



# VILLAGE NEWS



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## More Jobs Coming to Los Lunas

**At a ground breaking ceremony for Accurate Machine & Tool Company held in late August, Governor Susana Martinez announced 250 well-paying jobs will be coming to the Los Lunas area at the company.**

Accurate Machine & Tool Company is moving from Albuquerque to Purple Sage Road in Los Morros Business Park west of Interstate 25.

The company manufactures metal tool components, precision medical products, custom one-of-a-kind products, and does on-the-spot machining.

Accurate also works on weapons for the United States military and is one of very few companies in the country which does so.



The Village Council is expected to approve revenue bonding worth up to \$30 million which will help Accurate Machine & Tool Company construct, equip and operate a 107,500 square foot manufacturing plant. Jobs are expected to pay an average of \$18 per hour.

Industrial revenue bonds have to be created and organized under a sponsoring government, but that government, in this case Los Lunas, is not responsible for bond repayments.

Company officials say the 250 jobs will be created within five to seven years. Construction of the new building is expected to create additional temporary jobs.

The company was looking at moving to Amarillo, Texas, but state officials developed a package to keep Accurate Machine & Tool Company in New Mexico.

The package includes a \$400,000 Local Economic Development Act grant and lower tax incentives along with eligibility for job training reimbursements.

## New Canine and Handler

**Los Lunas Police Detective Santiago Beyer has been selected as the new canine handler for the department.**

Beyer graduated from Los Lunas High School in 1999 and enlisted in the U.S. Army. He served two tours in Iraq and, upon his return, joined the Los Lunas Police Department where he is now a seven-year veteran. He

climbed the ranks from patrol to detective, a position he has held for the last three years.

Beyer has served on the department's SWAT team as team sniper. He holds an associate's degree in criminal justice.

He replaces recently retired Horacio Deanda who served as canine handler since October 2009 with his canine partner, Ricky. Ricky

has been decommissioned and is now the property of Deanda.

The new canine is being purchased through K-9 Services in Edgewood. The canine has not been selected yet, but will be a dual purpose canine, used for tracking and apprehension along with narcotics detection.

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# National Night Out Game Gets Families Talking

**National Night Out in Los Lunas, held at Daniel Fernandez Park, was well attended with many people coming to eat, visit with community services and enjoy the entertainment.**

Diana E. Good, Health Promotion Specialist for Valencia County, provided an interactive game for ages five to one hundred at National Night Out.

Good says her game resulted in families talking about how to prevent crime at home, school, and in the community. Participants wrote their ideas for how to prevent crime on play money and then "deposited" that into the IDEA BANK. In return they "withdrew" someone else's idea to take home.

Among the ideas generated by the community were:

- Turn on lights and radio when you leave the house.
- Love my Dad.
- Have more activities for youth.
- Use rebar in window if left cracked for swamp coolers.
- Ask neighbors to watch your house/ gather mail when you go on vacation.
- Participate in Neighborhood Watch programs.
- Make emergency kits for kids.
- Practice emergency response and exits.
- Don't be a bully.
- Neighborhoods need to stick together.
- Take walks in the evening with friends and family.
- Be nice to others.



*The Los Lunas Police Department Command Center was the center of activity at the 2014 National Night Out.*

## Courthouse Road Work

**Work begins soon on improvements to Courthouse Road after the Village Council awarded a \$749,757 contract to G. Sandoval Construction for the job.**

The project consists of landscaping, American Disability Act sidewalk accessibility, bicycle lane improvements, benches and trash receptacles as well as new traffic signs and roadway improvements.

The New Mexico Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration granted the Village \$772,472 for Courthouse Road improvements.

## Keep Los Lunas Beautiful Keeps Working

**The Village's Keep Los Lunas Clean & Beautiful staff kept very busy this summer.**

Marie Marquez, with the assistance of Josh Chavez from the solid waste department, set up a table at National Night Out to recruit volunteers for the Trek for Trash community cleanup on September 27.

