

The Luna Light



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“The People’s College”

Becoming The Premier Rural Community College in America

LCC’s “Noches de las Luminarias” set for Saturday, Dec. 4

Continuing more than a decade-long tradition, Luna Community College will host “La Noche de las Luminarias” from 6 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4.

The public will get to view 5,000 luminarias as well as many building displays around campus. “La Noche de las Luminarias” is designed for motorists to tour the campus with a predetermined route beginning at the top gates. Individuals that want to see the display on foot are also welcome.

Luna Community College has worked in conjunction with the Las Vegas Light Parade which will also take place that evening, giving community members the opportunity to see both events.

Anyone wishing to volunteer with set up and lighting of the luminarias is welcome to meet at the Luna Community College Student Services building at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4.

“La Noche de las Luminarias” is a free event; however, non-perishable food items will be accepted at the top gate and given to a local charity.

Luna Community College is located at 366 Luna Dr. north of Hot Springs Blvd.



LCC Food Services Manager Paul Sandoval holds one of the turkeys he will be cooking for the First Annual Rough Rider Thanksgiving Dinner that will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 23. LCC students can eat free while LCC faculty and staff are asked to donate \$5 to the LCC Student Government.

**LCC displays
must be set
up by Dec. 1**

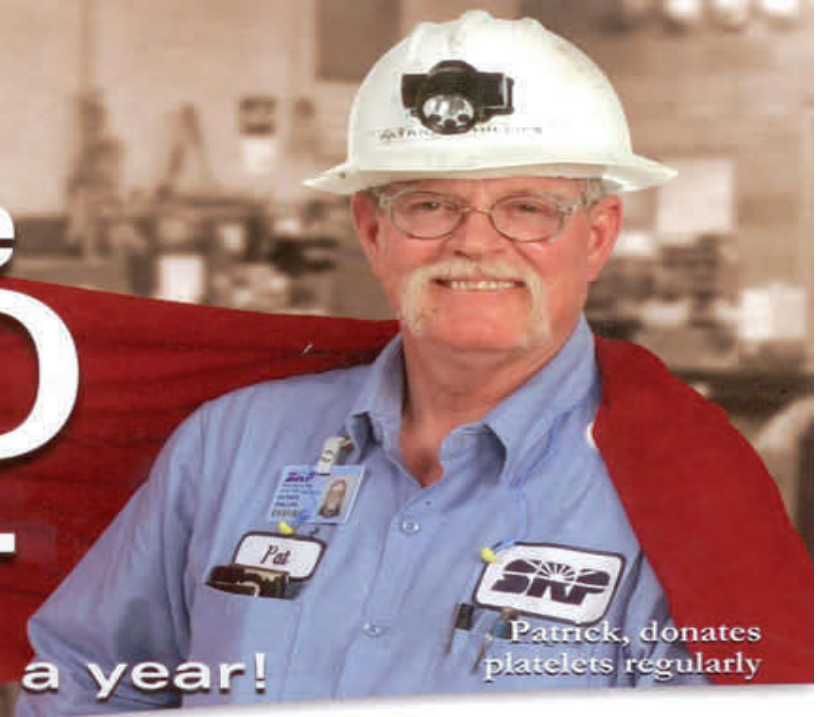
As you are all aware, we are planning LCC's Annual Luminaria Drive scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 4.

As discussed at our first meeting, it was decided that if any departments are setting up any of type of displays, please have them set up outside of your designated buildings by Wednesday, Dec. 1.

We will have our electrician Norman Sena connect power to those displays. Please notify our office in advance if you plan on putting up displays or if you have any questions call ext. 1107 or (505) 454-2559.

Find the
hero
in you.

Give blood 3 times a year!



Luna Community College
BLOOD DRIVES

10:00AM – 3:30PM

Monday, November 29th

Tuesday, November 30th

In the Bloodmobile

Contact Jackie Romero-Arguello @ 454-5379 to sign up,
or log onto www.unitedbloodservices.org

Sponsor Code: Luna



United Blood Services

www.UnitedBloodServices.org

BS210C (1/09)

Please bring photo ID and donor card. Free Cholesterol Testing every donation!

