



April 7-11, 2025

Week 12 of the Spring,
2025 Semester...counting
down to graduation.
What's Happening at
LUNA...

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/LunaCommunityCollege>

Linked-In <https://www.linkedin.com/company/luna-community-college-nm/?viewAsMember=true>

Important Dates

- April 15, 2025, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Luna Health and Wellness Fair at the Gerald P. Ortega Wellness Center
- April 16, 2025, 4:30-6:30 PM – Open House for people interested in enrolling in HiSet/GED and Literacy Classes in Springer, NM at the LCC satellite
- May 1, 2025 –Art and Photography Exhibition (5:00 PM - MEC Lobby) and “AI for All” Workshop (7:00 PM – MEC Auditorium)
- May 5, 2025 – Cinco de Mayo Open House (9:00AM-2:00 PM) and Car Show (11:00 PM -1:00 PM) at Luna Main Campus
- May 8, 2025, 4:00 PM – Nursing Pinning Ceremony in the MEC
- May 10, 2025, 10:00 AM – Graduation in the MEC

Quote of the Week

“Learn as if you will live forever, live like you will die tomorrow.” —
Mahatma Gandhi

Reference: <https://www.shopify.com/blog/motivational-quotes>

ACE Lab Spring Tutoring Schedule

The Ace Lab is open and running. Tutors are available for all areas!

Tutor	Subject	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Michelle Perez michelle.perez@student.luna.edu	Nursing, English, Math	1:30pm – 6:30pm	3pm – 8pm	1:30pm – 6:30pm	3pm – 6pm	
Em J ejimenez@luna.edu	Allied Health, English, Math	3pm – 8pm	3pm – 8pm	2pm – 4pm		2pm – 5pm
Paige pgowen@luna.edu	Business and Allied Health	1pm – 5pm	1pm – 3:30pm	1pm – 5pm	1pm – 3:30pm	10am – 1pm
Rainn Daily rainn.daily@student.luna.edu	Science, English, Math	1:30pm – 6:30pm	2pm – 6:30pm	2pm – 6pm	1:30pm – 6pm	

Welcome, Financial Aid Team

MEET OUR ON CAMPUS TEAM



KALLEE FALLON
Financial Aid – Student
Success Specialist



CYERRAH CHAVEZ
Financial Aid
Administrator

Hi Rough Riders! We're excited to be part of the Luna family. We know it's been a while since in-person services have been available on campus, but we're here now and ready to help! Whether you have questions regarding financial aid, need guidance with applications, or just to say hello, our doors are open!

You can find us in the Student Services Building

Kallee- Room 113

Email: kfallon@luna.edu

Ext:1036

Cyerrah- Room 114

Email: cychavez@luna.edu

Ext:1034



Graduation is Just around the Corner

- Graduation is May 10 and planning is underway. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Rachael Lucero at rlucero@luna.edu as we need at least fifteen non-faculty volunteers to assist as ushers and other helpful positions. Thankyou!

Rough Rider Mentorship Summer Bridge Program

- Planning for the upcoming Summer Bridge Program is underway. If you would like to be involved with the planning process and have not already received an invitation to attend a planning meeting, please email Sherry at sgoodyear@luna.edu.

LUNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR FREE GED/HISET CLASSES AND LITERACY PROGRAM

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

WHEN

**April 16, 2025
4pm—6 pm**

WHERE

LCC Springer Satellite
516 Maxwell Ave., Springer, NM 87747



FOR STUDENTS AGES 16 AND UP

SIGN UP TODAY

In Springer for:

**HiSet and GED Prep and
Testing
Literacy Classes
ABE**

AT THE DOOR

**Meeting located in
Room 105 at the
Springer Satellite**

LEARN MORE

**Everyone welcome
Experts on site
Refreshments provid-
ed**

ALL ARE WEL- COME

**Classes are free
Come by and learn
more
The time is now!**



The poster is for the 3rd Annual Health & Wellness fair. It features a central illustration of people at a fair with various health-related icons. The Luna Community College logo is in the top right. A 'Free Lunch Provided' sign is on the right. The Luna Strong Mission logo is on the bottom left. The location and date are prominently displayed in the center.

