

The Luna Light



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Don't forget LCC Family night on Dec. 3

Kids, family get to take a picture with Santa Claus; 500 people attended last year

If you are looking for a great, quality and fun time with your family, don't look any further than Luna Community College's Winter Wonderland Family Night that will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 3 at the Rough Rider Grill on campus. There is no cost to attend this event.

The activities include a performance from the Luna Community Pre-School students, a performance from Los Malcriados, a photo with Santa Claus, free books, a balloon bust, a cake walk, a fishing pond, face painting and Christmas paraffin and polish change with the LCC cosmetology students.

Last year, 500 people attended the event.

"This is a way for Luna Community College to give back to the community," says Kayleen Encinias, one of the organizers for Family Night. "It's amazing how not only the kids have a good time, but the adults as well. A lot of people put a lot of effort to make this successful."

Evan Vigil is one several hundred children that took a picture with Santa Claus last year.



Luna Community College to host annual Luminaria Drive on Dec. 5

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. 5.

The public will get to view over 4,500 luminarias as well as many lights around campus. "La Noche de las Luminarias" is designed for motorists to tour the campus with a pre-determined route beginning at the top gates. Individuals that want to see the display on foot are also welcome.

"This is a great family event and we invite not only the community but the surrounding areas to visit our campus and enjoy the tour," Maria Paiz, LCC Luminaria Committee member said. "It's one of the many cultural events that kick off the holiday season in our community."

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

"La Noche de las Luminarias" is a free event, however, canned goods or non perishable food items that will be given

to a local charity, can be donated at the entrance gate. In addition, the LCC SKILLS Automotive Club will give out hot chocolate during the LCC Luminaria Drive as well. Donations during this time will be greatly appreciated. Proceeds will go to helping members travel to the state competition in Albuquerque.

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

A record-breaking 1,204 vehicles toured the campus last year, breaking the previous record of 1,189 in 2003.



Richard Duncan says Luna CC needs well thought out goals and processes



Richard Duncan says he is pretty happy here at Luna Community College. Duncan likes to read and take care of his animals.

Name: Richard Duncan
Position: SMET adjunct faculty
How many years at LCC (what year did you start)? Approximately five years
Favorite food and why? Steak, mashed potatoes w/lots of butter and sour cream, and asparagus. Because it's good!
Favorite hobby and why? Reading and taking care of my animals, because it relaxes me which gives me pleasure
Favorite TV show and why? *Discovery Channel, Science and The Green Planet*
Where would you like to see yourself in five years? Doing what I am doing; I'm pretty happy right now!
What do you like least about LCC and what would you offer as a solution? Lack of consistency in the past. Solution: strong, well – thought-out goals and processes communicated to and agreed to by the administration and faculty.
What is your greatest strength? Surviving the changing times!

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The Guessing Game

Can you guess which LCC employee’s 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.



Quote of the Week

“Education’s purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one,”—*Malcolm Forbes.*

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Meet your Rough Riders



Maria Elena Martinez

Name: Maria Elena Martinez
Nickname: Big Mari
Position: First base
Major: Nursing
Classification: Sophomore
Hometown: Los Lunas
High School: Los Lunas High
Previous college or high school: Luna Community College
Parents and family: Susan Navarro/mother; Marisol Martinez, sister; George Martinez, father; Miguel Angel Martinez, brother.
What are your interests? Playing sports, being outdoors,

spending time with family and friends.

College or high school honors: All-metro volleyball; academic honors, three-year softball champions.

Plans after graduation? Become a nurse

Whom do you admire the most and why? My mom. She has been there and supported me through thick and thin.

Name: Samuel Alvarado
Nickname: Sam or Sammy
Position: Catcher, first base
Major: Psychology
Classification: Sophomore
Hometown: Santa Fe
High School: Capital High
Parents and family: Olivia Alvarado, mother and Samuel Alvarado, father.

What are your interests? Sports in general.

College or high school honors: First-team all-district catcher and first baseman; First-team all-district wide receiver; First-team and 4A player of the year in soccer; first team all-state in soccer and top 10 percent of senior class.

Plans after graduation: Go to New Mexico State University and attain a master's degree.

Favorite pro athlete: Kobe Bryant

Whom do you admire the most and why? My dad for teaching me everything I learned on and off the field.



Samuel Alvarado



Sean Trancosa

Name: Sean Trancosa
Nickname: Cakes
Position: Outfielder
Major: Sports performance
Classification: Sophomore
Hometown: San Felipe Pueblo
High School: Bernalillo High
Previous college or high school: Luna Community College
Parents and family: Annette Trancosa, mother and James Tenorio, father.
What are your interests? Mu-

sic, food and hunting.

Plans after graduation? Further my education at a university.

Favorite pro athlete: Rafael Furcal of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Whom do you admire the most and why? My parents.



Baseball players wait their turn before lap swimming at the city pool recently.



