

Automotive

Van for Sale

1989 Ford Econoline Van with wheelchair lift. Has 89,000 miles. Tow package. Has 2 full tanks of gas. Would make a great work van.

F150 For Sale

2008 Red Ford F150 Supercab STX, 4.6 Liter V-8, has a/t, 4x4, cruise, a/c, Grill Guard, good tires, 109,000 miles, \$10,800 - call 719-510-6074 (cell)

Misc.

Birthday Invitation

You're invited to Pat Waldrip's 80th and Mike Steward's 70th birthday party. June 8th at the Lamar Senior Center from 2 PM to 4 PM. Come to wish one or both a Happy Birthday and enjoy some cake and ice cream.

Request for Bids

The Lamar School District Re-2 is taking bids on the construction of a 672 square foot addition to the existing Jack and Jill pre-school building, located at 1808 So. 7th Street. A bid packet can be picked up at the Alfred R. Young Administration building, 210 W. Pearl, Lamar, CO. Bids are due June 13, 2013 by 2:00 p.m. local time (MST).

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Help Wanted

Administrative Specialist I

The 15th Judicial District Probation Department in Lamar is seeking a highly organized, positive and motivated individual for the position of Administrative Specialist I. This position provides high level administrative support to the Chief Probation Officer of the district and clerical support to probation officers and other probation staff. Experience with accounting, general fiscal functions, and overall office management preferred. This is a 30 hour a week position with the expectation of becoming full time within 6 months. To apply for this position and to see a full description of salary, duties, and qualifications, please go online to the Judicial Branch's career opportunities website: <http://www.courts.state.co.us/Careers/Opportunities.cfm>

Economic Development Job Posting

Prowers County Development, Inc. (PCDI) seeks a professional to fill the position of Executive Director to lead business retention, attraction, and development initiatives within Prowers County, CO. The Executive Director is hired and supervised by the corporate Board of Directors. Qualified candidates will possess a degree in Business Administration or Marketing, or a career equivalent. Certification as Economic Developer preferred but not required. Five years related experience, preferably in a rural municipal environment. Grant writing knowledge useful. Salary package of \$40-70,000 annually is commensurate with qualifications and prior successful experience. Application and Job Description can be accessed online at: www.pcolorado.org - or, can be picked up during regular business hours at the PCDI office, 1301 N. Main, Suite 103, Lamar, CO. Application documents will not be mailed, faxed, or emailed to potential applicants. Each candidate will submit the application, resume and cover letter in a sealed envelope clearly marked, "Executive Director Application", deliverable by mail or in person during business hours to: Prowers County Development, Inc., 1301 N. Main, Suite 103, Lamar, CO 81052. Application deadline is 5:00 p.m. on July 1, 2013.

Medicaid Specialist

Medicaid Specialist - Temporary full-time position at High Plains Community Health Center located in Lamar, CO. Experience preferred, but not required. Salary based on experience. Veterans are encouraged to apply. Apply at www.highplainschc.net. The position will be open until filled. High Plains is an equal opportunity employer.

Enrollment Specialist

Enrollment Specialist - Five (5) Full-time positions at High Plains Community Health Center located in Lamar, CO. Positions are grant funded lasting between 12-18 months. Experience preferred, but not required. Salary based on experience. Veterans are encouraged to apply. Apply at www.highplainschc.net. The position will be open until filled. High Plains is an equal opportunity employer.

Office Clerk

Office clerk needed at the Holly NRCS office. 20 hrs/wk. \$13.03 / hr + benefits. Computer skills required. A background in agriculture is preferred. Email resume to: cwbennett@ultimaservices.com. Please write 'Holly' in the subject line of your email.

Real Estate

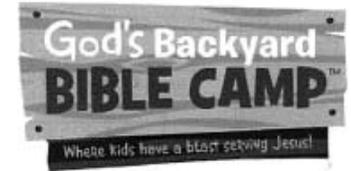
House for Sale

4 bdrm, 2 1/2 baths, finished basement, 3300 sq ft total, 2 car garage at 501 Willow Valley Drive, Lamar - call 336-8722

Rental Units Available

Lamar Housing Authority is accepting applications for our rental units located in the Strainhurst Apartment Complex. These units are all one bedroom, one bathroom apartments with laundry facilities located on site. Must be elderly or disabled to qualify for residence. Rent is income based. For further information please call Peggy Garrison at 719.336.9575, or stop by our office at 804 South Main to pick up an application.