Luna CC speaks out

What does Thanksgiving mean to you?



Loriann Garcia
Nursing

“Good food; turkey is my favorite food. Family and friends.”



Eric Cummings
Warehouse Technician/
Computer Technician

“Time off work and some free time to spend with my family.”



Germaine Sandoval
Cosmetology instructor

“A day of appreciation for everything. I enjoy being with my family and friends that day and my dad’s beans and chili.”



Veronica Castro
Business Administration

“Giving thanks to God and my family. Everything else is just materialistic.”

Register for Spring Classes at....



View and Print the Spring 2011 Schedule of Classes @ www.luna.edu
CLASSES BEGIN TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2010.

1.800.588.7232 OR 505.454.2500
Register online at <https://pathways.luna.edu>



Marian Gabaldon, Marissa Chavez, Aaron Padilla, Victoria Sena and Rebecca Sena volunteer to prepare food baskets at Luna Community College. Padilla is with the Robertson High School Key Club. Rebecca Sena is a West Las Vegas Middle School BPA volunteer. Gabaldon and Chavez are volunteers from West Las Vegas High and Victoria Sena is a West Las Vegas Middle School volunteer. They all took their time to assist the LCC Concurrent Enrollment /Dual Credit staff with Fall Food Harvest Food Basket preparation. The first Food Harvest Outreach will be Nov. 23 in the LCC cafeteria. There will 200 food baskets distributed on Nov. 23. Not pictured is Esperanza Medina a Robertson High Key Club member.

Weekly activities

Monday, Nov. 22, 2010

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Skills USA Cosmetology “Snack Shack” (Admn./Room 108)

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

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. CACFP Daycare Providers Training (LRC/Lecture Hall)

Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2010

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Skills USA Cosmetology “Snack Shack” (Admn./Room 108)

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Responsible Driving for DWI Participants (Gen. Stud/102-B)

5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Orientation/Prospective New Phi Theta Kappa Students (General Studies/Room 104)

Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2010

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Skills USA Cosmetology “Snack Shack” (Admn./Room 108)

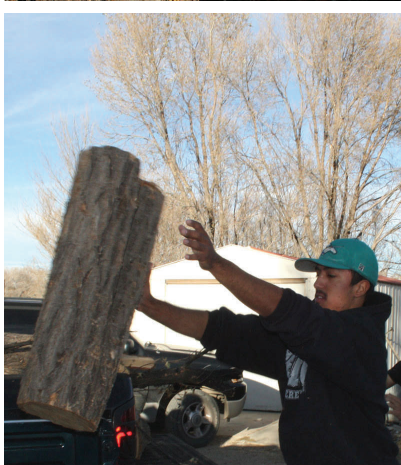
RECRUITMENT ACTIVITIES (and other events) WEEK OF Nov. 22-Nov. 27

Monday, Nov. 22— no activities planned

Tuesday, Nov. 23— College Night meeting @ NMHU, 9 a.m.

Wednesday, Nov 24 –LCC Half-Hour Show w/ Jesse Gallegos, KNMX, 1 p.m.

LCC baseball team helps deliver wood for Las Vegas Love Your Neighbor Drive



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The LCC Baseball Team delivered wood for The Love Your Neighbor Organization on Friday, Nov. 19. The wood will eventually go to many of the elderly in the community and help them keep warm in the winter.

We are what we live

By Dr. Pete Campos

As I reflect upon the changes we have gone through and the mountain of challenges we have overcome, I can't help but think of the daily efforts it took to get us where we are today. It has taken a lot of personal sacrifice from our staff. For example: we have willingly

undertaken many tasks to ensure that our academic programs, facilities and grounds meet the expectations of our students. Ralph Waldo Emerson stated, "The secret in education lies in respecting the student."