The fiscal office along with the financial office collected 12 boxes of food for the Luna Community College Thanksgiving Food Drive. Pictured bottom row (l-r) are: Urszula Abeyta, Teri Mares and Georgia Baca. Pictured top row (l-r) are Regina Madrid, Michael Montoya, Francina Martinez and Cathy Gonzales. Melissa Lopez, LCC activities coordinator said she gave out 73 boxes of food which included turkeys.



Luna Community College nursing students get some exercise as part of a "Doc Walk" which encourages healthy living. Pictured are: Karla Garcia, Angelica Medina, Angelica's daughters (Karizzma, in pink jacket and Marizzol in red jacket), Danyelle Romero, and Ruth Rosenbacher.

*Luna Community College
is hosting its
Third Annual Christmas Fair*

*December 12, 2009
10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
at the Rough Rider Grill*

***ATTENTION: Vendors**
LCC will provide booths:
\$10 for students
\$15 for faculty/staff
\$20 for community members*

SPACE IS LIMITED, REGISTER TODAY!

*Applications and fees are due no later than
December 7, 2009*

**Food vendors must obtain a permit from the Environmental Dept.*

*Contact Melissa Lopez at 454-5357
for an application or more information*



Several programs are offered at Luna CC

Associate of Arts

Criminal Justice
Early Childhood Multicultural Education
General Business
Liberal Arts
Mass Media Communications
Teacher Education

Associate of Applied Science

Business Accounting
Business Administration
Computer Science
Drafting Technology
Electronics Engineering Technology
Equine Science
Fire Science
General Agriculture
Military Studies
Nursing
Office Administration
Sport Performance
Video Game Design and Development
Vocational/Technical Studies

Associate of Science

Alternative and Sustainable Energy
General Engineering
Life Science
Mathematics
Physical Science

Certificate Programs

Allied Health
Automotive Collision Repair Technology
Automotive Technology
Barbering
Building Technology
Business Accounting
Computer Application Specialist
Cosmetology
Criminal Justice
Culinary Arts
Dental Assistant
Early Childhood Development
Furniture and Cabinet-Making
General Education
Office Administration Assistant
Practical Nursing
Small Business Management
Welding Technology

*Please visit our
Website at
www.luna.edu for
more information
on our programs.*

Luna Community College fast facts

SLOA faculty presentations

Just a quick reminder that next Monday, Dec. 7, you are invited to the presentations of Student Learning Outcomes Assessments at 10 a.m. at the LRC Lecture Hall. In the past, these presentations were given to only the SLOA Committee members ignoring the educational benefits to anyone connected to education. For that reason, we are opening these presentations to all and are encouraging anyone who has an interest in this process to attend, especially faculty and academic directors.

We will start promptly at 10 a.m. See you there.

A new practice to take place in 2010

Effective July 1, 2010 institutions receiving federal funds must disclose, on the institution's Internet course schedule, the International Standard Book Number (ISBN) and retail price information of required and recommended textbooks and supplemental materials for each course listed. Mathew Bowie

will be developing a training video to assist you with implementing this requirement. More than likely, this process will be tied into the textbook orders for each course offered. Ron Duran will be communicating with those individuals in charge of submitting book orders. Keep in mind that this process will only allow students to view textbook charges/ISBN, they will still purchase their books directly from the bookstore if they choose to do so.

If you have questions regarding this requirement feel free to contact Ron Duran at the bookstore.

Smaller learning communities are best

By Dr. Pete Campos/LCC President

I didn't expect to write this short article, but how I was personally touched during my attendance at the funeral service for three term Governor Bruce King, what my gut level instincts tell me, what the results of the recent LFC report released concerning the five school districts highlighted and the unique educational environment we have in Northeastern New Mexico spurred me to share my passionate sentiments with you.

First of all, there is no question, we have a fiscal dilemma that must be addressed; 2] the general public relies on their elected and appointed officials **to lead at all times** and provide a safe, invigorating and genuinely hopeful (sigh of relief) pathway so each of us maintains our highest level of confidence in the vision, integrity and sincere investment in people put forth; 3] bold leadership is expected, like never before, to pull us out of this fiscal downturn that could lead to a never-ending whirlpool; 4] our Governor, legislature, local elected and appointed government and educational leaders and statewide public and private sector leaders must put aside personal missions and look at the big picture for New Mexico's overall future; and, 5] we must look for and support, draft if necessary, those leaders who will unify us, bring forth a positive economic picture for all New Mexicans and stop the bickering, grandstanding and polarization.

Time is quickly ticking away and available resources are dwindling! While we (for example: the chief executive and legislature) are looking at levels of efficiency, smaller learning communities are absorbing the brunt of criticism and financial cuts. It is not right! Although the purchases we have made, that generate gross receipts taxes (GRT's),

and consumer confidence have declined, it is not because the general populace does not support education or other governmental services; rather, it is because employees keep hearing that jobs are being sent overseas, consumer products (vehicles, tools, machinery, cereal cartons, etc.) are being manufactured right across the border and United States workers are being furloughed and laid-off from what they believed to be safe and permanent jobs.