Vacation Bible School



First Baptist Church
1600 S. Main, Lamar
336-4953

Dates: June 17-21, 2013
Time: 9:00-11:30am
Ages: Kindergarten - 5th
(as of last school year)

Big Timbers Museum New Hours of Operation

Winter Hours: - Sept 1 to May 31
Tuesday - Saturday 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Summer Hours: - Jun 1 to Aug 31
Tuesday - Saturday - 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Closed Sundays, Mondays,
and County Holidays**

5th Annual Walk for Life

Join the Care Net Pregnancy Center of Southeast Colorado on June 30, 2013 for the 5th Annual Walk for Life. Registration starts at 3:30pm with the walk from 4:00-6:00pm in Willow Creek Park. Contact them at by calling 719-336-1135 or stop in to see them at 201 E. Oak Street in Lamar.

Cong. Gardner Visits Local Wheat Fields, Discusses Farm Bill

This past Friday, May 31, marked the third wheat field tour conducted by U.S. Congressman Cory Gardner since his election to represent the 4th District in Colorado, basically the eastern portion of the state, border to border with Nebraska and New Mexico. "I've covered the northeast corner in the first year, mid north in the second and this will be a view of southeast Colorado for this year," he told the gathering at Steve Shelton's farm, about 10 miles south of Lamar. His trip included Springfield and Walsh to survey field conditions there. Gardner said he was surprised by the abrupt change in the land and the dry conditions he noted as soon as he continued traveling south of Cheyenne County. "The difference is noticeable in only a few miles. When you see pastures being chiseled to keep them from blowing, when you see the wheat crop being sprayed to kill the crop, it's pretty incredible to see what's happening because of the drought," he stated. "You go from green to grey in the span of about a half hour of travel when you're coming in this way from the north." He added, "We have to figure out a way to make sure that policies in the farm bill continue to maintain that strong safety net for our communities in agriculture, whether its insurance, conversation or on the commodity title." Speaking about the need to maintain a healthy agriculture climate and the need to produce food here, Gardner asked, "Can you imagine what this country would look like if we imported 60% of our food?"

Several representatives from state and national wheat organizations were on hand for the tour and catered BBQ lunch at Shelton's farm. Gardner spent time with individuals and groups, discussing not just wheat conditions and the farm bill, but issues of local and regional concern, ranging from the Lamar Repowering Project, the Southwest Chief route through southeast Colorado, conservation easements and of course, the drought. Landowner Jillane Hixson suggested that Gardner invite high ranking congressman to visit the devastation associated with the drought as members have toured parts of Oklahoma and California that have been impacted by tornadoes and by wildfires. She suggested that they should have a first-hand look at how this part of the country has been economically impacted by a natural disaster that has been stretched over ten years, not just a spring and summer season. Gardner said he'd draft letters to his counterparts on that matter.

Several noted individuals addressed the gathering including Sara Olsen, President of the Colorado Wheat Administrative Council, Mark Linnebur, President of the Colorado Association of Wheat Growers and Steve Breedy, the incoming President of the Wheat Administrative Council.

Olsen, a long-time family friend of Gardner, highlighted the agricultural and economic impact wheat has on the state. She said the 4th Congressional District encompasses 22 counties in eastern Colorado and accounted for 97% of wheat production in the state and brought in around \$480 million in wheat sales last year. "Sometimes we feel like we're few, but we're mighty, and we're second only in tourism for revenue in the state," she said. Olsen added that she continually works to remind people along the Front Range of the economic impact agriculture adds to Colorado.

Linnebur and his family grow wheat and corn dryland east of Denver. He said his group stays active on the state level, especially with the association of wheat growers and the legislative session. Linnebur said he hasn't seen a lot of state issues, but has been following the course of the new federal farm bill, especially maintaining crop insurance coverage. He too, commented on the big change in land in just a few miles as your travel into southeast Colorado. Linnebur also noted the AGI, Adjusted Growth Income, an amendment added to the farm bill in the senate debate. Linnebur gave an example, stating, "If you're above \$750,000 for an AGI, your crop insurance will be reduced from a 70% level to a 55% level. I believe if that goes through you'll eventually see the end of crop insurance." He said he felt that if fewer acres go into the insurance pool, farmer's premiums could rise significantly. He said another area of concern is reducing funds for crop research.