I have seen so many of our staff rise to the occasion, some when it is least expected and others when they were surely expected to do so. Regardless, we have become well organized and proficient and pitch-in at a moment's notice to complete

tasks that best serve the needs of students. Christopher Logue wrote *Come to the Edge* and I believe it appropriately fits how we are raising the bar and motivating each other and the students we serve. The original version goes like this: "Come to the edge. We might fall. Come to the edge. It's too high! COME TO THE EDGE! And they came, and he pushed, and they flew." Genuinely, we have united as a family, are focusing on student success and enjoying the fruits of our labor. Those fruits are students learning, preparing for their upcoming jobs and excited about their futures. Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "The person who is not conquering some fear everyday has not learned the secret of life."

We've learned everyday is a new adventure and it is important that we are prepared to tackle daily obstacles, enjoy the days accomplishments and savor the mature way we dealt with what the day brought us. Our stories of educational success are becoming more commonplace. An unknown author said, "Each day is a canvass to paint upon.

Make sure your picture is full of life and happiness, and at the end of the day you don't look at it and wish you had painted something different." So, while we control our destiny, we also help others reach their goals, aspirations and level of satisfaction.

Groucho Marx said, "Each morning when I open my eyes I say to myself: I, not events, have the power to make me happy or unhappy today. I can choose which it shall be. Yesterday is dead, tomorrow hasn't arrived yet. I have just one day, today, and I'm going to be happy in it." This quote leads to the major reason many students are here! They are living for today, thirsting for guidance and knowledge and absorbing the education they can grasp to use it now, not yesterday

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While it sounds frightening, its reality; students expect what they learn today to serve them today! It is not until student's age; earn a degree, certificate or license; and, enter the world of work where they earn a paycheck, purchase a home, buy a car, pay utility bills and start or independently support a family that they realize their time at Luna Community College leads to great dividends. As adult learners say; "We don't have time to waste, we need our education to get back to work – our families depend on us!"

From deep within my heart and soul, I can only say, we truly need each other and must perform our jobs with enthusiasm, unselfish desire to help others advance and possibly earn more money than we ever thought possible and never stop learning so we remain motivated to "want to live" and accomplish something new. Johann Wolfgang von Goethe said it best, "We are shaped and fashioned by what we love."

LUNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING VACANT JOB POSITIONS:

- Temporary Part-Time As Needed Substitute Teacher/Caretaker-Preschool/Education
- Nursing Retention Specialist/Instructor Medical Surgical
- Director-Allied Health Sciences

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

Luna CC conducting public auction

Luna Community College is currently conducting a public online auction on old equipment such as computers and vehicles.

For more details or to put a bid, go to publicsurplus.com and then go to the Luna Community College link.

For more information, call Eric Cummings at 505/454-2500 ext. 1111.

LCC getting into the holiday spirit



Pictured (top) are the items gathered for The Luna Community College Food Harvest Outreach. Turkey's are still needed for Tuesday's and December's distribution. At left is Michael Jaramillo and at right is Reyes Sanchez putting up lights.





Local businessman Charlie Sandoval (kneeling, right) takes a picture with Luna Community College students and instructors last Thursday. Sandoval, who owns Charlie's Spic and Span and a Dairy Queen, was a guest speaker.



Chef Adrienne O'Brien (left) takes a break between classes with students Shantae Mares, Randy Benjamin and Michael Fram. For more on O'Brien, see page 11.

Robertson Cardinals Football 2010



The Robertson Football Team will be playing Lovington this weekend in an AAA semifinal game. Luna Community College would like to wish them and all area teams good luck as they pursue goals this season.



Luna Community College Vice-President for Academics Dr. Vidal Martinez talks to Robertson High students last Thursday about educational opportunities. Any school wishing to set up a tour at LCC can call Cindy Branch at 505/454-2541.

What are we thankful for? Quite a bit, actually

By *Jesse Gallegos*
*A Different
Perspective*

According to Webster's Dictionary, Thanksgiving Day has a couple of definitions: a day appointed for giving thanks for divine goodness and the fourth Thursday in November observed as a legal holiday in the United States. Here is a little background on Thanksgiving Day. I'm not that smart to come up with this answer, but according to research this is how it came about.