Sixty-six individuals signed up to help. Anyone wanting to volunteer should call (505) 839-3852 or (505) 352-7658.

The summer youth program ended with a luncheon at Daniel Fernandez Park provided by the Coffee Shop of Los Lunas. Summer youth cleaned nine areas picking up 481 bags of trash and weeds.

Certificates of appreciation were given to all the summer youth students. Joshua Zamora received the Achievement Award Certificate. Village Administrator Greg Martin, Mayor Charles Griego and Councilwoman Paulette Montoya attended the luncheon.

Ralph Mims, Economic Development Manager, and Marie Marquez will meet with school principals to solicit student participation in cleanup events.

## Saints & Sinners Tour Offered

**The Los Lunas Public Library, with the Museum of Heritage and Arts, is sponsoring a "Saints & Sinners Tour" Saturday, October 25.**

The tour starts at 9:30 a.m. at the Los Lunas Transportation Center (coinciding with the New Mexico Rail Runner schedule), 751 Juan Perea Rd. SE, and ends at 4 p.m.

Participants will board buses and travel to Our Lady of Guadalupe in Peralta and San Antonio de Los Lentes before having lunch at the Los Lunas Museum of Heritage & Arts where the current exhibit is Our Saints Among Us: 400 Years of New Mexico Devotional Art.

The afternoon's travels will be to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Tomé and Camino Real Winery for a wine tasting and tour.

Library Director Cynthia Shetter suggests folks extend their experience by dining at a Los Lunas restaurant.



# ICIP Plans for Village Future

**The Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) for 2016-2020 has been approved by the Village Council and that means the Council, as well as Village staff, are planning for the future of the community.**

The ICIP lists projects that would improve life in the Village if those projects are built. This list must be reviewed every year so that the Village is ready should funding become available for any of these projects.

Funding comes from a variety of sources including legislative appropriations, grants, the village budget, and loans which are then repaid from the village budget.

Top projects for the 2016 budget year are —

- Capacity expansion of the wastewater treatment plant;
- Construction of a westside fire substation;
- Building a water line loop east of the Rio Grande;
- Extension of Morris Road; and
- Reconstruction of Highway 314 south of Main Street.

Other 2016 budget year projects include improvements to Huning Ranch Park and the Museum of Heritage & Arts, railroad crossing quiet zones; and construction of Phase Three at the Transportation Center.

The complete 2016-2020 ICIP is available on the website at [loslunasnm.gov](http://loslunasnm.gov) under the Community Development Department / Capital Improvement Plan.

## NM Health Insurance Exchange

**If you are searching for health insurance then check out New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange.**

There are a variety of ways you can qualify to sign up for insurance through the exchange. You can obtain information by visiting the exchange web site at [BeWellNM.com](http://BeWellNM.com) or calling (505) 452-4049.

The New Mexico Health Exchange is for:

- People without health insurance.
- People who can't afford health insurance offered at their job.
- Small businesses with 50 employees or fewer.
- Those currently buying their own insurance but would like more options and affordability.

## Jubilee Fair Offers Arts, Crafts, Plant, Bake Sale

**Start your Christmas shopping early!**

On Saturday, October 18, Jubilee Los Lunas, the active adult community 2.5 miles west of I-25 on Highway 6, will host the 6th annual Arts and Crafts Fair from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Artists and crafters will sell their handmade creations.

In addition, unusual and interesting plants and containers designed by Jubilee gardeners will be for sale and dozens of yummy baked goodies will be available.

Proceeds from the Garden Club and Bake Sale will be donated to Valencia Shelter Services which works to empower individuals affected by domestic violence.

## Dash on the Ditch Set for Oct. 18

**The 3rd Annual Dash on the Ditch fund raising event for La Vida Felicidad will be held Saturday, Oct. 18, in the morning at Heritage Park in partnership with the Village of Los Lunas.**

All proceeds will go directly to La Vida Felicidad's programs: in-home care, personal care and adult day services for persons with developmental disabilities; child care for

children ages six weeks to five years, and adult services for infants and toddlers with developmental disabilities or delays.