Regarding the farm bill, Gardner said he felt it would come up on the House floor by the third week in June and would come with significant changes. He listed the commodities title, the elimination of direct payments for countercyclical payments in a revenue assurance type of model, on crop insurance changes in viewpoints between the house and senate. He said a turnover in the ranking membership of the Ag commission meant a switch in emphasis from corn and wheat

over to cotton and rice. He noted these changes in leadership can have a bearing on the outcome of the farm bill and potential cuts in forms of crop insurance coverage. Gardner said additional discussion would also be noted on the Food Nutrition side including food stamps and marketing of products.

The congressman noted the disconnect farmers and ranchers face in a country who lacks a basic understanding of what it takes to bring food to the table and said it is a factor of concern with his counterparts in Washington, D.C. "There are less than 2% of us today in production agriculture. 98% of the people in this country don't know what it's like to produce their food...breakfast lunch or dinner, but they think they know how to do it better than anybody in this room, but their dollars drive those decisions." Gardner said there are people who pay twice the cost for brown eggs because they believe they are better for you than regular white eggs. He added, "When I get tweets from people in Greeley, Colorado who want to stop GMO's, we're losing the messaging battle." Gardner continued, "There are people who have no idea what drought-resistant strains of GMO wheat can do, but they want research and development stopped." Gardner urged everyone to become ambassadors to teach our city cousins about what we're doing and the problems and concerns we face to bring in a crop. He said it's critical to our future generations.

Local officials and citizens who attended the lunch and tour included Prowers County Commissioners, Wendy Buxton-Andrade and Henry Schnabel, Wilma Trujillo, Southeast Area Agronomist and John Stulp former State Agriculture Commissioner who now heads a state water conservation committee. *By Russ Baldwin*

11th Annual Holly Bluegrass Festival June 7th, 8th, & 9th

The Festival will kick off at 6:00p.m. Friday night, June 7th with the Holly Commercial Club Barbeque followed by the jam session featuring many local and area pickers coming together for a little pickin' and grinnin'. The WMD Bluegrass Band from Black Forest will also be there for the jam session.

The Saturday festival will kick off at 7:00 a.m. with breakfast in the park by the Holly High School Cheerleaders. The first band will take the stage at 11:00 a.m. running until 9:00 p.m. or later that evening.

Five top groups will perform not only bluegrass but some country, rock, and gospel music. High school classes will again have their food booths which usually include, bar-b-q ribs, corn on the cob, home made ice cream, walkin' tacos, burgers, brats, hot dogs, and many other delectable foods.

Sunday the gospel music/church will begin at 10:30 a.m. and will feature Frankie Valens and his wife, Phyllis. Many of you will remember Frankie's signature song, "This Magic Moment". He also recorded "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes". Frankie & his wife, Phyllis, traveled full time in their gospel music ministry. This will be an exciting gospel worship service. Lunch will be available.

Bring your lawn chairs and come on down to Gateway Park and take in the 11th Annual FREE Holly Bluegrass Festival - the only Free festival in the State of Colorado.

For information regarding the festival, vendors, booths, etc, contact Jill 691-5475, Marge 940-5243, or visit the web site www.townofholly.com.

Lee Out as Prowers County Public Health Director

The Prowers County Commissioners are beginning a search for a new Director of Public Health for the County, following their contract termination of Justin Lee in that position this past Friday. The commissioners held an executive session meeting regarding his employment last Friday morning, May 31.

Commission Chairman, Joe Marble, told The Prowers Journal that the commissioners believed the move was in the best interests for the county, but did not offer any specifics. "We have some options for a new director," Marble said. "When we were searching for a replacement for Jackie Brown, we considered a regionalization director," he stated. Marble explained that one option will be to sub-contract with another county and employ their health director to provide service to the Prowers County Public Health Department. The other option will be to find a director who will be employed exclusively by the county. Lee had been employed by a Denver medical group as their director for clinical research. He holds a Masters Degree in Public Health.

Lee was hired in October, 2012 to replace Jackie Brown as county health director. She announced her resignation from the position effective the end of last August after 22 years in that position. Marble did not say when the search for a new director would begin. *By Russ Baldwin*