In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Indians shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. For more than two centuries, days of thanksgiving were celebrated by individual colonies and states. It wasn't until 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November.

I had an idea as I was driving to work on Friday, rather than put my regular column in only my words, I would ask several employees at Luna Community College to share their thoughts on what they are thankful for. I will start with mine. Keep in mind that I limited there answer to one or two lines.

Jesse Gallegos: I live with my mom and dad who are 85 and 83 years old and very sick. I am thankful when they eat a regular meal and feel good enough to give life one more day.

Victoria Flores: I am thankful for my wonderful family, job, and life in general. I feel so blessed to be where I am right now. I am the luckiest girl in the world.

Eveyn M. Montoya: What I learned this year since we lost my mother to cancer was that I am thankful to God for giving me a wonderful, loving family, thankful to God for health and thankful to know what it is to be loved and to love one another.

Renée T. Garcia: I am most thankful for the gift of God's abundant love and forgiving mercy. Love and forgiveness are key to living a life of fulfillment. His love comes through family, friends and miracles!

Gloria Pacheco: I have many things to be grateful for but I will narrow it down to one: "My job at LCC."

Cindy Branch: I have to say I am thankful for the many blessings I have in my life. Family always comes first. But this year, I have to say that I really am thankful and appreciate my loving and supportive husband, who has made it possible for me to continue my education and is always there for me no matter what I need.

Albert Campos: The blessings of having my family, good health and happiness that God has bestowed upon me. What more could I ask for.

Jacqueline Hampleman: At the very top of my long list of thankfulness, I am most thankful for my husband and best friend, Josh.

Sherry Goodyear: I am most thankful for family, specifically children and the promises that they hold. I am thankful for friends, pets (our animal friends), and a place to call home. I am thankful that I live in America - a country that despite its current problems is still the greatest country in the world. I am grateful for our talents, and the knowledge that we are all blessed in different ways, and that these differences are something to cherish rather criticize. Most of all I am grateful to God for taking a chance on humanity, even though it often seems like we don't deserve it.

Mary Duran: I am most thankful for the salud and love of my family!

Rose Tapia: I am thankful for my job and for all the friends I have made at LCC. I will not forget most when I retire.

Theresa Romero: There is so much to be thankful for this year. I have a great job during a time when there are so many without. But I have to say that I am most thankful for my family, including my friends, my boyfriend, and their families. They are my support structure and life would be dull and boring without them. They keep me going when I want to give up.

Connie Ortiz: I am thankful for waking up this morning to the crowing of my rooster, and looking out my south window at 6 a.m. and seeing the bright morning star. In the words of John F. Kennedy. "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." ~John Fitzgerald Kennedy I am truly grateful.

Rand Kennedy: I am just thankful to be alive. I'm not in pain, I'm not hungry, no one is trying to hurt or kill me, I have a loving wife and family, great friends, and I live in one of the most beautiful places in the world. Not too bad.

Elaine Montañó: Many blessing received: I thank God for the day, my health, my family, friends and work.

Eloy Garcia: My wife, my mom, my grandchildren, and my three wonderful children.

Wanda Martinez: There are many things and people to be thankful for in my life, but I am most thankful to the Lord for my parents, my siblings and my children.

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Thankful...

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Paul Sandoval: I am thankful for my wife and kids.

Meredith Gilpin: My family and the opportunity to coach at the college level.

Antonio Siqueiros: I am thankful for my family and having a job so I can put a roof over my head and food on the table.

Janice Medrano: There's always something to be thankful for:

I am thankful for my family, friends and my health.

Peter Manthei: My health, friends, and the ability to enjoy life as it is.

Patricia Romero: I am thankful first and foremost to my Heavenly Father for my family. I am thankful for my husband and children. I am also thankful for my parents who raised me in love and support and with a strong work ethic. I am thankful for my parent's prayers and advice. I am thankful for the known and unknown miracles and blessings that God does in my life and that of my

family everyday! I am thankful that God is my strength, my fortress, and my rock!