3rd Annual Health & Wellness fair

Luna Community College

Free Lunch Provided

LUNA STRONG'S MISSION

Location:
**LCC Gerald P. Ortega
Wellness Center
706 Camino Maximiliano,
Las Vegas, NM 87701**

Date: April 15, 2025
Time: 11:00 am-1:00pm

The Mission of Luna Strong
is to increase Student
retention and completion by
promoting the 8 dimensions
of wellness (emotional,
physical, occupational,
social, spiritual, intellectual,
environmental, and
financial).

www.luna.edu

For More Information:
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Special Note:

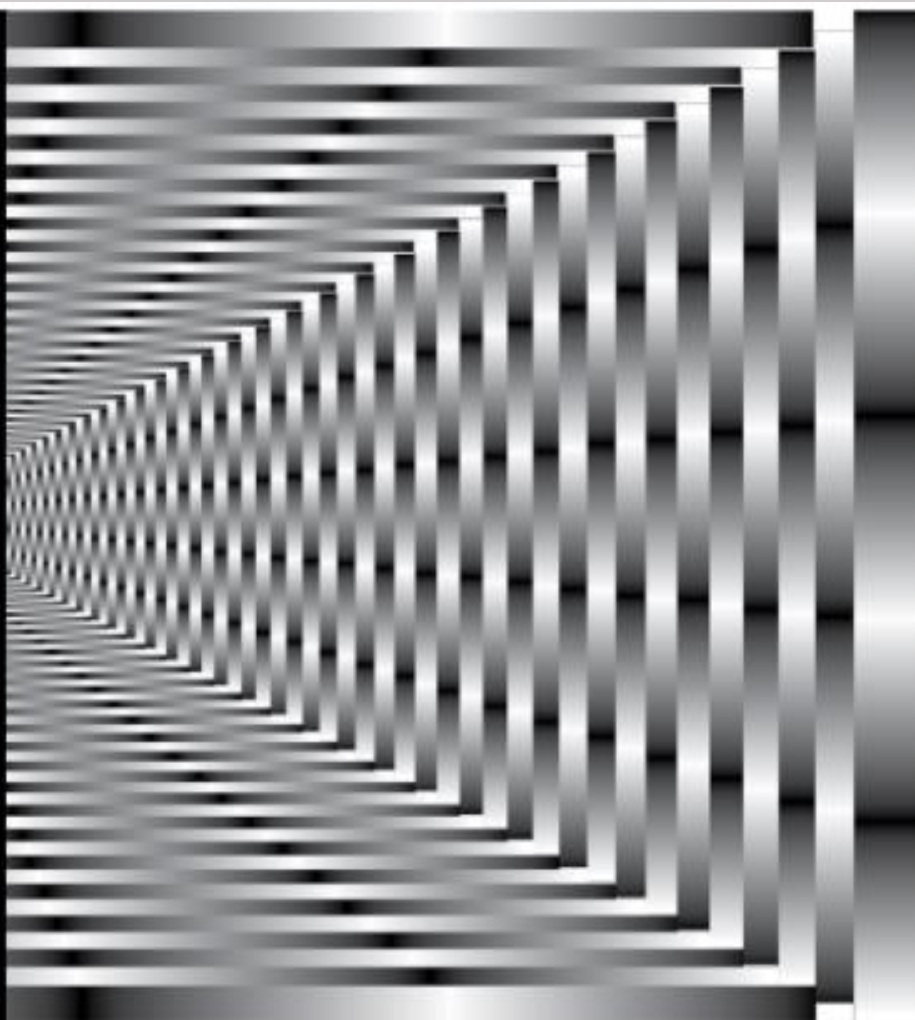
Denise Fox, DA program administrator, will do dental screenings at the 3rd Annual Health and Wellness Fair on Tuesday, April 15th. Stop by for a visit!



Art & Photography Exhibition

Come see
original art and
photography
produced by
Luna Community
College students

*Instructors Deni
Javas (Fine Arts)
and Terence Garcia
(Media Arts).*



AI for All Workshop

Join Dr. Christopher Smith, Director of STEM and Humanities, and Mr. Jeff Gamblin, Director of Information Technology, to learn the basics of artificial intelligence and how some educators and students are using these new tools.

