all I would need 10 pages to tell Jesse what I am thankful for, but I will hold it to the latest blessings in my wonderful life! I just returned from a wedding, a very special wedding! My daughter—my beautiful daughter—for the longest time God gave her to me to take care of and now to give her away after 30 years was wonderful. Thank you for the opportunity to be a father of such a beautiful daughter! The other is working here at LCC. I may complain every so often but believe I have the best staff on this campus and the support to get the job done in the I.T. Department. Lastly is thank you for being able to come back home to Las Vegas, New Mexico where I was born and had the opportunity to work at a place that I know I can help "pay it forward". I have a lot more thank you's but will save them for another time. And by the way thank all of you!—

Michael Adams
Director of Information Technology
Luna Community College

"I am grateful for my loving, fun, and supportive family,"—**Adrienne O'Brien**

"First of all, I am grateful for having God in my life, for blessing me with another day, and for the strength that he gives me daily. I am thankful to him for blessing me with a wonderful husband and beautiful children, for allowing us to still have my mother who is 83 years old, and for my friends and co-workers. I am grateful for my good health, my job, and for all those who serve in the military (the many sacrifices they are making) and I am so appreciative for so much more. HAPPY THANKSGIVING EVERYONE! Thanks!"—

Louise Fernandez-Portillos

"MANY TIMES WE TAKE LIFE FOR GRANTED AND FORGET TO THANK THOSE WHO ARE A PART OF OUR LIVES, SO I FEEL PRIVILEGED TO BE ABLE TO DO SO IN THIS PUBLIC WAY. I WANT TO THANK "GOD" FOR THE BEAUTIFUL AND GLORIOUS LIFE HE HAS GIVEN ME. I AM SO VERY LUCKY AND GRATEFUL TO HAVE HAD THE BEAUTIFUL AND WONDERFUL PARENTS I DID,

INCLUDING MY ELEVEN AMAZING AND TALENTED SIBLINGS. I THANK "GOD" FOR MY BEAUTIFUL SON WHO MAKES ME PROUD EVERY DAY AND MAKES LIFE MEANINGFUL. I THANK GOD FOR MY LIFE PARTNER WHO HAS STOOD BY MY SIDE. I THANK GOD FOR MY BEST FRIEND WHO WATCHES OUT FOR MY WELL BEING. WE ALL HAVE TO LOOK AROUND US AND THANK "GOD" FOR NATURE, OUR PLANET, AND THE ANIMALS THAT SHARE OUR WORLD AND BRING US COMPANIONSHIP, AND JOY. LET'S NOT FORGET THE SUN AND THE STARS THAT WE LOOK TO FOR WARMTH AND LIGHT IN OUR DARKEST HOURS. I WANT TO THANK THE LUNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE FAMILY WHO HAS BEEN SO SUPPORTIVE TO ME THROUGHOUT THE YEARS. I WANT TO ESPECIALLY THANK OUR LCC STUDENTS WHO INSPIRE AND ALLOW INSTRUCTORS, LIKE MYSELF, THE OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE OUT A PURPOSEFUL LIFE – TO TEACH AND LEARN FROM OTHERS.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO EVERYONE AND PRAISE GOD FOR HIS ENDLESS GLORY!!!"—**ELAINE ORTEGA**

"I am thankful for my parents and the wonderful job they did raising a family. What a family!"—**Tom Herrera**

"First and foremost I would like to thank the Lord. I am also thankful for my family and for Tim Tebow. Go Broncos,"—**Paul Sandoval.**

"I am so happy and grateful for the love, and well-being of my family and my friends...without them my life would be difficult,"—**Gloria Pacheco.**

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

— *1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)*

"An attitude of gratitude is a new perspective I am applying to my life. Knowing that in spite of whatever happens around me, I have a choice to be happy! Counting my many blessings reminds me constantly that the goodness in my life far surpasses that which is negative. Living and knowing that I am loved and respected and valued by people who matter is what is most important. I am thankful...very thankful....always!"—**Renee Garcia.**

"First and foremost I am thankful for prayer. I am also very thankful for my dad who just turned 86 years in October. I am also thankful for my brothers, sisters, nephews, nieces, great nephews, great nieces and friends. I am also thankful for the hope of changing my life for the better day-by-day. And I am also very thankful to Luna Community College and everything that comes with it,"—**Jesse Gallegos.**





LCC Student Government hosts Thanksgiving Luncheon



Student Government hosts Thanksgiving Luncheon on Thursday, Nov. 17. Pictured clockwise are staff and students helping out on the food line; Ruby Maestas signing a "Commit to Complete" banner which is an initiative by Phi Theta Kappa; LCC student Jessica Aragon carries two platters of pumpkin pie and nearly 400 people took part in a Thanksgiving meal sponsored by Student Government.

