



VILLAGE NEWS



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FACEBOOK OPENS FIRST BUILDING

Facebook has opened its \$1 billion data center in Los Lunas with the opening of the first building of what will eventually be six.

The Village site is now serving traffic as part of Facebook's global network of hyper-efficient data centers.

The company expects to complete construction on five additional buildings, with about 300 employees, by the end of 2023. When finished, the facility will form two H shapes on a 2.8-million-square-foot campus and will contain a total of 22 "data halls" of servers and related equipment.

Facebook has signed commitments to add 396 megawatts of green energy to the state's electric grid through wind and solar projects. The company estimates the projects will result in an investment of more than \$800 million.

The projects include a solar array near the data center, two new wind farms in Torrance, Quay and De Baca counties, and solar facilities in Cibola, Sandoval and Torrance counties.

The data center broke ground in October 2016.

When the first building opened, Facebook had used 128,000 cubic yards of concrete, 14,600 tons of steel and 4,572 miles of wire. More than 1,100 workers have been on-site each day.

Facebook plans to award Community Action grants that support organizations and initiatives that help to connect the community and increase digital skills.

MUNOZ SELECTED FOR COUNCIL

Cruz Munoz has been sworn in as Village Councilor for District 3 of the Los Lunas Village Council.

District 3 had been represented by Gerard Saiz who was elected to the Valencia County Commission in November 2018. Saiz was sworn in to the County Commission Jan. 1, 2019, and resigned his seat on the Village Council effective the end of January.

Munoz was selected for District 3 at the Feb. 21, 2019, Village Council meeting and took office after being sworn in Feb. 28, 2019.

TAKE VILLAGE SURVEY

The Village of Los Lunas is seeking input on what people would like to see happening in the community.

Village councilors are encouraging residents to take a Quality of Life Assessment. The survey asks a number of questions relating to library and cultural services, parks and recreation, and transportation.

To take the survey, go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LosLunasQOL>.

PAL CLEANS UP

The Police Athletic League of Los Lunas gathered 65 bags of trash cleaning up Camelot Boulevard and Don Pasqual Road recently. If you are interested in helping keep Los Lunas clean and beautiful, contact Joshua Chavez at the Village Solid Waste Division, 505 352-7706.



PAL of Los Lunas collected 65 bags of trash.

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MATANZA WINNERS

Congratulations to the Village of Los Lunas Parks Division for bringing home second place in the liver category, second place in carne adovada, and first place in chicharrones at the #WorldsLargestMatanza.

Thousands of people attended the yearly event where they enjoyed New Mexico delicacies.

POOL TO BE DEMOLISHED

The swimming pool located near Los Lunas High School has been closed by the Los Lunas Board of Education and will be demolished.

Built in 1983, the pool has deteriorated to a point where it can no longer be repaired for use.

MUSEUM HOSTS AYER, HOY Y MANANA

On display through May 3 at the Los Lunas Museum of Heritage & Arts is Ayer, Hoy, y Mañana – Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow, an exhibition of traditional and contemporary Hispanic arts.

New Mexico's culturally rich heritage of creating vernacular art to adorn churches, private chapels, and residences began in the early years of the Spanish-Colonial era and was firmly entrenched by the mid-Eighteenth Century. The advent of an artisan class, known as santeros, depicted religious iconography to celebrate their Christianity.

Rooted in this folk-art tradition, Hispanic folk artists of today honor these origins, reinterpret traditional subject matter, and revitalize age-old techniques to create woodcarvings, tinwork, colchas, straw appliqué, furniture, weavings, jewelry, pottery, ironwork, and more.

Ayer, Hoy, y Mañana – Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow celebrates this heritage with the work of more than sixty santeros and artisans, many of whom have participated in Santa Fe's Spanish Market and have exhibited in museums in the United States and abroad.

On April 11, Tim Lucero, Roxanne Shaw Galindo, Nicolás Otero, and Gabriel Vigil will discuss their respective works in a panel discussion at the Los Lunas Museum of Heritage & Arts from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

LLPD DWI UNIT

The Los Lunas Police Department made 111 arrests for impaired driving in 2018, slightly above 2017's number of 104.

LLPD implemented a DWI unit in July 2016. Since its inauguration, the LLPD has seen an overall increase of 76.19 percent in DWI arrests.

The LLPD DWI unit was created to specialize in the detection, investigation, and arrest of alcohol and/or drug impaired drivers. The unit consists of two officers trained in the field of investigating impaired driving. The officers are certified Drug Recognition Experts.

The DWI unit officers assist other officers with DWI investigations providing an invaluable resource to the patrol division. The DWI unit analyzes state and department data to determine patterns and locations of impaired-driving-related incidents to effectively plan enforcement.

AUTHOR BOGGS TO SPEAK

Western author Johnny D. Boggs will speak and sign copies of his books on Saturday, March 23, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Village Transportation Center, corner of Courthouse Road and NM HWY 314.

The book signing is sponsored by the Friends of the Los Lunas Library and Museum which recently elected officers: Jim Rickey, president; Kristi Whistler, vice-president; Stephanie Williams, treasurer; and Jean Davies, secretary. Other board members are Doris Vialpando, Tammie Nolde, Nicolas Otero, Travis Thompson and Cynthia Shetter who is ex-officio as library director.

ROADS LESS TRAVELED

If you seek off-the-beaten-path journeys that you'll never forget and simply love, Los Lunas and its Regional Partners offer personable places to launch your next excursion.

As reflected in the sentiment of the Robert Frost poem, take our #RoadsLessTraveled and we know that will make all the difference!

VisitLosLunas.org and fb.me/RoadsLessTraveledExperience are waiting to show you all the unique, personable, and memorable places our region has to offer you and your family. Give them a visit and a like to stay up to date!