It is time to reverse the trend and place a stronger emphasis on our smaller learning communities to succeed. We can control our own destiny and make it positive, but *it is going to take us working collectively and reestablishing trust in each other.*

To let the ideology of a few dictate the decline of a society is like allowing the gates of a slaughter house to be opened and we all blindly follow. This cannot happen!

Coordinating and supporting smaller learning communities is not a self serving approach, instead, it is a way of coordinating many existing programs that facilitate student achievement, connect students-to-schools and strengthens relevant and newly implemented programs that will complement student-based initiatives. Supporting smaller learning communities is an effort to connect every student-to-school so they are prepared and able to achieve to the best of their ability.

We can preserve the rich and diverse culture of New Mexico if we keep our school districts and charter schools small and community colleges and universities efficient, yet challenging and inspiring, so each person who chooses this pathway as a guided direction for learning may ultimately experience success in the job market. *Our students and their families are depending on our leadership to provide them with the avenue to attain the success they are sacrificing to reach and the future paychecks they expect.*

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LCC English instructors discuss the pros and cons of a standard writing proficiency exam for Freshman Composition II. The purpose of the writing exam is to provide the college at large and the individual students the assurance that those students receiving credit for English 115 at LCC can demonstrate proficiency in written English. "In order for us to address this issue, we must first review and align our current writing curriculum for the spring 2010 semester," said Dr. Vidal Martinez, Vice President for Instruction. "Mr. Eloy Garcia, Director of Humanities, will work with the English faculty to review and align our current writing curriculum."

First year cosmetology students



Pictured clockwise are: Connie Ortiz (instructor) and Sharise Lucero; Amber Garcia, Kim Baca and Marcia Garcia.

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First year cosmetology students



Pictured clockwise are: Rayna Tafoya and Desiree Griego; Catherine Gallegos and Kenneth Ulibarri; Janice Garcia; Ashley Palomarez and Roxanne Garcia and Alaina White, Rayna Tafoya and Desiree Griego.

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Luna CC to offer several quilting sewing classes

Luna Community College will offer five quilting and sewing classes in spring 2010. Instructors Liz Isbell and Lin Chibante encourage quilters and sewers from beginners to advanced to hobbyists, to register for the upcoming classes. *Quilting and Sewing III* will meet Tuesday and Thursday mornings, *Foundation Piecing* will meet Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, with *Introduction to Quilting and Sewing* meeting Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Two Saturday classes will be offered as well – *Quick Rotary Cut Quilts* Saturday morning and *Quilting and Sewing II* Saturday afternoon. All classes meet in Room 104 in the LCC Trades Building.

Students interested in fabric arts, whether experienced or not, are encouraged to develop their creativity and skills in these classes. Demonstration and lessons involve new techniques and review basic sewing skills. Lab sessions allow for hands on work on Janome sewing ma-



Pictured are members of the introduction to quilting and sewing class. They are showing some of the skills they learned this semester in small projects and finished quilts. Pictured are: Lori Lucero, Susan Hayes, Mary Loera, Francis Casey, Emilia Rivera, Patricia Smith, Rosalie Lopez and JoAnn Gomez. Not pictured are Marry Hibbard-King, Sharon Parcel, Rosita Ellis and Joanne Tafoya. For more information, call Lin Chibante at 505/429-9361 of the vocational department at 505/454-2530.

chines. Projects include small quilt block and sewing items as well as larger quilts. Patient instruction and helpful supervision is given in all the steps involved in completing these projects so that student projects are finished and ready to use. Classes are relaxed, help is nearby, plenty of time allowed for working on assigned projects, independent projects are also encouraged. If you wish to pursue an avocation or career as a vendor, fabric artist, quilt designer, seamstress, machine quilter, exhibitor, or hobbyist, the LCC classes in quilting and sewing will start you on your way. If you just wish to express yourself in a new way or just have fun with others with similar interests, give these classes some consideration. If you are a man,

woman or high school student, don't let inexperience in fabric arts keep you from learning to design and create with fabric. Jump in, join in something fun and different. Register now.

Winter Wonderland

FAMILY NIGHT
Thursday, December 3
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Luna Community College
Rough Rider Grill

Performance by:
LCC Pre-School

Entertainment by:
Los Malcriados

Book Marker Making
Ornaments Making

Christmas Paraffin & Polish change

Pictures with Santa Claus

GAMES!
ENTERTAINMENT!
REFRESHMENTS!
LOTS OF FUN!

Free Books (1 per child)

Balloon Bust
Cake Walk
Face Painting

Fishing Pond

LCC Program Information will be available

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YOU ARE INVITED

TO THE 2009 FALL QUILTING CLASS

OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY DECEMBER 3RD
5:30 PM

LUNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SPRINGER CAMPUS

- QUILTS AND OTHER ITEMS WILL BE ON DISPLAY
- DEMONSTRATIONS OF QUILTING TECHNIQUES
- REFRESHMENTS

Three-tiered specialty cake created by Luna Culinary Department