

HCVC News

February 2023



*Hispano Chamber Of
Valencia County*



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Who We Are...

Mission

Preserving Valencia County traditions by promoting and enhancing local business development through civic, social, cultural, and employment training programs.

About Us

The chamber's ultimate goal is to create economic development. It believes that an educated workforce is a more productive workforce and that ultimately makes Valencia County a great place to start a business or attract existing companies.

HCVC holds it's "World's Largest Matanza" each January as a way to raise money to provide college scholarships to Valencia County college students. To date, the event has raised more than \$130-thousand dollars in scholarships and helped more than 200 students meet part of their financial needs.

Join Our Team

Email: board@hispanochambervc.org

Hispano Chamber of Valencia County
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Belen, NM 87002
(505) 554-4566

Email: board@hispanochambervc.org





Dear Member:

I am very pleased to welcome you personally as a member of the Hispano Chamber of Valencia County. We are an active Chamber that looks to advance its members' growth and prosperity, and provide increased opportunities and value for its membership. The Chamber advocates for and unites the business community. I encourage you to utilize the many services offered by the Chamber.

You will be receiving notices to the mixers and luncheons with informative guest speakers listing the date, place, and time. A monthly News Letter is sent out with business information within the entire community. Chamber programs and events to include the Annual Installation Banquet, Golf Tournament and the World's Largest Matanza! The Matanza has an attendance of 9,000 guests from around the country. Scholarships are awarded from the funds raised.

The Hispano Chamber of Valencia County offers many opportunities for you to be active and involved to include networking with other members and promoting your business. Contact the Chamber staff and they will help you customize your membership to your needs. If you don't have time to attend meetings and events, know that we are here for you and your business and will continue to be your resource for information and assistance. Call the Chamber at 505.321-5989. Find us on Facebook [facebook.com/worldlargestmatanza](https://www.facebook.com/worldlargestmatanza).

Enclosed is a Membership application. Please complete and forward to the Chamber office at your earliest convenience. Your membership is vital to our success.

Once we receive your dues, your membership plaque will be given to you at our next lunch meeting or event. This is also an excellent photo opportunity for you and your business and will be advertised on our website and our monthly news letter.

Welcome! Thank you again for your membership. We look forward to seeing you at Chamber functions.

Sincerely,

Bob "Lucky" Lucero
President
2022-2023



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The primary function of the Hispano Chamber of Valencia County is promoting the Hispanic business owner/individual. However, it is not limited to only the Hispanic community.

The objectives of the Hispano Chamber of Valencia County are to preserve the competitive enterprise system by promoting economic growth and development through programs that strengthen area business. The Hispano Chamber will also participate in civic, social, and cultural programs designed to foster business expansion, job development, and community growth.

I, _____ d/b/a _____, personally believe in the objects set forth above and hereby make application to join the **Hispano Chamber of Valencia County** and tender my membership fee for one year.

Business Members:		Corporate Members:	
<u>1-10 Employees</u>	<u>\$200</u>	Bronze	\$2,000
11+ Employees	\$300	Silver	\$3,000
Individual Members:	\$50	Gold	\$5,000
Non Profit Organizations:		Available:	
1-10 Individuals	\$150	Bronze, Silver or Gold Plus Memberships.	
11+Individuals	\$300		

 (Business Name) (Email)

 (Owner/Manger/Contact Person) (Email)

 (Business Address) (Website)

 (Mailing Address) (Date)

 (Telephone Number) (Number of Employees)

 (Fax Number) (Business Category)

Referred by: _____

2023 Scholarship Funds Raised



WOW! What a Comeback!

The Hispano Chamber of Valencia County aka HCVC raised over \$50,000 in scholarship funds for Valencia County High School Seniors. This amazing event which has been around for many years took a two year hiatus and has come back with a BANG!

Food, music, and fun were the focus at the Matanza for the community, but the chamber had its eye on raising money for scholarships. This amazing event is a tradition that people look forward to every year and is a staple in Valencia County.

We appreciate all the hard work from everyone involved. From the volunteers, the bus drivers, the workers, and even the clean up crews, this event was a massive success. Matanza goes made comments to volunteers stating, “This was the best event yet” and “I am impressed with the way this event was planned”. From kids dancing to the music to adults eating cotton candy and funnel cakes, the event was a big hit to everyone involved!

People from places as far as California, Colorado, Arizona, and Texas came to see what the energy of the Matanza was and all were very impressed.

