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Meeting Dates for SECOPERA

The Southeastern Colorado PERA (Public Employee Retirement Association) has scheduled the next few meetings. All meetings will take place at noon at the Lamar Senior Citizens Building.

March 25th & April 29th

Lunch is available through SAGE at 11:15 prior to the meetings.

NOW HIRING

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Operations Crew Member

Grain Company looking for an operations crew member for Holly facility. Duties to include loading and unloading trucks, general maintenance and truck driving. Prior agriculture experience, along with a CDL preferred. Great career opportunity for a candidate with the right experience. Excellent benefits and the security of working for a growing, successful company. Northern Ag Service, Inc. 719-537-6514.

Help Wanted

Sales position available with training and guarantee. Call 719-688-2968

Custodian - Re-Posting

The Prowers County Maintenance Department is seeking applications for one Custodian position. Previous experience in general building maintenance, building custodial maintenance, and a general knowledge of operating and maintaining commercial cleaning equipment is preferred. This is a full time, hourly, day and night, rotating shift position with competitive salary and ben-

efits. Application and job description may be obtained from the Prowers County Administration Office: 301 South Main Street, Suite 215, Lamar, CO. Please note that if you have already picked up a job description for this vacant position in February 2014, please see the UPDATED JOB DESCRIPTION now available on our website: www.prowerscounty.net and is also available in the Prowers County Administration Office. If you applied prior to February 2014, you will need to re-apply for this position. Deadline to return applications will be 5:00 p.m. on March 7, 2014. EOE

Part Time Position Available

Lamar Civic Federal Credit Union has part time position available. Basic computer skills needed. Provide resume to 311 S. 5th Street Lamar by March 14th 2014.

Real Estate

Apartment for Rent – 4 Plex

Two bedroom apartment for rent – W/D coin operated – storage shed – Rent + Deposit – utilities except electricity – No Pets – Call 688-4238

House For Rent

One bedroom house for rent – rent + utilities + deposit – No Pets – Call 688-4238

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4 Bdrms, 2 baths, large fenced backyard - Central Heat/Air, W/D hook-ups - Leave Message at 719-688-7957

For Rent

1, 2, and 3 bedroom apartments for rent, some remodeled. \$365.00 to \$475.00. No Pets. Ask for any rental concessions. 719-691-5040.

Miscellaneous

Coffee and Conversation

Join us for Coffee and Conversation Every Wednesday 6:30 pm at Brew Unto Others Coffee Shop 119 S Main Lamar. Different weekly topics that will stir your thinking. Call for more information 336-1331.

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Spring Books Sale

Spring will get here and it will again be time for the Friends of the Lamar Public Library Spring book sale. We ask that you start the spring cleaning a little early and donate your books for the sale anytime from now until the sale starting date of April 6th. Just call the Library at 336-4632 and let them know you are coming with books and they will get the garage on the east side of the building open for you. If you need help getting the books to the sale, or have any questions, please call 336-7634. Sale dates are April 6th thru the 9th.

Veterans Benefit from Online Info

Use www.myhealth.va.gov and go online at this new Veteran Health Portal and discover what benefits the VA can offer you and your family. My HealthVet, a Gateway to Optimal Health. Call your local VA representative in Prowers County, Jeremy Miller, at 719-336-2606.

Four Prisoners Escape from Otero County Jail

Media Release - On Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at about 8:00 p.m., four inmates from the Otero County Jail escaped after rushing a detention officer and then opening a second cell to let two other inmates out of another cell. After fighting with another deputy, the four were able to leave the facility and they fled to the northwest and then north across Highway 50 and into the rail yards in La Junta.

Part of their jail clothing was located in the rail yards. The escapees include: Angel Castrejon, DOB: 01-16-1991, male, 6-0 , 150 lbs., Brown eyes, brown hair. Curtis Apodaca, DOB: 7-4-1992, male, 5-5 , 140 pounds, brown eyes and brown hair. Johnny Nunez, DOB: 09-17-1983, male, 6-0 , 165 pounds, Brown eyes, and black hair, and a Malcom Hoffert, DOB: 1-16-1992, male, 6-00 , 165 lbs., hazel eyes and brown hair.

Casteron was facing charges for drug related offenses, escape and bond violation. Nunez currently was facing charges for burglary and forgery. Apodaca was facing charges for drug related offenses and being an accessory to a crime. Hoffert was currently facing motor vehicle theft charges.

Assisting in search for the fugitives are Otero County Sheriff's Office, La Junta Police Department, CDOC (Colorado Department of Corrections), Rocky Ford Police Department, Colorado State Patrol, and Colorado Adult Parole, and the Bent County Sheriff's Office.

Governor John Hickenlooper has authorized the Colorado National Guard to assist with the search. Those living in Otero County and surrounding areas can expect to see helicopters flying overhead Wednesday as National Guardsman and several other agencies comb the area.

Donations Sought by LPD for Replacement K9

I am Sergeant Jamison Sherrill with the Lamar Police Department K-9 Unit. I am writing to you on behalf of the Lamar Police Department and the K-9 division. The Lamar Police Department first established our K-9 unit in 2008, and the unit has been serving the City of Lamar, Prowers County, and surrounding areas since that time. The K-9s have been used regularly for narcotics detection and interdiction on the roads and in the school districts of Lamar and Prowers County. We have been called out as far as Las Animas, Cheyenne Wells, and Hamilton County (KS). The K-9s have also played a strong role in the interdiction of contraband and narcotics within the Prowers County Jail.