Thursday, May 1

Exhibition, MEC Building Lobby, 5:00 pm

Workshop, MEC Building Auditorium, 7:00 pm

All are welcome!

Cinco De Mayo Open House and Car Show



The poster is a vibrant collage celebrating Cinco de Mayo. At the top, a string of colorful paper flags hangs across the frame. Below this, the Luna Community College logo is prominently displayed, featuring a stylized 'L' and 'C' in a blue square. To the right of the logo, the text 'Luna Community College' is written in a clean, sans-serif font. A large, bold, yellow 'FREE' is positioned on the left side, followed by 'OPEN HOUSE' in large, bold, yellow letters. Below this, the date and time 'MONDAY 05/05 • 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM' are listed in a smaller, bold, yellow font. The central part of the poster is divided into several sections. On the left, the words 'CINCO DE MAYO' are written in large, bold, yellow letters. To the right of this, there is a photograph of three tacos on a plate, garnished with lime wedges, next to a bottle of Jarritos beverage. Below the 'CINCO DE MAYO' text, there is a photograph of a classic red and white Ford Mustang car parked in front of a building. To the right of the car photo, the text 'CAMPUS TOURS, TACOS * SUMMER REGISTRATION Show & Shine CAR SHOW Music & More' is written in a mix of bold, yellow and blue fonts. At the bottom left, the word 'TAILGATE' is written in large, bold, yellow letters. To the right of this, there is a photograph of three colorful, stylized donkey piñatas. The bottom of the poster features a blue and white zigzag pattern.

FREE OPEN HOUSE
MONDAY 05/05 • 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

CINCO DE MAYO

**CAMPUS TOURS, TACOS
* SUMMER REGISTRATION
Show & Shine CAR SHOW
Music & More**

TAILGATE

FREE ENTRY

Cinco de Mayo

Show & Shine Car Show



Join LCC for our Open House
Enjoy Free Tacos, & Get Entered
to Win BEST in Show!!!



Luna
Community
College

Monday, May 5th, 2025
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

*Luna Community College Nursing
Department
Class of 2025*



*R.N. Pinning Ceremony
May 8th, 2025
@ 4:00pm*

MEC Building

Sponsored by: LCC Student Nursing Association

Wildfire Resiliency Training Center

Wildfire Season Preparedness

From the Wildfire Resiliency Training Center

This spring and summer are shaping up to be potentially very active. Dry, warm winter coupled with unusually high spring winds and temperatures as well as low relative humidity all point toward a possible active wildfire season.

There are dozens upon dozens of websites and agency recommendations. Which ones should we follow? Which ones might we question. Here at the WRTC, our recommendations are based upon years of scientific research including laboratory analyses, actual live burn research in the field, hundreds and hundreds of post-fire investigations and measurements, and interviews with homeowners and evacuees.

This research has shown how wildfire behaves, especially in relationship to homes, structures, topography, vegetation and weather. Here are some tips and information to help with your wildfire preparedness:

- Most homes/structures are ignited by embers, not large flames. Harden your home against ember "attack" by covering/screening vents and roof openings, move flammable debris such as leaves and pine needles from wooden decks and stairs. Trim or rake dry/dead vegetation near the structures. This creates a "survivable" space for your home.
- Prepare an evacuation plan. Have items such as documents, medicines, and keepsakes ready to put in your vehicle quickly. Have the same plan for your pets as well!
- When you're preparing to evacuate, close windows, doors garages. Don't worry about removing window treatments or moving furniture away from walls...you don't need to do this.
- Most civilian injuries and accidents in wildfire occur during evacuation. Prepare and leave early. Once in a safe area, then contact family and friends.
- Again, by following these guidelines, you are creating a "survivable" space (one in which your home has a better likelihood of surviving on its own. Creating a "defensible" space infers that responders will move into the path of the fire and defend your home. This is highly unlikely due to life safety and limited resources in active wildfire.
- Preparedness includes some common yard work, cleaning gutters, preventing ember entry and being ready to evacuate promptly.