Kudos to all involved!

2023 Matanza Winners



Team Awards

2023 Grand Champion:

Rio Grande Matanzeros

Runners Up:

AC Disposal

3 rd : Los Lunas Schools



People's Choice Award:

Rio Grande Matanzeros

Runner Up:

Team Gregory A. Baca



Liver

1 st : The ChicaRones

2 nd : City of Belén

3 rd : AC Disposal

Carne Adovada

1 st : Rio Grande Matanzeros

2 nd : Los Lunas Schools

3 rd : Team Gregory A. Baca



2023 Matanza Winners



Specialty Pork Dish

1 st : Rio Grande Matanzeros

2 nd : City of Belén

3 rd : Los Lunas Schools

Iron Pig

1 st : Ac Disposal

Chicharones

1st: Team 2 AC Disposal

2nd: Team 1 Rip Grande Matanzeros

3rd: Los Lunas Schools



2023 Matanza Winners



Public Awards

Biscochitos

- 1 st : Roseann Peralta
- 2 nd : Alice Ramirez
- 3 rd : Ramón Baca

Natillas

- 1 st : María Maez Márez
- 2 nd : Antonio Sedillo
- 3 rd : Pam Ulibarri

Pastelitos

- 1 st : Elaine Montoya
- 2 nd : Denisha Sánchez
- 3 rd : Ramón Baca

Red Chile

- 1 st : Lori Ann Martínez
- 2 nd : Elaine Montoya
- 3 rd : TeeCee Centeno



2023 Matanza Winners

Salsa

- 1 st : Kevin Jojola
- 2 nd : LoriAnn Martínez
- 3 rd : TeeCee Senteno

Tortillas

- 1 st : William Trodden
- 2 nd : Jr. Martínez
- 3 rd : Dorothy Flores



2023 Matanza Memories



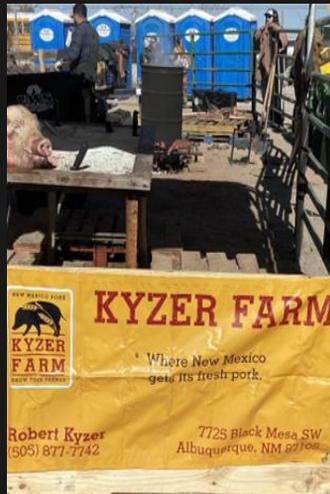
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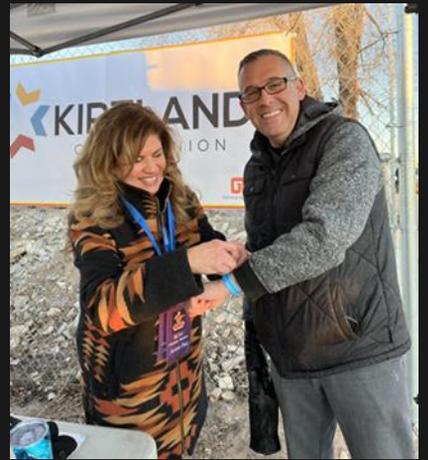
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It is with real honor to dedicate this newsletter to the original board members who crafted, organized, and created the Matanza we enjoy today. Thank you to all of those in the past who have worked so hard on this event from its very beginning; it's something we can all be proud of.

This dedication will be to recognize Martin Sisneros, a man who worked hard putting effort and energy into something that gives back to his community which he cared so much for. We have so much respect for you as you were a huge contributor in formulating the chamber and the Matanza.

As we look at what the Matanza from where it began to what it has become, you will see this event was created from the heart. We thank you, Martin Sisneros, for all your dedication and effort you put into place for this event and all you instilled into your family to keep it going. We appreciate all you have done and we hope to keep this tradition alive.



Scholarships

LET'S TALK ABOUT SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are an incredible source of financial assistance for high school and college students alike. With so many opportunities and scholarships available to students, one can ask, 'Which is best for me?'. Scholarship funds are free money and are available to Valencia County students in New Mexico. Scholarships can vastly reduce financial stress and help students focus more on their studies. In fact, private scholarship recipients are more likely to graduate from college than those with just student loans.

According to several sources, the average college student graduates with approximately \$30,000 in student loans and can take years to pay them back. Many student loans carry high interest rates and create a severe financial burden for young professionals. In contrast, scholarship programs can help students afford college without strings attached.