If you would like to join our Tourism Task Force to help highlight what our region can offer, please call 505 352-7658.

NEW VERIZON STORE OPENS

The folks at the new Verizon store in Los Lunas deal with anything related to products and service sold by Verizon, says store manager Mark Garcia.

Cellular Sales Los Lunas is located at 1451 Main St. SW adjacent to the intersection of Main Street / NM Hwy 6 and Los Cerritos Road.

The nine employees at the store deal with technical issues, billing concerns, and yes, they will sell you a phone and / or service.

Cellular Sales has four stores in central New Mexico – one each in Albuquerque, Rio Rancho, Santa Fe, and now in Los Lunas.

The Los Lunas store is different from other Verizon stores as the employees offer a high level of customer service, said Garcia. Customers will find a variety of amenities including comfortable places to sit.

Stop by the new Verizon store in Los Lunas at 1451 Main St. SW Monday through Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. or on Sunday 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. The phone number is 505 865-4966.



Cellular Sales Verizon Store.

BEING HEALTHY WITH TBE CROSSFIT

Educating and inspiring the community to always be healthy is one of the goals of the team that owns and operates TBE CrossFit, located at 2210 Sun Ranch Loop SW in Los Lunas.

TBE CrossFit offers functional fitness for everyday living in classes in a group setting. Partner Salvador Sisneros says TBE CrossFit is driven by making an impact on the community. No minimum experience or level of fitness is required as TBE CrossFit workouts and exercises scale to any level so workouts can be tailored to the individual.

Overall, CrossFit is intended to create a broad, general and inclusive fitness supported by measurable, observable, and repeatable results.

The TBE in the Los Lunas CrossFit stands for The Box of Enchantment as in New Mexico's motto Land of Enchantment. In addition to Sisneros, other partners are Rick Pobar and Mark Summerlin.

You can find TBE CrossFit at 2210 Sun Ranch Loop SW, south of Walmart, behind a new six-unit shopping center. Phone 505 417-1099. Website TBECrossFit.com.



TBE CrossFit Classes available.

WALMART DONATION

During the Walmart Distribution Center's 20th anniversary commemoration, a donation of \$5,000 was made to Roadrunner Food Bank.

Thirty-three Walmart Distribution Center employees were honored for twenty years of service to the company.



Walmart donates \$5,000 to Roadrunner Food Bank.

APRIL 13 CLEANUP

Valencia Association of Local Elected Officials (VALEO) is working together to hold a community clean-up on April 13, 2019, and throughout the month of April.

Watch for community clean-up events taking place in Los Lunas and throughout Valencia County.

You can get involved and make a difference!

For more information, call Los Lunas Solid Waste Division at 505 839-5658.

HOME AND GARDEN EXPO

The Valencia County Extension Master Gardeners present the Home and Garden Expo on Saturday, March 16, 2019, at Peralta Methodist Church, 25 Wesley Rd., Peralta, from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Topics include food preservation, home organization, wine pairing, chocolate therapy, grapes 101, flowers of the month, vermicomposting, plus more.

The \$5 registration includes lunch and refreshments. For more information, contact jnewton3@nmsu.edu or call 505 565-3002.

AIRPLANE RIDES FOR YOUTH

The EAA Chapter 530 is offering Young Eagle flights on Saturday, April 13, at Mid Valley Park on NM HWY 314 south of Los Lunas.

The flights are free to those ages eight to seventeen from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the south end of the field at the EAA hanger.

Breakfast and lunch will be served for a \$5 donation.

For more information call Lee at 775 842-9144 or Rose at 505-865-5516.

PROPERTIES NEED ATTENTION?

Junk cars, weeds, accumulations of junk or trash are eyesores and in violation of Village of Los Lunas ordinances.

The Code Enforcement Division does routine patrols through neighborhoods and commercial areas in the Village limits year round, but code enforcement officers do not always see everything.

To make a report, contact the Code Enforcement Division via phone at 505 839-3842, email Code Enforcement Supervisor Adolph Lopez at lopeza@loslunasnm.gov, or fill out the online Code Enforcement Complaint Form on the village website, loslunasnm.gov.

MUSEUM OF HERITAGE & ARTS HAPPENINGS

Main Street and Luna Avenue
505 352-7720

EXHIBITS

Ayer, Hoy, Y Mañana –
Yesterday, Today,
and Tomorrow:
An Exhibition of
Traditional Hispanic Arts

TOURS

Historic Los Lunas Tour
Saturday, April 27, 2019
Travel back in time
touring five historic buildings

LOCAL EVENTS

Friday, April 12, 2019
Village Health Fair
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Fred Luna Senior Center
Don Pasqual
Health, wellness and safety
for seniors, families, caregivers

Saturday, April 13, 2019
Book Sale 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Los Lunas Library Parking Lot
460 Main St. NE
Sponsored by Friends of the
Library and Museum

Last Wednesday of the month
Business Watch
Cops and Business Folks meet at
Benny's Restaurant 8:30 a.m.
1503 Main St. SW

Attend a Village Council Meeting

March 21, 2019 April 11 & 25
660 Main St NW
Main Street and Don Pasqual
Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

LOS LUNAS LIBRARY EVENTS

460 Main St. NE 505 839-3850

Tuesdays 5 - 6 p.m.
Adult Coloring Night

Thursdays 10:30 a.m. - noon
Preschool Story Hour

Thursdays 3 – 4:30 p.m.
Movies or Games for Teens

CHAMBER MEETS

The Los Lunas Chamber of Commerce holds a monthly luncheon. Visit their website at www.loslunaschamber.com for luncheon time and location.