More information and registration is available online at [active.com/los-lunas-nm/running/races/dash-on-the-ditch-2014](http://active.com/los-lunas-nm/running/races/dash-on-the-ditch-2014) or contact Jim Schnitzler at [jschnit100@aol.com](mailto:jschnit100@aol.com), phone (608) 358-6006 or contact: Adria Duran at La Vida Felicidad, (505) 565-1614. You can also visit La Vida Felicidad's web site at [lvfnm.org](http://lvfnm.org).

## 2015 Valencia County Calendar

**You can meet the artists who illustrated the 2015 Valencia County calendar sponsored by Business Women of Valencia County from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, September 19, at the Transportation Center, Courthouse and Juan Perea Roads.**

The \$10 calendar featuring Valencia County can be purchased and signed by the artists at this event.

For more information call (505) 340-5816 or check [www.businesswomenofvalenciacounty.com](http://www.businesswomenofvalenciacounty.com).

## Your Los Lunas Farmers Market

At Heritage Park (across from Smith's)  
Tuesday, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Call George (505) 307-1891  
for more information.



# Local Flavor: A Focus On Local Business

## The Girls Back Door Emporium

The Girls Back Door Emporium, 920 Main Street NW, has been in business six years selling gently used furniture, jewelry, and vintage items as well as cards and candles.

The store appears small from the outside but when you enter you will be amazed by the size and variety and choices inside.

Hours are Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday noon to 4 p.m. The store can be found on Facebook.

The Girls Back Door Emporium has great items so people can shop in Los Lunas. The store also does consignment.

The phone number is (505) 866-5446 and Martha De La Garza is the owner.

## My Lube Center

My Lube Center 1505 Main Street SW, has been in business in Valencia County for over 30 years. The business has been at its current location more than two years.

Owner Eric Garcia loves the area just east of the Interstate on Main Street in Los Lunas because of the new businesses it is attracting and the huge traffic of cars that comes into his business for an oil change.

This business is locally owned and run by family members.

My Lube Center is in the process of creating a new look with a new name. The phone number is (505) 865-4139.

# Los Lunas Business Update

## Businesses opened recently:

- The **Lab Boutique** features street wear and accessories at 203 Hwy 314 SW, contact Derrick Barela, (505) 803-0994, email thelab-clothes@gmail.com.
- Check out **New 2 U Thrift Shop** at 1903 Main Street NE #8, (505) 916-7047, owners Carol and Steve Kitchen, email carolhunt91@yahoo.com.

IHOP is now open on Main Street west of the intersection with Los Cerritos.



Economic Development Manager Ralph L. Mims assists those interested in doing business in the Village. He is available at (505) 839-5654, direct line; (505) 604-4156, cell; or e-mail mimsr@loslunasnm.gov.

# Los Lunas Events

## Swap Meet

September 26-28  
Sponsored by the  
New Mexico Council of Car Clubs  
and the Village of Los Lunas  
Los Lunas Sports Plex  
Corner of Highway 314 and Morris Road

## Our Saints Among Us An Exhibition of 400 Years of New Mexico Devotional Art

Through October 25  
Old ways meet new to express  
over 400 years of Hispanic  
New Mexican devotional art  
Los Lunas  
Museum of Heritage & Arts  
251 Main Street SE  
(505) 352-7720  
Under the Water Tower

## Turn in Unused/Expired Medication

September 27  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Village Administration Building Lobby  
660 Main St. NW

## Attend A Council Meeting!

September 11 and 25 • October 9  
660 Main St. NW, Main Street  
and Don Pasqual  
Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

## Trash Pickup Alert

The trash pickup for Columbus Day, Monday, October 13, will be Tuesday, October 14.