In this issue of the HCVC Newsletter raising money and how to apply for scholarships are the focus as The Hispano Chamber of Valencia County has raised funds to help students with opportunities and open doors for their education.

For the HCVC Scholarship Application Visit:

<https://www.hispanochambervc.org/scholarship-application>

HCVC Scholarship Application Information



Hispano Chamber of Valencia County Scholarship Application

Deadline- Monday, April 17, 2023

The Hispano Chamber of Valencia County has established a scholarship program intended to recognize students in Valencia County who are seeking higher education opportunities. This **one-time** award is for graduating seniors of Valencia County High Schools or University of New Mexico-Valencia Campus Students. The Community Incentive Scholarship eligibility requirements are for continuing college students that have originally graduated from Valencia County, have a **2.5 GPA and are enrolled/registered currently at a college institution.**

Eligibility Criteria

- Student must have maintained a cumulative grade point average of **2.5** or better throughout high school or college. A scanned copy of student transcript **must** accompany the application. Any applications submitted without a transcript are ineligible for consideration.
- Student must submit **one** letter of reference to support the application. These letters may be from church leaders, employers, teachers, coaches, and other members of school staff, neighbors, or any other community member able to give reference in regard to the student's application. Any applications submitted without at least **one** letter of reference are ineligible for consideration.

*****Please note: All the above requirements are complete before the application is submitted to the committee for review. If you are missing documentation, your application will not be submitted for consideration. *****

Visit:

<https://www.hispanochambervc.org/scholarship-application>

To apply for scholarships if you have trouble with this link got to:

<https://form.123formbuilder.com/6350441/2023-Scholarship-Application>

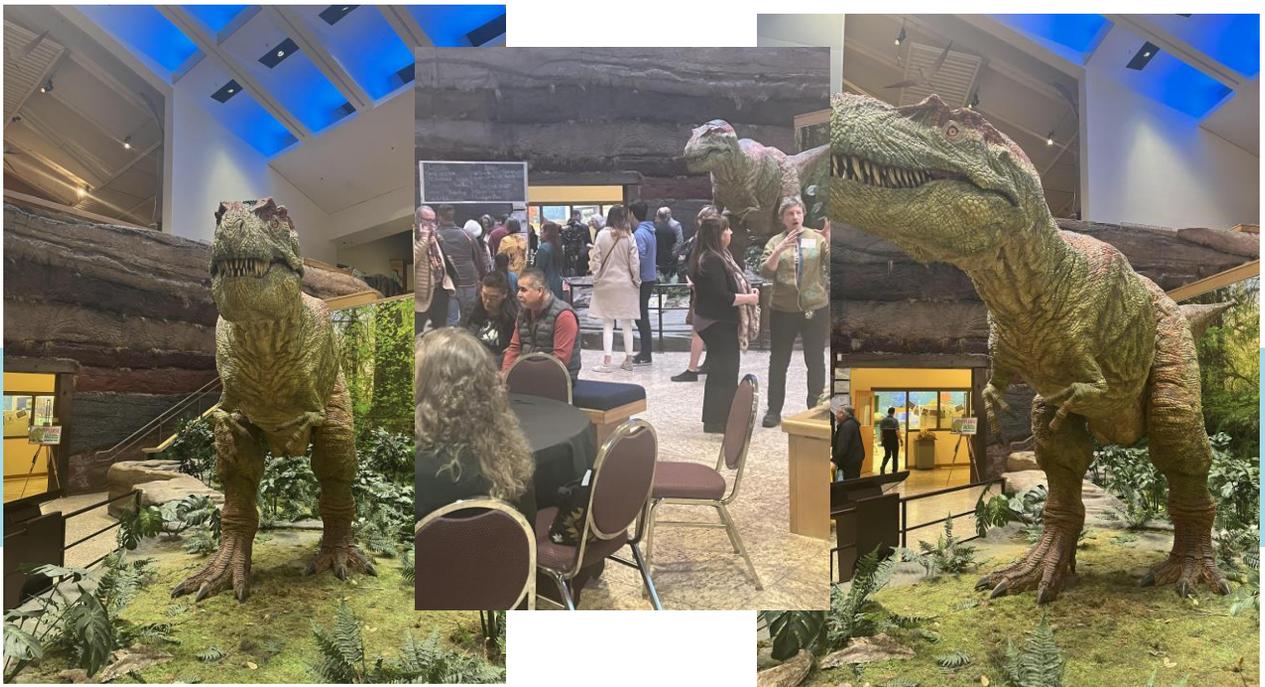
Meta helps Valencia County students explore history

David Williams, Community Development Manager of Meta in Los Lunas, dedicates supporting efforts to improve education by dedicating a \$300,000 5-year partnership with the New Mexico Museum of Natural History.