Deborah Varela: There are many things I am thankful for: I am blessed and thankful for having such a caring and supportive family, for my health, and mostly grateful for everything God has given me on this earth.

Ron Gonzales: I am thankful for my family and my extended Luna family.

Lawrence Quintana: I am most thankful that I am able to work with so many wonderful people. Even though we may have our ups and downs, I feel fortunate that I am able to work with so many outstanding people. Thank you.

Pete Campos: I am thankful for our Luna family.

Louise Fernandez-Portillos: I am thankful to God for blessing me with such a beautiful family, still having my mother with us and for my friends. I am grateful for my health, job, for all those who serve in the military and have made so many sacrifices for us and so much more. Most of all I am thankful for having God in my life. HAPPY THANKSGIVING EVERYONE!

LCC's O'Brien exemplifies excellence



Chef Adrienne with students Shane Coca and Kristin Tiernan (background) prepping for a recent catering event.

Luna Community College Culinary Arts Instructor Chef Adrienne O'Brien recently passed the American Culinary Federation (ACF) Certification as a Certified Culinary Educator (CCE) exam.

This is a 3-hour exam in which the examinee must prepare: one liter of two classical sauces, two liters of chicken consommé, butcher a whole chicken and a whole flounder and prepare two plates of a chicken and fish dish. Each of these dishes must be in accordance with accepted industry standards for presentation, portion size, flavor and nutritional balance. Any violations of food safety and sanitation standards result in automatic failure.

This was O'Brien's second attempt at taking this rigorous test. The first attempt was in Gallup at Navajo Tech in August. She missed

passing this exam by one point.

"At that exam, the head judge shared with me that he had failed at his first attempt, too; as had the chef in whose kitchen I was cooking with," said O'Brien. "Both these chefs have helped mentor me through this second, successful attempt. Their professionalism has given me the courage to talk about the exam with my students and peers. They have taught me that there is no shame in failing, only in quitting."

This exam is the most difficult of several requirements for a CCE. Among the other requirements are:

- Minimum job experience of two years as a Chef de Cuisine
- Twelve-hundred (1200) post-secondary teaching contact hours are required.
- A bachelor's degree in any discipline plus 120 hours in education development or an associate's degree in culinary arts plus 120 hours of classes in: curriculum, planning & development, evaluation & testing, teaching methodology, and educational psychology.
- Additionally, three 30-hour online courses in nutrition, food safety and sanitation, and supervisory management
- Classroom Demonstration Requirement: The applicant must submit a 45 to 60 minute video demonstrating teaching proficiency of the culinary arts in front of a live audience.
- Written exam. Candidates have one hour to complete the 100 multiple choice question exam.
- No support materials other than pens, pencils, and calculators are permitted.
- A score of 70 percent or higher is required to pass.

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"The People's College"



Date: 12-16-10

Time: 8:30-4:00

**IPC-Rough Riders
Grill**

8:30-9:00-Continental Breakfast

9:00-12:00 Session I

12:00-1:00 Lunch (provided)

1:00-3:00 Session II

3:00-4:00 Question & Answer

Dr. Peggy Maki,

Author of

**Assessing Learning in
Higher Education**



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Diving Deeper into Pedagogy and Educational Practices Through a Collaboratively Designed Problem-Based Assessment Process

We are not likely to make substantial changes in pedagogy and educational practices if we are unwilling to seek answers to difficult questions about our students' learning products and processes. Assessment can become a powerful means of answering collaboratively articulated research or study questions about our students' learning products as well as the thinking/learning/meaning-making processes that lead to those products. Beginning with a case study that demonstrates the power of asking and seeking answers to difficult questions about students' learning, this workshop presents a collaboratively designed problem-based assessment process that leads to robust and useful results about student learning. These results promote innovations or developments in pedagogy and educational practices to improve or maximize student learning. Participants will discuss how they can apply principles of this problem-based process to assess at the course-, program-, or institution-levels, while at the same time providing evidence of student learning to respond to external stakeholders.