For more information and guidance, contact the Wildfire Resiliency Training Center (WRTC) at Luna Community College. Go to Luna.edu and click on the WRTC Class schedule.

**Wildfire Resiliency Training Center
Luna Community College
Las Vegas NM
Wildfire Course Offerings, April-June, 2025**

April 16 – Assessing Structural Ignition Potential, Intensive

May 17-18 – S-211 Portable Pumps (NWCG certification)

May 31-June 1 & June 7-8 – S 212 Chainsaw operations (NWCG certification)

June 7 – Structural Ignition Awareness

Other classes TBD

WILDFIRE STRUCTURAL IGNITION INTENSIVE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025 8-6 PM

**WILDFIRE RESILIENCY TRAINING CENTER,
LUNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE, LAS VEGAS, NM**

Join the WRTC with Hank Blackwell, Interim Director, in an intensive one-day course on the science of wildfire behavior and how structures ignite in wildfires in order to more fully understand what measures can be implemented to better protect our structures and homes from Wildfire Damages.

Hank Blackwell is currently the Interim Director for the Wildland Resiliency Training Center, WRTC, at Luna Community College. He has a wealth of experience, including working in top positions at the Santa Fe and Los Alamos County fire departments. He also has extensive experience in emergency services and disaster response. His research includes testing structural ignition.

To attend, please contact Hank @ hblackwell@luna.edu

This is normally a full, two day course. Plan to bring lunch and be prepared for a full day of valuable, science and research-based information



Opportunity for Students

The following five pages of information pertain to webinars for degree -seeking students only. Qualifying students can get compensated for attending any of the following webinars (we realize a few of them are over, but many are still upcoming). Note: Students can only attend and earn credit for a maximum of three webinars. Students can choose any three webinars to attend. They will also need to complete other requirements required by the webinar host in order to get compensated from the NMB2B NSF grant.

Qualifying students earn:

1. \$200 stipend per webinar. Limit is three
2. Students will be sent the Zoom link for each webinar they select after they register and complete the pre-survey.
3. Webinars are offered twice per week. Students only need to attend one of their desired sessions.

Apparently, the QR code for the webinar series for students that appears here is not working.

Here is the link to do a Pre-Survey. Once that is done, students will be able to attend the webinars of their

choice. Here is the link for the webinar [NMSU NMB2B Webinars Spring 2025](#) Students can also copy and

paste the following web

address https://ccanmsu.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bqHBFeyZrwg0W10?Q_CHL=qr

Students who attend the webinars will have their name, email address, and student ID number recorded for

attendance purposes. Geno Castillo will then request a report of which students attended and completed the

webinar, and this information will be used to determine the amount of money each student earned. The

students will receive a check from the Luna business office. Once again, these webinars are ONLY for degree-seeking students in any discipline here at Luna.

About Our Program

The New Mexico Bridge to Baccalaureate Alliance supports your journey from community college to a four-year university.

Led by Doña Ana Community College, we partner with community colleges across the state to help you connect, find mentorship, and access opportunities in STEM fields for a successful transfer.

Mission Statement

The New Mexico Bridge to Baccalaureate Alliance fosters mentorship through collaboration and high-impact practices.

NMB2B supports community college students seeking to transfer to four-year universities in a STEM-related pathway.



Are You Ready to Succeed?

Empowering Connections, Mentorship, and Research Opportunities for Your Future.



Why Us?

- Connect with dedicated mentors
- Engaging, useful workshops
- Transition with confidence!

This program is supported by the National Science Foundation under Award 2409217.



Louis Stokes B2B Alliance:
New Mexico Bridge to the
Baccalaureate (NMB2B)



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For more information,
scan the QR code
below:



For more information, click the link below or scan the QR code to the right
https://ccanmsu.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bqHBFeyZrwg0W10?Q_CHL=qr

New Mexico Bridge to Baccalaureate

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**Spring 2025 Webinar Series**

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#7: Student Success Stories

Monday, April 14, 2024 12 noon – 1:00 pm
Thursday, April 17, 2024 10:30 am – 11:30 am

Moderator: Emily Hervol, Edgar Lira, and Jonathan Esparza

Being the first can sometimes be scary such as being the first in your family to transfer to a 4-year university, don't feel that you're alone. Come and hear from students who've successfully navigated the transfer process. In this webinar, we'll share powerful success stories from students just like you—community college students who overcame challenges, built strong academic foundations, and thrived at their 4-year universities. From navigating transfer requirements to excelling in STEM programs, these students will share their experiences, strategies, and lessons learned along the way.

