

The Prowers Journal Classified Ads

...are a great way to advertise
...bring attention to your retail business

...are a low-cost, effective way to reach your clientele, old and new

...we can accept scripted ads up to Tuesday afternoon for Wednesday print

...we can accept online ads anytime

...The Prowers Journal newsletter is free

...we publish 1,400 newsletters each week for Lamar, Wiley, Granada and Holly

...our reach and readership continues to grow

...our online readership continues to grow weekly.

...our numbers are great, so your business earns a better return on your investment

Selling a house or car?
Seeking an employee? Posting an official notice? Running a seasonal sale?

The Prowers Journal is less than two years old and making an impact in the county. Make a business impact with your Classified Ad this week in The Prowers Journal.

Call 719-336-9095 today.

Senior Center Hours

The Lamar Community Resource and Senior Center hours of operation are: Monday – Friday from 8am to 5pm; Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6pm to 9pm and the Saturday night dance is from 7pm to 10pm. Call 719-336-4072 for information.

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Request For Bid Bid for Snow Removal 2013

The Lamar Housing Authority will be accepting sealed bids for snow removal and distribution of ice melt for the fiscal year 2013 for all sidewalks, entry ways, parking lots and driveways on all properties belonging to the Authority. Property locations can be picked up at 804 South Main, Lamar, CO 81052. Bidders must have proof of License, Liability Insurance and Workman's Compensation Insurance.

Bids will be accepted until 4:30 PM November 30, 2012 and will be opened on December 17, 2012, during the regular Lamar Housing Authority Board Meeting at noon. Lamar Housing Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

For Rent House for Rent

TWO bedroom duplex in quiet residential neighborhood, 303 S 8th. Lamar. New kitchen tile, has washer, dryer, storms with window coverings, small yard in front, on street parking. Call 719- 931-0006. No HUD, small approved pets possible with additional pet deposit. Six month lease.

Office Space for Rent

Small office space for rent at 217 South Main in Lamar - first door north of the theater, ADA accessible bathrooms, heat & air, call 620-384-4077 for more information.

1st Annual Holiday Gift Bazaar 2012

When: Friday, November 30, 9:00am to 6:00pm and Saturday, December 1, 9:00am to 6:00pm **Where:** Shore Arts Center at 115 South Main Street in Lamar.

Setup time will be Thursday, November 29 from 3:00 to 6:00pm or Friday, November 30 at 8:00am. Each booth space will be \$20.00 for 8ft by 8ft. They are signing up vendors now. Please contact Tammy Duffy and Kathy Cardinelli at 688-9277 or 688-7858. All crafters and home based businesses welcome.

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Miscellaneous

For Sale

For Sale – Selling As Is – 1997 Apache 3 horse goose-neck trailer - Asking \$4000.00 OBO – Contact Lamar Civic Federal Credit Union, 311 South 5th, Lamar – 719-336-4387.

Electronics for Sale Subwoofer For Sale

Polk Audio PSW250 subwoofer - 100 Watt dynamic power output. Frequency response of 30Hz - 180Hz produces tight and dynamic bass, built-in amplifier that gives out 50-Watt continuous average output. \$99 OBO - Call 688-7720

Garage Sale Black Friday & Saturday Garage Sale

Friday 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, Saturday 7:00 am to 12:00 pm. 8227 Sunset Ridge (The Ridges south of town). Signs will be posted. Lamar, CO. New stuff that would make great xmas presents. Nice used stuff. Some give-away stuff.

Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale

The Town of Holly Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale will take place on Saturday, December 1. Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale - 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Homemade Vegetable Beef Soup and Chili Lunch - 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. At the Holly United Methodist Church Social Hall.

Town of Holly: Notice of Public Hearing

Wednesday, December 5, 2012 at 6:45pm at the Holly Town Hall. The Board of Trustees will hear any questions or comments regarding the proposed 2013 annual municipal budget. The budget is available for review at the office of the Clerk/Treasurer until the time of the hearing. Following the hearing, the Board of Trustees will consider approval of the budget as presented.