Highlights

- ♦ Problem-based approach to assessment, Collaboratively Articulating Program, Learning Outcomes, and Identifying/ Designing Valid Assessment.
- ♦ Criteria and Standards, Collecting evidence of Student Learning, Analyzing and Interpreting Results, and Improve Weakness'

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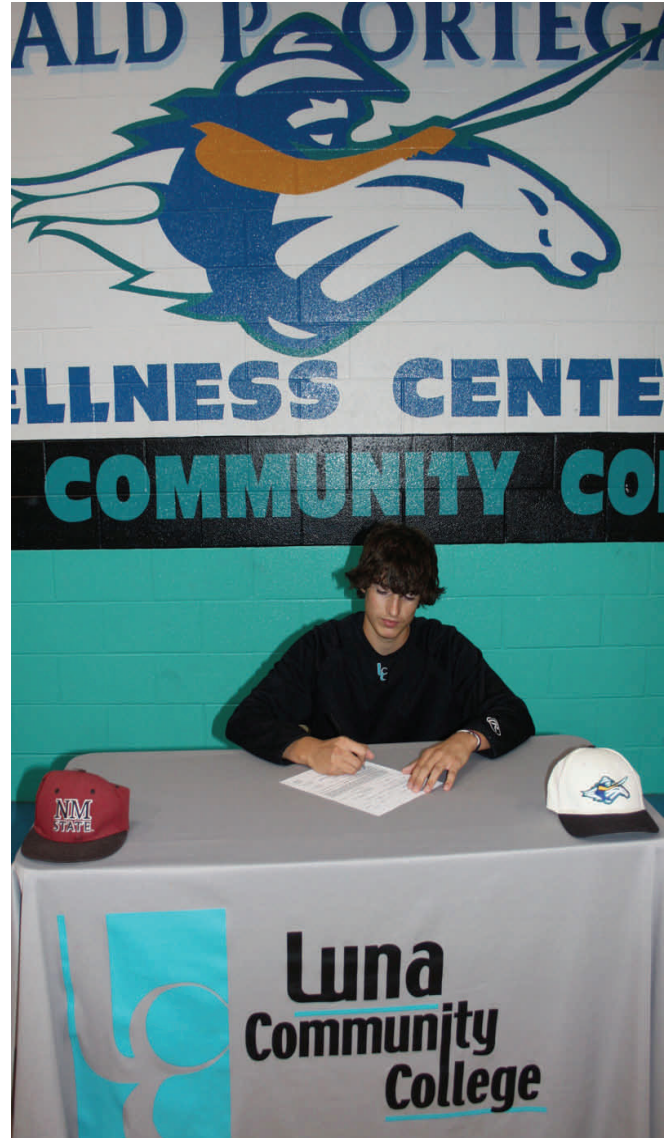
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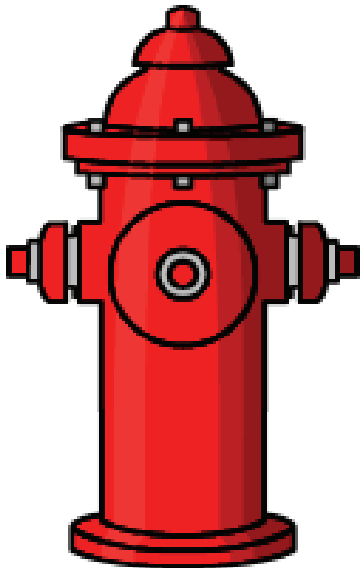


Luna Community College student Marcos Mejillas completes a southwest style kitchen dinette that was donated to Santa Clara Church in Wagon Mound. The dinette set was won by Mr. and Mrs. Arturo Martinez.



Luna Community College pitcher Michael Ormseth signed a national letter of intent to play for New Mexico State University in the fall of 2011. Ormseth, is a graduate of Mayfield High in Las Cruces.

