LOCO Giveaway December 12, 2022



Giveaway event promotes locally-owned businesses

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What started as one local business wanting to thank its customers for their support has blossomed into a giveaway event spanning Valencia County with at least 50 locally-owned businesses.

Barbara Duerksen, the manager of Back to the Basics in Los Lunas, said she and her staff were talking about how small mom-and-pop businesses struggle to compete with large chains.

"I decided to do a social media giveaway for our store. Then I had the idea of seeing if another small business would go in with us and we could have three winners," Duerksen said. "Then, being the over the top person that I am, I thought that it would be cool to get five businesses involved. Of course I couldn't stop there." So far, Duerksen has convinced 50 locally-owned, small businesses

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"It wasn't hard at all. I sent out some emails and really quickly people were responding, saying 'This is amazing; I want to be a part of it," she said.

Community members can visit the businesses to enter the drawing for free, Duerksen said, with one entry per visit. The drawings will be for a variety of items ranging from T-shirts

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Valencia County Business Incubator and Back to the Basics hosted the First Annual Valencia County LOCO Local Business Giveaway. We collaborated with 50 local businesses to thank our customers for their support this past year. Each business donated 2 items or local gift cards. On December 12th, free drawings were held and 55 individuals in Valencia County were winners!