This partnership will enhance classroom education by assisting with field trips and transportation to and from the museum for all fifty-three 5th grade classrooms in Valencia County. Meta has also elected to provide sponsored attendance for all Valencia County residents. Visits by the residents will be paid for by Meta which includes visits to the museum and to the planetarium.



Under this agreement between Meta and The Museum of Natural History, the month of February is dedicated to Valencia County residents for the next five years. Valencia County residents can visit and enjoy the museum at no charge as the visits will be sponsored.



Meta helps Valencia County students explore history and HCVC Members were there to support their effort



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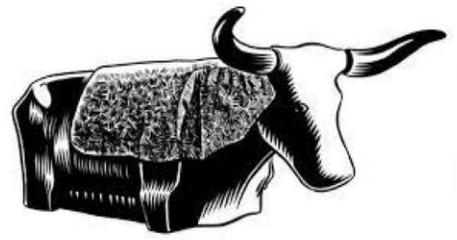
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Starts at 5:30pm

WHERE

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Arena

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ENTRY FEES

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VALENCIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



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LOS LUNAS, NM 87031
(505) 866-2400
(505) 866-2027 FAX

DENISE VIGIL
SHERIFF

JEFF NOAH
UNDERSHERIFF



What does it take to become part of our team as a Valencia County Sheriff's Deputy

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Must have reached 21st birthday prior to graduation from the academy
- Must be a United States Citizen
- Must have a high school diploma or GED equivalent
- Must pass a physical agility test

DISQUALIFICATIONS

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Any convictions of domestic violence

DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

Any conviction for driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs within the last three (3) years.

BAD DRIVING HISTORY

A noticeable pattern of traffic citations, arrests, and /or convictions within the last three (3) years.

NO DRIVERS LICENSE

Applicants must possess a valid driver's license. Out of state applicants must obtain a New Mexico driver's license within thirty (30) days of being hired.

ILLEGAL DRUG USE

Any illegal drug use or possession within the last three (3) years or five (5) years for hard drugs, as well as any noticeable pattern of illegal drug use.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Any indication of a pattern of unsatisfactory employment history.

FINANCIAL HISTORY

Any history of chronic or recurring financial problems indicating an unwillingness or inability to live within his or her own financial means (filing of bankruptcy alone, is NOT a disqualification).

UNTRUTHFULNESS

Any deliberate misstatement of facts and intentional or unintentional omission of facts, during any part of the selection process.

We at the Valencia County Sheriff's Office, employ a diverse group who come from different backgrounds, we take pride in what we do for our community. We strive to serve our community well. We are a fast-growing community but still are fascinated with the small-town feeling where the brother/sisterhood we have within our Deputies creates the bonds to ensure we keep the trust, and integrity needed to fulfill this career and keep each other safe. Contact us and become part of our TEAM!

Recruiter

Lt. Peter M. Alderete

Peter.alderete@co.valencia.nm.us

505-866-3343

Sheriff's Office

The Valencia County Sheriff's Office is comprised of forty-nine sworn deputies, seven court security officers and five civilian support staff members.

The Sheriff's Office is run out of a centrally located facility, which houses the administrative offices, Field Services Division, Criminal Investigations Division, and Court Services Division.

The Court Services Division is responsible for security of the district court, prisoner transport statewide as well as process service throughout Valencia County.



On November 18, 2014 the Valencia County Sheriff's Office received Accreditation from the New Mexico Law Enforcement Professional Standards Council.

Deputy Sheriff

The Valencia County Sheriff's Office is seeking applications for the positions of certified and non-certified Deputy Sheriff. Applicants must complete an application packet, background check and oral interview. All successful candidates must pass a physical exam, psychological exam and drug screen. In addition, non-certified candidates must also pass a physical agility test and be eligible to attend the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy (NMLEA). Federal, out of state and inactive certified officers must meet the NMLEA requirements for Certification by Waiver of Previous Training (CBW) to be considered.