Thank You

To all the Prowers County citizens that voted, I say
Thank You.

The many who lent support and confidence, I also thank.

Donald Seuffer

Professionals Providers After Hours

November 27 at 5:00PM

Mark your calendar and come relax and de-stress before the holidays at Juniper Village. We will offer mini therapeutic massages along with wine and cheese. Reconnect your body and mind so your feel whole and relaxed this holiday season.

Stockings for Soldiers

Help brighten Christmas for a soldier overseas with our annual Stockings for Soldiers.

Peacock Funeral Home is gearing up for the annual stockings for soldiers. From November 12, 2012 until November 26, 2012 you may pick up a free stocking at Peacock Funeral Home at 209 S. 4th St. Monday thru Friday from 8:00AM until 5:00PM. Stockings can be picked up with a list of recommended items to fill them with. Stuffed and decorated stockings can be returned back to Peacock Funeral Home no later than Friday, November 30, 2012. Peacock Funeral Home will ship the stockings overseas to a soldier for the holiday season. This is a great way to show our troops that even though they can't be home for the holidays that they are still in our hearts and we are thinking of them.

Three Masked Robbers Hit Las Animas Convenience Store

The Bent County Sheriff's Office arrested three suspects on various charges stemming from an early morning robbery of the Western Convenience Store in Las Animas this past Saturday, November 17. According to Undersheriff Tandy Hasser, three individuals wearing surgical-type masks and gloves and carrying what appeared to be an AK47 Assault Rifle robbed the store at 3am. The incident was recorded on a security video camera.

The Bent County Sheriff's Office staff responded immediately along with assistance from the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife and the Colorado State Patrol, and over the course of the next 12 hours, they apprehended and questioned eight suspects, as well as recovered the stolen property and the gun used in the crime. Hasser said that turned out to be a BB gun, but the clerk believed it to be an AK47 from its appearance.

Two of the individuals questioned were not involved in the robbery but were held on other non-related warrants. Three individuals including one juvenile were questioned and released. Three suspects, Timothy Heffernan and Trenton Carter of Bent County and Dominic Gonzales, were held and charged with Aggravated Assault and Menacing. In addition, Timothy Heffernan was also charged with Possession of a Weapon by a Previous Offender and Distribution of Marijuana. No one was injured in the robbery. *By Russ Baldwin*

Community Meet and Greet for Justin Lee and Family

Justin and Charlene Lee and family spent part of this past Friday afternoon, meeting the community during at public, 'meet and greet' at the Lamar Resource and Senior Center on East Olive Street in Lamar.

Just last month, Lee was hired as Prowers County Public Health and Environment Director, replacing Jackie Brown who retired from that position after more than twenty years of service. Lee's previous professional health experience includes director for clinical research for a group of medical doctors in Denver and prior to that in California as a community assessment director. Lee has a Masters degree in the Public Health field. His wife, Charlene, is a teacher in the K-12 grade system. They have three children ages, 14, 11 and 9.

Like any family making a transition from one new home to another, the Lee's are becoming acclimated to life in Prowers County and beginning their search for a new residence. This past October, while meeting with the county commissioners and health department staff, Lee commented that he wants to continue his involvement with community outreach programs. Lee said he is very community event oriented, working with health related groups such as Relay for Life, various sports activities and events, plus annual cultural events. As in the past, Lee said he'd be in touch with the sheriff and police departments as well as parks and recreation and local elected officials to get an assessment of the community and then start to work on formulating some health oriented goals following his orientation. *By Russ Baldwin*

Lodging Panel Deciding on Logo

Two dozen designs for the Prowers County Lodging Tax logo were submitted for consideration, the majority coming from the Wiley school art class. Not all lodging panel members attended the Tuesday, November 20 meeting, and a decision won't be made until all members have had a chance to review the selections that made the final cut. The Lodging Tax Panel had offered \$400 for the logo that best represents what images Prowers County brings to mind. Panel secretary, Carla Scranton, said Audrey Sneller's art class in Wiley did some lengthy research into Prowers County history before submitting their examples. There was no date on when a final decision will be made.