Pictured below (l-r) Senators-Tyler Pina, Joelynn Sanchez and Danielle Archuleta. Secretary-Shannon Saiz, Treasurer-Ben Casey Encinias and Advisor-Michael Adams. Not pictured are Advisor-Denise Montoya, Senators-Diane Carrillo, Richard Flores and Angel Torrez. President-Ashley Hensley and Vice-President-Joanna Tsyitee.



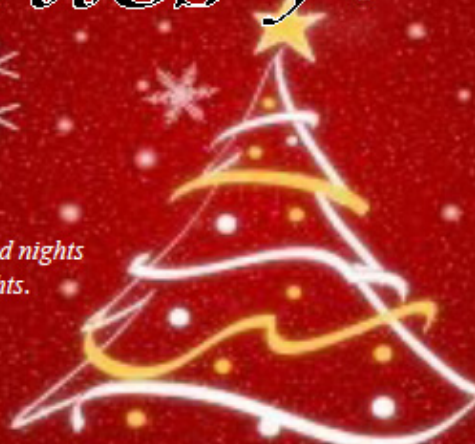


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invites you to

*Christmas lights twinkle, on snow glistened nights
where LCC sets up departmental lights.*

*Outside decorating contest
External Judging*



Volunteers Needed
December 3, 2011
3:00-5:00

Please see the ACCESS Center to sign
up for the lighting of the luminarias
and potluck.

*help light up the night...
for the Luminaria Drive*

Valley Elementary and Middle School collecting register receipts

Valley Elementary and Middle School is proud to announce that they are saving register receipts for educational equipment. Register receipts can be collected from any LOWES stores and redeemed toward valuable educational equipment such as computers, science, band or sports equipment and more. The program kicked off on Sept. 1 and register receipts can be collected until April 13.

The students and faculty of Valley Elementary & Middle School would appreciate your support by saving your register receipts from participating LOWES, in Las Vegas, New Mexico in order to help them receive their needed equipment.

For more information, call our school coordinator Mrs. Marina Salazar at (505) 426 -2581.

LUNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING VACANT JOB POSITIONS:FOR JOB DESCRIPTION(S) AND/OR CLOSING DATES, CONTACT THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT AT (505) 454-2503 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.LUNA.EDU

- Adjunct Faculty/Per Course Instructor
- Full-Time Faculty-Medical Surgical Nursing

LUNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER. ALL POSITION POSTING FOLLOW THE LCC AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN.



Luna Community College President Dr. Pete Campos (middle) met with former LCC President Sam Vigil and retired LCC instructor and Vietnam Veteran Joe Pacheco recently about what the college can do to help out veterans. LCC would like to begin a pilot program on helping veterans evaluate their credentials which include work experience, education and military experience which will help them in employment opportunities.

The LCC Auto Collision Repair Program has been very busy this semester completing several projects including a fire truck for the fire fighters museum. The fire fighters museum presented the students with an appreciation plaque. Auto Collision Instructor Anthony Baca said: "I am very proud of all our students they are producing very high quality professional jobs." For more information on auto collision call 454-2591.



Next Luna Light to be published on Dec. 5

The next regular edition of **The Luna Light** will be published on Monday, Dec. 5.

The staff here at **The Luna Light** wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Spring Registration

Starts November 28th

Hard copy schedules will be available first week in December—You may view and print spring schedule online at www.luna.edu.

Get Paid To Talk



Have you ever been told you have a great voice? Are you interested in earning extra income with your voice? We have something just for you! This exciting class will explore numerous aspects of "voice acting" such as: **What kinds of jobs are available?** Try television ads, radio, audio books, the Internet, documentaries, film, etc. **Where are the jobs?** Not only Los Angeles, Chicago and Manhattan, jobs are everywhere including New Mexico. **Will I learn tons of money?** Not immediately, but we will tell you – persistence pays. We will cover all basics, including how to prepare the all-important demo, how to be successful in this field, the dos and don'ts of voice acting. Students will have the opportunity to ask questions and hear examples of demos recorded by professional voice actors. And then..... students will have the opportunity to record a commercial script under the direction of VoiceCoaches producers. See if you make the cut. Join us for an evening of serious fun!