This session is designed to motivate and encourage you by showing that your goals are achievable with the right mindset and support. You'll gain valuable insights into how they made the most of their community college experience, sought out resources, and took advantage of opportunities to advance their academic and career aspirations. Join us to feel inspired, empowered, and ready to write your own success story as you prepare for this exciting new chapter in your STEM journey!

#8: Opportunities with the New Mexico Alliance for Minority Participation (NM AMP)

Tuesday, April 22, 2025 12 noon – 1:00 pm
Friday, April 25, 2025 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Moderators: Jo Latorre and Summer Divine-Ramos

Are you considering transferring to a four-year university in a STEM field after graduation? Join us for an informative webinar about The New Mexico Alliance for Minority Participation (NM AMP) and discover the amazing opportunities designed to help you succeed along your academic and research journey. Whether you're looking for research experience, financial support, or a strong STEM community, we're here to help you!

New Mexico AMP is a welcoming network of universities and colleges committed to increasing the number of underrepresented minority students earning B.S. degrees in STEM disciplines. NM AMP supports targeted students through a broad range of activities, including the Summer Community College Opportunity for Research Experience (SCCORE), the New Mexico AMP Transfer Stipend, and an annual Student Research Conference. Don't miss this chance to learn how we can support your journey — your future in STEM starts here!



SPRING 2025 TEAS Exam Schedule

April 2025

Tuesday 1 @ 1:30 pm
Thursday 3 @ 9:00 am
Friday 11 @ 1:30 pm
Thursday 24 @ 9:00 am
Tuesday 29 @ 1:30 pm

May 2025

Thursday 1 @ 1:30 pm
Thursday 15 @ 9:00 am
Friday 16 @ 1:30 pm
Monday 19 @ 1:30 pm
Tuesday 20 @ 1:30 pm
Thursday 22 @ 1:30 pm
Friday 23 @ 9:00 am
Tuesday 27 @ 9:00 am
Thursday 29 @ 9:00 am
Friday 30 @ 1:30 pm

Students can contact Sandra Sanchez via email at sasanchez@luna.edu or call 505-454-2526 (ext. 1816) to sign up for a test date. **Please provide student ID number, phone number, and exam date in the email.**

Students should create an account with ATI prior to the exam date (if you do not already have an account set up). To create an account, go to www.atitesting.com click on Create Account next to Log In. (Use Luna CC ADN for institution and estimated graduation date of 5/10/2027.) Please use your Luna email to set up ATI account.

On the day of your exam, please **arrive 10 minutes early*** to log in and purchase the exam. The cost of the exam is \$70. You will need to bring a debit/credit card to purchase the exam and a photo ID for identification verification. **No food or drinks** are permitted in the testing site. A calculator is available in ATI and the proctor will provide paper and pencils for use during the exam. All materials will be collected by the proctor before you leave the exam site.

***There will be no late admission into the testing area.**

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TEAS Nursing school entrance exam

April 2025 dates

**Scheduling for the following dates
is taking place now.**

Tuesday, April 1 1:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 3 9:00 a.m.
Friday April 11 1:30 p.m.
Thursday April 24 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, April 29 1:30 p.m.

Contact: Sandra Sanchez

505-454-2526

sasanchez@luna.edu

Passing TEAS score is 58.7% overall or higher. There are
24 slots available for qualified applicants for admission
in Fall 2025.

Please provide student ID number, phone number, and exam date in the e-mail.

You have up to three attempts per academic year to pass the exam; the fee for each attempt is \$70.

You're advised to set up an account with ATI prior to the exam date; go to atitesting.com,
click on Create Account. Use Luna CC ADN for institution, with estimated graduation date of 5/10/2027.