The new logo will probably be used by the panel at its new headquarters beginning in December, the Rodeway Cow Palace Inn. The panel wrapped up it's monthly meeting at the PCDI offices on South Main Street, also set to move sometime in December to new offices on the southeast corner of the main floor of the Cow Palace, and at a savings, as the monthly rent, insurance, utilities and phone line cost will all be reduced. The transition will take place over a period

of several days, possibly beginning in the second week of December.

Two applications for event funding were approved by the panel; the Snow Goose Festival, entering its 11th year, received \$4,672 for advertising, and will be held in February 2013. The other application was for \$11,000 for the Kick Off Concert for the annual Sand and Sage Round-up. Brandon Sherwood explained that \$8,000 goes to contract fees for the artist yet to be named and \$3,000 will go for marketing and advertising for the summer event. The concert has been moved back to a Saturday performance, scheduled for August 3, 2013. Sherwood said the application for funding has to be made early because of lengthy negotiations in securing a quality act. Panel members authorized \$690 for two new Byways signs that will be set up at the state Welcome Center in Lamar. There was a brief discussion about what will be offered in entertainment for a future Draft Horse event at the End of the Line Arena in Granada, but it was tabled pending additional information.

Panel members decided to try to tackle the never-ending problem of tax payment attribution from the state, using newly elected state representatives as their go-between with the Secretary of State's office. Ever since its inception, the Lodging Tax Panel has been in the dark over the payments they receive from the state, based on the taxes paid by local motels. Checks, based on a 2% fee for motel room rentals are issued by the state to the panel on a quarterly basis. Motel owners pay their taxes to the state and the panel is reimbursed, but never with any indication if all motels are paying their fair share of taxes, nor with any regularity. Checks are sent to the county varying from \$0.72 to \$15,000 with no accounting for a calendar period. The panel is hoping that newly elected state and house representatives will be able to glean some information once they take office in 2013.

The Lodging Tax Panel will meet on Tuesday, December 18 in Suite 103 at the Rodeway Cow Palace Inn at 4pm. *By Russ Baldwin*

Lamar Sales Tax Continues YTD Climb

Although the combined monthly sales tax revenue report for the City of Lamar showed a 1.11% decrease for September, the Year to Date collections showed a 4.13% increase or \$112,116.52 gain over 2011 revenue figures.

The 1.11% drop constitutes a \$3,123.86 loss comparing September 2012 to 2011. Year to Date figures shows a 3.57% growth rate for general City Sales Tax and a 12.57% increase for Use Tax Collected for a gain of \$89,746.58 and \$23,864.90 gain, respectively. Other Collections category was off 12.12% for a drop of \$1,494.96.

Four of the twelve Retail Sales categories showed Year to Date decreases. They were Furniture/Appliances/Electronics; Grocery Stores; Manufacturing and Other Retail. A comparison of last October's figures compared to 2012 showed that only two categories posted increases; in Building Materials and Department Stores.

The Year to Date comparisons for the past three years are as follows:

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Auto Parts	113,100	117,694	123,027
Building Materials	86,545	78,139	93,444
Clothing & Shoes	26,901	27,940	28,707
C Stores & Gas Sales	80,739	86,409	87,863
Department Stores	884,339	895,825	917,675
Furniture	22,929	23,504	20,835
Grocery Stores	214,612	239,193	228,314
Motels	99,111	110,114	136,949
Liquor Sales	80,359	84,632	92,220
Manufacturing	2,015	9,805	8,125
Other Retail	37,361	39,095	37,781
Restaurants	272,137	273,510	286,409

Prowers Area Transit

PATS, Prowers Area Transit offers public transportation Monday thru Friday from 7:30am to 5pm. Please make reservations 24 hours in advance. Call for your ride at 719-336-8034. Senior Discount Tickets are available in the front office at 407 East Olive, Lamar.