Monday, November 28, 2011 6:30 pm—9 **\$20**

\$10 for LCC, NMHU, UWC and high school students

Main Campus/Learning Resource Center

Space is limited. Register today. 1-800-588-7232, ext. 1204, or 454-5311

<http://www.voicecoaches.com/register>

Weekly Activities

Monday, November 21, 2011

5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. *DWI Class (General Studies/102B)*

Tuesday, November 22, 2011

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. *Thanksgiving Food Drive (IPC/Cafeteria)*

12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. *Student Speech Presentations (LRC/Lecture Hall)*

2:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. *Class Presentation for Automotive Students in Small Business & Business (LRC/Lecture Hall)*

Wednesday, November 23, 2011

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. *Student Speech Presentations (LRC/Lecture Hall)*

Thursday, November 24, 2011 (Happy Thanksgiving Day!)

No Activities Scheduled

Friday, November 25, 2011

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, November 26, 2011

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. *Dare To Be You Substance Abuse Prevention Program (General Studies/102B)*

Sunday, November 27, 2011

No Activities Scheduled

Student Nurses Association Coats for Kids Drive

Nov. 1 – 30, 2011

Drop off boxes located in the Allied Health Building, Administration Building, Rough Rider Grill, Registrars, and Traveler's Café

*Donations to benefit
Armijo Elementary Coat Closet*

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APPLICANTS *for the*
REGIONAL COLLEGE/RETURNING STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND



The Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) Foundation, through the Los Alamos Employees Scholarship Fund (LAESF) seeks applicants for the new Regional College/Returning Student (RCRS) Scholarship. These scholarships are awarded to motivated students returning to a formal education after a hiatus for other pursuits. Candidates may have left formal education for business, the military, or other reasons, possibly for an extended period, and are now seeking to expand their opportunities with a certificate or a two-year degree through a program in the regional area.

Eligibility Requirements

- Applicants must demonstrate that they have been accepted into or are currently pursuing certification or a two-year degree at an accredited college.
- Must be a resident of the seven-county area of Northern New Mexico (Los Alamos, Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, Sandoval, Santa Fe, and Taos).
- Must have received a high school diploma or GED.
- Preference for selection will be shown toward applicants who followed other career opportunities or pursuits for a period of two years or more before deciding to re-enter formal education.
- Preference may also be given to students pursuing programs related to science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and related vocations, although strong applications in any program area will be considered.



RCRS scholar Anais Weckert (second from the right) is studying education at the Santa Fe Community College.

"Thank you for selecting me for this scholarship. I cannot tell you how much more difficult continuing my education would be if I had to worry about money. This semester has been insane with student teaching, work, and being a parent, so this scholarship is huge."

Selection Process

Selection will be based primarily on merit, similar to the other LAESF Scholarships. But because the focus is on returning students, some of whom may have been out of formal education for several years, there will be special emphasis on initiative, motivation, and accomplishments and less on grade point average or tests.

Scholarships are one-year grants of \$1,000. Applicants can re-apply yearly while they complete the two-year degree or certification program if they remain in good academic standing making progress toward completion.

Application & Deadline

Applications must be submitted online at www.lanlfoundation.org/scholarships by the **December 15, 2011** for January, 2012 awards or **June 15, 2012** for July, 2012 awards.

For more information, please contact Tony Fox at (505) 753-8890 ext. 16 or tony@lanlfoundation.org.

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LAESF is a program supporting the students of Northern New Mexico, made possible by the generous contributions of LANL employees, retirees, contractors, and business partners. LAESF is administered by the LANL Foundation, a tax-exempt public charity under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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Los Alamos Employees' Scholarship Fund

The Los Alamos Employees Scholarship Fund was established in 1998 to provide scholarships that support the students of Northern New Mexico who are pursuing 4-year undergraduate degrees in fields that will serve the region. Nearly \$4 million has been contributed for the scholarships by LANL employees, retirees, and contractors, and regional business partners.