TEAS Nursing school entrance exam

May 2025 dates

**Scheduling for the following dates
is taking place now.**

Thursday, May 1	1:30 p.m.	Thursday, May 22	1:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 15	9:00 a.m.	Friday, May 23	9:00 a.m.
Friday, May 16	1:30 p.m.	Tuesday, May 27	9:00 a.m.
Monday, May 19	1:30 p.m.	Thursday, May 29	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, May 20	1:30 p.m.	Friday, May 30	1:30 p.m.

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Luna Strong

Timely Care

- Did you know that Luna Community College students, staff and faculty get free, virtual care through the TimelyCare app? That's right! You can access free virtual health and well-being support, as well as self-care content, anytime. Signing up is easy. All you have to do is:
- Download the TimelyCare app or visit timelycare.com/Luna on your web-enabled device.
- Sign in with your school .edu email address.
- Create a profile.
- And that's it! You can start a visit or go to the Self-Care tab on the TimelyCare app for on demand self-care content, including yoga and meditation sessions or scan the QR code.



Have questions? Visit timelycare.com/Luna to get started, or call 1-833-4-TIMELY.

Classifieds

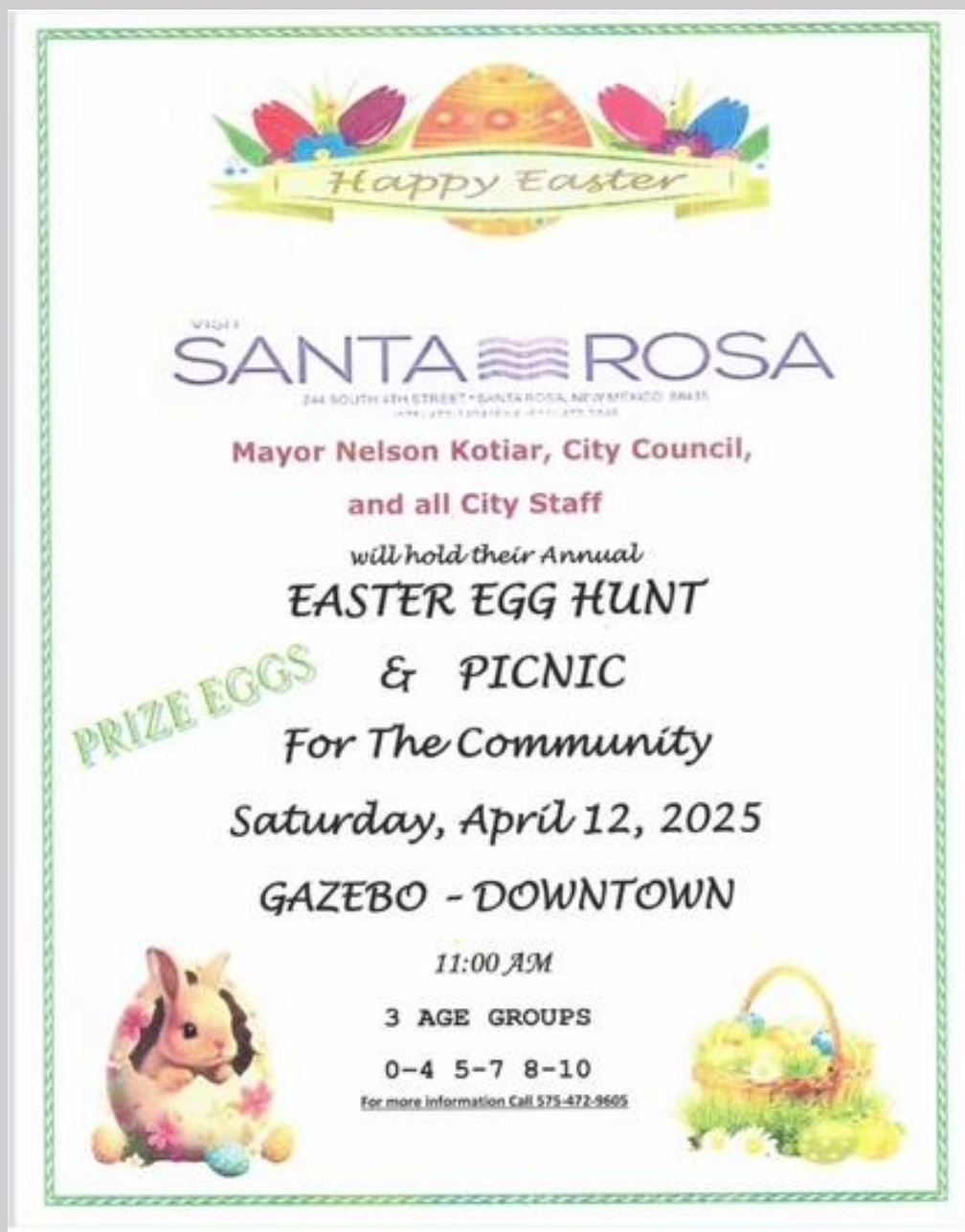
For those with something to buy, sell, or give away.