K-9 Joey, our first K-9, retired after more than five years of service early in 2013. During her career, K-9 Joey assisted with the location and arrest of several felons, was instrumental in numerous drug arrests and seizures, and most notably was responsible for the seizure of over \$10,000.00 in drug money and the arrest of an inter-state narcotics transporter.

Since Joey's retirement, the department has had two K-9 teams working. K-9 Wiley partnered with Sgt. Cope and K-9 Nero, my partner. K-9 Nero has been on the street for approximately two years, and has been responsible for multiple drug finds. He was a part of the arrest team that captured the suspects in the bank robbery in Bent County in 2013. K-9 Wiley has been with the department for nearly five years and has made numerous narcotics finds on the street, inside the schools, the college, and other facilities in the area. Those finds include a seizure of more than 12 lbs of marijuana being moved through Lamar.

Unfortunately, in the late part of 2013, K-9 Wiley was diagnosed with cancer and was only given a short time to live. Wiley has outlived all expectations of the veterinarian, but his health is deteriorating, and the department has made the difficult decision to retire Wiley to his handler's home. This leaves only one K-9 team available to the city and surrounding agencies.

At the department, we believe our K-9 program has more than proven its worth to the city and surrounding areas through narcotics detection and apprehension assistance for dangerous felons. With K-9 Wiley's retirement due to medical reasons, we would no longer be able to offer 24 hour K-9 availability, and we feel it is important that that coverage remains constant. As such, we are reaching out to agencies and organizations in the area who likewise recognize the benefit of the K-9 program for assistance in procuring another K-9 to fill the void left by K-9 Wiley's retirement, and allow us to continue to provide the level of service and coverage that we have been able to offer over the last five years.

It will take \$10,000 to purchase a new dog and get the K9 and the handler certified for police

service. Any contribution you or your organizations can make towards the project will be appreciated. Your contributions are tax deductible and the City of Lamar will be happy to provide a receipt for the amount you contribute. *Submitted by Sgt. Jamison Sherrill*

Industrial Hemp Registration Draws Near

CDA Urges Producers to be Aware of Challenges

LAKEWOOD, Colo. – Late last year, the Colorado Department of Agriculture adopted the first industrial hemp rules in the state's history; producers can begin to register with CDA's industrial hemp program on March 1, 2014. However, potential registrants should be aware of uncertainties that still exist because of federal law.

"While the State passed legislation legalizing the cultivation of industrial hemp, there are still many unanswered questions on the federal level," said Colorado Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture Ron Carleton. "We want producers to be fully aware of the issues and challenges facing this crop."

CDA's regulatory role with industrial hemp is limited to registration of growers and inspection of crop. The State of Colorado has no jurisdiction over many other factors that producers are faced with. While Colorado legalized the production of hemp (*Cannabis spp.*), growing it commercially is still considered illegal under federal law. The Department of Justice has issued guidelines that will, if followed, limit the likelihood of federal enforcement against commercial producers. Additionally, Congress included in the 2014 Farm Bill a provision permitting some Research & Development activities if following state rules.

The following issues may cause concern for those interested in growing this crop in Colorado. It is important that potential registrants are aware of these issues and understand the potential risks.

- Seed Procurement/Seed Quality—Seed that exists in Colorado may be variable and have unknown THC levels. Random sampling of hemp fields will be conducted. Plant samples testing at levels higher than 0.3 percent THC will be in violation of the Colorado Industrial Hemp Registration and Production Act. Importation of viable industrial hemp seed across State lines and Country boundaries is illegal under the Federal Controlled Substances Act.
- Pesticides—There are not any pesticides (herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, etc.) currently registered for use on *Cannabis spp.* (Industrial Hemp and marijuana) due to the predominant federal nature of pesticide regulation. The CDA is putting together a list of pesticides that could be used on *Cannabis spp.* and not constitute a violation of pesticide labeling or other federal and state pesticide laws and regulations. This list will be extremely limited.
- Federal farm programs—such as crop insurance, farm loans and conservation reserve may be jeopardized if industrial hemp is planted; these programs are managed by the US Department of Agriculture, a federal agency. Contact a lawyer for legal advice.
- Banking—even though the Department of Justice and the Department of the Treasury recently issued guidance on bank involvement with *Cannabis* operations, banks including state-chartered banks may be reluctant to provide services to *Cannabis* growers for fear of being prosecuted for federal laws and regulations violations.
- Processing—Industrial hemp must be processed prior to shipment out of Colorado. Colorado's industrial hemp rules state that industrial hemp producers must provide documentation of in state processing as part of registration. It is unknown at this time how many processing facilities will be available in Colorado at time of harvest.

Producers must register with CDA by May 1, 2014, if they would like to grow industrial hemp during the 2014 growing season. The annual registration fee for commercial production of industrial hemp will be \$200 plus \$1.00/acre. The annual registration fee for production of industrial hemp for research and development will be \$100 plus \$5/acre. All registrations will be valid for one year from date of issuance.

All registrants are subject to sampling of their industrial hemp crop to verify that the THC concentration does not exceed 0.3 percent on dry weight basis; up to 33 percent of the registrants will be inspected each year. During the inspection, the registrant or authorized representative must provide the Department's inspector with complete and unrestricted access to all industrial hemp plants and seeds whether growing or harvested, all land, buildings and other structures used for the cultivation and storage of industrial hemp, and all documents and records pertaining to the registrant's industrial hemp growing business.

The entire rule and additional information on industrial hemp can be found by visiting www.colorado.gov/ag/dpi and click on "industrial hemp."