In 2011, 67 students were awarded 72 scholarships totaling \$394,000 from the Fund.

Eligibility

The scholarships are available for high school students who are permanent residents of Northern New Mexico (Los Alamos, Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, Sandoval, Santa Fe, Taos, and regional Tribal Pueblos) who plan to enroll in an accredited degree-granting college or university program

- Minimum 3.25 cumulative GPA (on 4.0 scale)
- 19 ACT or 930 SAT scores (930 is sum of math & critical reading)
- Aptitude in Science and Math (for Platinum & Gold Awards)
- Demonstrated Leadership Abilities
- Ability to apply critical thinking skills
- Involvement in Community & Extracurricular Activities
- Financial Need will be a factor for some scholarships

How to Apply

Apply on-line at www.lanlfoundation.org/Scholarships
Or call (505) 753-8890 for more information

Information Required


- Application
- Official academic transcripts
- ACT or SAT scores
- 2 letters of recommendation – one academic and one extracurricular
- Statement on Career Goals/Personal Objectives
- Photograph (for publicity purposes only, and not used during the assessment and selection phase)

Important Dates

Application Deadline	January 17, 2012
Applications Reviewed	Jan-Feb 2012
Apply for LANL internship before	February 1, 2012
Interviews with Finalists	Early March 2012 (for Platinum & Gold Awards)
Winners Announced	Early April 2012

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www.lanlfoundation.org/Scholarships
Tony Fox (505) 753-8890 x16

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LEAD CERTIFICATION TRAINING IN RATON, NM

*All firms performing work that disturbs lead-based paint in homes, child-care facilities, or schools built before 1978 must be certified by the US EPA and follow specific work practices.

*Santa Fe Community College's classes are approved for purposes of certification under section 402 of the Toxic Substances Control Act, Accreditation # NAT RV-I-19212-1-EN.

*Information about EPA's Lead RRP Rule and requirements for firm certification can be found at epa.gov/getleadsafe, or, 1-800-424-5323.

*For information, contact Joe Rodman at (575) 445-2874, or jrodman@onestopnmm.org.

Lead Certified Renovator, Initial – 8 hours: You will acquire the skills, knowledge and certification to comply with EPA's Renovation, Repair and Painting rule while learning safe work practices for renovating housing with lead-based paint. This training is required for any contractor who is involved in any construction activity that may disturb lead-based paint in housing constructed prior to 1978, in facilities that can be occupied by children under the age of six, or where pregnant women reside. After completion, of the training and passing the written exam, students will be certified per regulatory requirements. The NM Real Estate Commission has approved this course for 3 hours of education category continuing education credit. Each class is limited to 30 students.

Student Fee: \$225

Wednesday, December 7, 2011, 8am–5pm

Location: Raton High School, Media Center, Raton, NM

This class is WIA-approved for Green Job training and most students are eligible for fee assistance through the State Energy Sector Partnership Grant. Just download and complete the pre-application form at www.greenjobs.state.nm.us/pdf/SectorFlyer7-21-11.pdf, and bring the completed form and applicable documents to Raton, New Mexico Workforce Connection Office, 1144 S. 2nd Street for processing and approval by November 15, 2011.



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Springer Satellite's Thanksgiving

By Vanessa Rollings

Having a big Thanksgiving meal with faculty, staff, students and families has become a great tradition (28 years) at the Luna Community College-Springer Satellite. Everyone looks forward to it every year.

On Wednesday, Nov. 16 there were 38 people in attendance to enjoy a full Thanksgiving meal. It is always nice to sit down and visit with one another outside of the classroom. It was not only an opportunity to eat and socialize, it was also an opportunity to give back by bringing canned goods for the LCC Food Drive.

Everyone had a wonderful time and no one left hungry. On behalf of the Springer Satellite we would like to wish everyone a blessed Thanksgiving!

Pictured clockwise are: Student Brandy Montoya; Theresa Lacey, Daniel Montoya and Selena Romero are happy office work-study students; Daniel Montoya, getting some well-deserved pie after helping set up and preparing for the party; Instructor Rey Gaytan made the delicious turkey. Students were patiently waiting while he carved the turkey and student Allen Gomez.



Valley Middle School had Career Day on Friday. Jesse Gallegos, LCC public information coordinator, was one of several participants. Gallegos talked about his career in journalism and passed out several dozen Luna Light's to the students.