- Need manure or straw for compost? I have used straw mixed with horse, chicken, and duck manure, free to anyone who wants to pick some up. Please text me, as we don't have a very good cell signal at our place. Sarah Obermeyer (from CCRI) 219.484.6792.

Las Vegas Community Events

- To learn more about the many community events happening in Las Vegas currently and in the future, visit <https://www.plug.events/space/-/las-vegas-new-mexico-united-states/events> and sign up for notifications.

Santa Rosa Events





NM STATE

BE BOLD. Shape the Future.
**College of Agricultural, Consumer
and Environmental Sciences**
Cooperative Extension Service
Guadalupe County Extension Office

EARTH DAY

Let's Celebrate Earth Day!

WITH A SEED EXCHANGE & A PLANTING WORKSHOP!

When: ON EARTH DAY APRIL 22ND BEGINNING AT 2PM

Where: MOISE MEMORIAL LIBRARY, SANTA ROSA NM

What to bring? Bring along some labeled seeds, a small pot, gloves, & a small spade if you have one.

If you are an individual with a disability in need of an auxiliary aid or service to participate in this program, please call the Guadalupe County Extension Office at 575-472-3652 at least 24 hours in advance so we may do our best to accommodate your needs.

New Mexico State University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and educator. NMSU and the U.S. Department of Agriculture cooperating.

Downtown Round-about

Fun and Games in Downtown Santa Rosa

Thursday, May 1, 2025

1 to 7pm

Check-in is at
Pecos Theatre

Support your
local
businesses!

Visit all locations to pick
up Scavenger Hunt
Clues!

Left Side Box:
Card Games
Board Games
Puzzles
Food Art/Crafts
Other Fun Activities
Free to play!

Right Side Box:
Luna Community College
Mr. Bee's Coffee & Teas
Fashion Fantasy
La Villa
Lake City Youth & Family Center
Quaucalli Pottery
Feed Store on Route 66
Plateau
Moise Memorial Library

Bottom Section:

BE BOLD. Shape the Future.
 College of Agricultural, Consumer
 and Environmental Sciences
 Cooperative Extension Service
 Guadalupe County Extension Office
A mental health and wellness event

Reminders

- All committees, departments, and individuals with information to share are encouraged to send their knowledge to sgoodyear@luna.edu each week by 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday (unless otherwise noted) for inclusion in the week's update. If you miss a deadline, don't worry, your information will be included in the following week's update provided it is still timely. When possible, your information should be in tidy bullet points that can easily be added to the basic update format. It is also helpful if you respond to the request for information for the week of the update in the reminder email that was sent out, as it makes it easier for me to find and include what you send in the update. Please submit any pictures in the form of jpegs.
- Things to consider contributing: News about your departments; community event flyers, news regarding personal triumphs and achievements; classified ads, cool, beautiful, or unusual photos you took and want to share among other things.
- Thanks to all who shared information for this week's edition of "What's Happening at Luna."
- If you missed an edition of "What's Happening at Luna," find it here: https://luna.edu/whats_happening.

Have a Wonderful Weekend, Everyone!