Be Part of the Team!



LCC Fire Science Program

Spring Registration Starts November 29th

Rivera wins SNA raffle

Ribera resident J. R. Rivera was this year's winner of the Luna Community College's Student Nursing 50/50 raffle. SNA and Rivera both received \$527. This years raffle raised a total of \$1064 which was about half of what it raised last year.

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Purisma Productions
presents
*Chuscales y Mina Fajardo
con las Tres Mujeres
Tablao Flamenco*



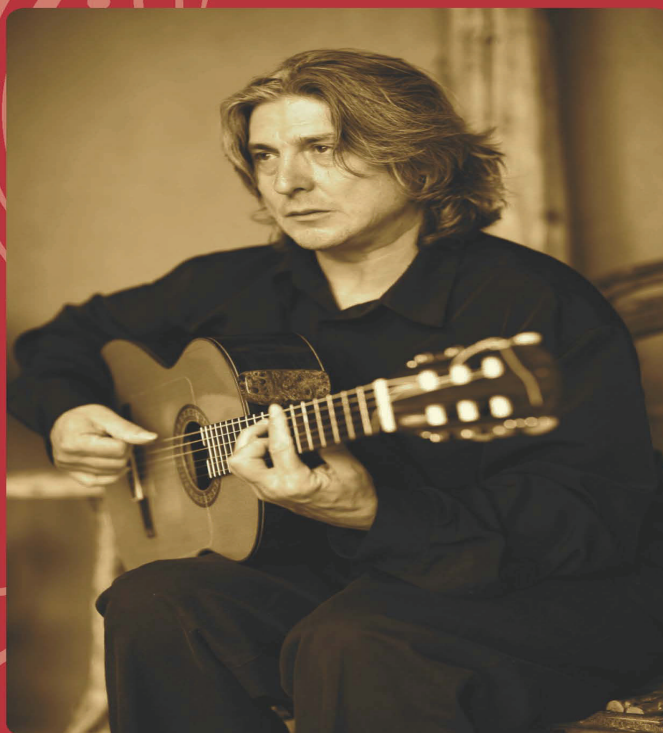
Mina Fajardo (Dancer & Choreographer)



Emmy Grimm (Dancer)



Victoria Adams (Dancer)



Chuscales (Guitarist & Music Director)



Veronica Medina (Singer)



Alejandro Valle Fajardo (Cajon Player, Actor)

Saturday, December 4, 2010/7:30p.m.
El Fidel Hotel Ballroom/510 Douglas Ave.

Las Vegas, New Mexico

\$15 general public / VIP \$30, includes tapas

\$10 students with valid ID / \$5 10 yrs. & under

For tickets call: 505.425.7785, 505.204.0580, 505.425.6659
or email: candyslice1962@yahoo.com

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LCC cosmetology students Crystal Rae Martinez and Kenneth Ulibarri set up chairs at the lab where new tile was recently installed. The cosmetology department is planning an open house

Luna Community College President Dr. Pete Campos talks with New Mexico Workforce Connection Regional Manager Gavin Pantoja about employment opportunities for Luna students.





Free Thanksgiving Luncheon

*For Luna Community College
Students*

Hosted by Your Student Government

****FACULTY AND STAFF \$5.00 DONATION TO
LCC STUDENT GOVERNMENT.****

**WHEN: TUESDAY NOVEMBER 23, 2010
11AM-1PM**

**WHERE: LCC ROUGH RIDER GRILL
(LUNCH WILL INCLUDE TURKEY, MASHED POTATOES,
GREEN BEANS, AND PUMPKIN PIE.)**

Please come and enjoy a wonderful holiday lunch with the members of LCC Student Government. Meet and greet the members of the student elected government who will be there to hear your ideas for a better student experience at Luna.



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Luna Community College nursing student Maria Galardo prepares a bag as part of the Eat Program in Wagon Mound. Any LCC student who is interested in volunteering, may contact Dawna Ortega @ 454-5382 or at go by the Dental Assisting Office in the Allied Health Building.