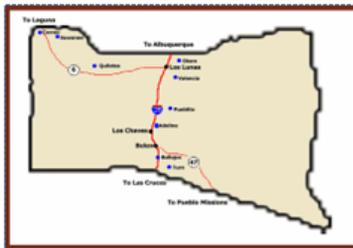
Salary and benefits summary:

- Certified Deputy Sheriff - \$23.93/hr., Non-certified Deputy Sheriff - \$21.73/hr.
- Longevity Pay
- Health Insurance (Including Dental & Vision) County pays 100% for the employee and 80% for your family
- Life Insurance
- PERA Retirement Plan 5
- 12 hour shifts (Alternating weeks- 3 days on/4 days off, 4 days on/3 days off)
- Take home vehicle
- All equipment provided in addition to a \$800 annual clothing allowance
- Overtime opportunities at time and a half pay
- Holiday pay

County of Valencia

Valencia County is part of the Rio Abajo, an area of the Middle Rio Grande Valley of New Mexico that stretches from the Espanola Valley in the North, to Sabinal in the South.

Valencia County has a population of 76,569 and comprises 1,068 square miles in central New Mexico. The county borders Socorro County directly to the south, Cibola County to the west, Bernalillo County to the north, and Torrance County to the east. The county seat is located in the Village of Los Lunas, 20 miles south of Albuquerque, the state's largest city.



Court Security Officer

The Valencia County Sheriff's Office is seeking applications for the position of Court Security Officer. This position is a uniformed and armed position which does not require NMLEA Peace Officer certification. Applicants must complete an application packet, background check and oral interview. Successful candidates must pass a physical exam, psychological exam and drug screen.

Salary and benefits summary:

- Starting Court Security Officer (probationary) - \$13.65/hr., after 6 months (non-probationary) - \$14.65/hr. and after one year \$15.65/hr.
- Health Insurance (Including Dental & Vision) County pays 100% for the employee and 80% for your family
- Life Insurance
- PERA Retirement System
- 8 hour shifts (Monday – Friday, Saturday, Sunday and holidays off)
- All equipment provided in addition to a \$800 annual clothing allowance
- Overtime opportunities at time and a half pay



Valencia County Sheriff's Office

Careers

Physical Address:
543 Luna Ave.
Los Lunas, NM 87031

Mailing Address:
PO Box 1585
Los Lunas, NM 87031

505-866-2400
505-866-2027 Fax

www.co.valencia.nm.us/departments/sheriff/County_Sheriff.html

Denise Vigil
Sheriff

Professional Standards Office

For additional information on any openings or the application process contact the Professional Standards Office.

Lieutenant Pete Alderete

505-866-3343

Peter.alderete@co.valencia.nm.us

To begin the application process download and complete a Valencia County Application at

<http://www.co.valencia.nm.us/departments/humanresources/postings/VCApplication.pdf>

and mail to P.O. Box 1585, Los Lunas, New Mexico 87031 or hand deliver to 543 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, New Mexico 87031.



Meet the Blue Star Mothers of Valencia County

The Blue Star Mothers of Valencia County is made up of mothers of US Military Service Members (Active, Guard, Reserve, Retired) and all others (male, female, etc.) wanting to support our military and their families.

- *Our focus is serving our troops and Veterans, our Military Families and each other.
- *Activities include mailing troop care packages and letters, VA Hospital Volunteers, Blue to Gold Programs, Military and Veteran Ceremonies and Programs.
- *We support the troops and veterans in our area and southern NM and many other military service organizations through various activities on all levels.

Members (Moms) pay a nominal annual membership, Associates(All Others) pay nothing.

Blue Star Mothers of America have been proudly serving our military and veterans since 1942. We would love to have you join our group or even help us by donating items for our care packages to mail to the troops overseas. Our next mailing will be about the month of May or June time frame. If you have a service member serving in the Armed Forces we would love to know where they are so we can send them greetings from home.

If you are interested in participating, would like to donate items, have a loved one serving in the US Military, please email us at bluestarmothersvalenciaco@gmail.com or text your contact information to 1-505-980-4759.

Check us out on Facebook @ Blue Star Mothers of Valencia County or stop by The UPS Store at 1402 Main St in Los Lunas and check out our information table during the month of February that will have a list of items we accept for the care packages. We will also have a donation box at The UPS Store during the month of April for drop-offs.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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WHEN?

February 1st - 28th

WHERE?

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The HCVC Scholarship Golf Tournament

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Get your teams ready for one of the best tournaments around...

Date: June 1, 2023 9:00am

More information: TBA





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3rd Monday of each month.



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