

Tailgate Party!

Be sure to attend the Lamar High School Sports Booster Club 2012 Tailgate Party.

Free Hamburgers and Hot Dogs!

Friday, September 21, 2012 at the East end of Savage Stadium from 5:00pm to 6:15pm

New officers for the Lamar High School Sports Booster Club are:

Christa Melgoza-President, Lynn Eberhardt-Co-President, Danielle Cook-Wilson-Vice President, Yvonne Westhoff-Co-Vice President, Alicia Crist-Treasurer, Cindy Bennett-Secretary

They meet the 2nd Monday of each month at the Lamar Community Building at 5:30PM and their next meeting is Monday, September 10, 2012



Happy Anniversary

Charles and Carolyn Kelley of Lamar, CO will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary September 8 & 9 with their children in Estes Park, CO.

The Kelleys were married September 9, 1962 in Wichita, KS. Their children are Chris Waller (Kevin), the late Colleen Kelley, and Cathy Osban (Cory). They have one grandchild, Jordan Waller.

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Help Wanted

Road & Bridge Opening

Prowers County Road & Bridge Department has one full-time job opening. Applicants must have a valid Colorado Commercial Driver's License, must be willing to submit to a drug test and successfully complete a physical examination in order to demonstrate ability to perform the essential functions of the position. Applications and Job Description may be picked up and returned to the Prowers County Administration Office, 301 South Main Street, Suite 215, Lamar, CO 81052. Even if you have previously applied with Prowers County Road & Bridge Department you will need to re-apply for this. Deadline to return applications will be 5:00 p.m. on September 7, 2012. EOE

Emergency Services Communicator

Under general supervision is responsible for receiving all calls to the Communications Center, analyzing the calls, and determining the appropriate need for response. He/she notifies law enforcement, fire, and/or ambulance personnel or requests for service and follows through on all responses. Performs work that varies somewhat but is performed within prescribed standards. Applications and job description are available at the Human Resources Office, City Complex, 102 East Parmenter, Lamar, CO 81052-3299. Applications and testing will be continually accepted and ongoing until position is filled. Pre-employment testing is required. Upon job offer the successful applicant will be required to have a physical examination, take a pre-employment drug and alcohol test and provide a current motor vehicle record. EOE

Part time Male Drug Testing Technician

15th Judicial District Probation Department in Lamar. Contract position for monitoring drug tests of male probation clients. No weekends, \$35/hour, 10 hours/week. Requirements: Must be Male, Available to work noon hour and late afternoons, Have High School diploma and be able to obtain general liability insurance. Application and job description available at the Probation Department, Prowers County Courthouse, 301 S. Main St. Lamar, CO 81052. Application Deadline September 24, 2012.

Happy Anniversary

Jim & Charlene Hudson of Wiley, CO will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary at the Lamar Senior Center, 407 E. Olive on Saturday, August 25, 2012 with a reception (light lunch) at 6:00 P.M. and a dance from 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. The Hudsons were married August 21, 1952 in San Francisco, Calif. Their children are Cathy Smotherman Erickson (Victor), Sheri Centner (Red), two grandsons, Thad Smotherman (Jen), Matt Centner (Adrienne), and three great grandchildren, Kaiya, Henley, and Jack.

Birthday Celebration!

The family of Marilyn Idler is pleased to invite the community to celebrate Marilyn's upcoming 90th birthday. The open house will be held at the home of George and Nancy Idler at 2411 County Road HH West of Lamar, 2-4pm on Sunday September 2, 2012. Please come and share stories and celebrate her 90 years!

Let's celebrate L.D Austin's 90th and Louise Austin's 89th

The family of L.D. and Louise Austin are having a come and go double birthday bash plus wedding anniversary on September 1, 2012 from 2:00 to 4:00 at 704 S. 7th Street. Please join us and share your stories with us. This special couple will be celebrating their anniversary of 72 years. Please no gifts, your presence is your gift.

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Roland KC 550 bass, keyboard and amp - 180 watts, 15" woofer and tweeter. \$150.00. Call 336-4676.

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Yamaha Acoustic Guitar 730FG, like new with new soft case. \$150.00. Call 336-4676.

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Vandals Punch Out Tourism Sign

A wildlife information sign at the Lamar Welcome Center was vandalized about a week ago, according to Judy Douglass, Center director.

The sign, erected at the Center in 2006, had a fist-sized hole punched through the middle, splitting the sign from top to bottom. The information sign to the rear was undamaged.

Douglass received \$500 towards repairs from the Prowers Lodging Tax Panel and said she expects another \$500 from the state to repair or replace the sign, set up by the state Historic Highways and Byways project. Over the past six years, some rust has developed at the sign's bottom support braces which will need some sanding and replacing.

Lamar's Welcome Center is one of several throughout the state, providing information about points of interest for its area of operation. Visitor numbers have been off this year across all of Colorado, attributable in part to the cost of fuel, extreme heat conditions and a series of fires which received national attention in July and August. *By Russ Baldwin*

County Signs Temporary Health Coverage Agreement with Bent County

Prowers County and Bent County Commissioners have agreed on an intergovernmental agreement which will provide technical public health assistance for the Prowers County Public Health Department. Prowers County Administrator, Jo Dorenkamp, is serving as the county's interim Public Health and Environment Director in the absence of former director, Jackie Brown, who has accepted another position as of August 31. Bent County will offer assistance, "as needed" for a period not to exceed 90 days under the IGA. Both parties have agreed to the provisions of the IGA, and Bent County Commissioners will sign the document at their next meeting. Prowers County Commissioner, Joe Marble, said he hopes that the county will find a permanent replacement for Brown within the next 30 days. A come and go reception for Jackie Brown will be held at the County Annex between 4pm and 6pm on Thursday, August 30.

Pat Palmer, Prowers Lodging Tax Panel President, asked the commissioners and county attorney, John Lefferdink for advice on how best to have the 1.9% motel taxes paid to the county directly and not to the Secretary of State's office. "Can a legislator sponsor a local tax at the state level to correct this problem for us?" Palmer asked. Panel members have long been vexed by the lack of information accompanying the state's tax payment back to the county. "We don't know what month or even what year the payment is for when it's returned to us!" said Palmer. "Sometimes we get a check for \$7 and sometimes for \$12,000," he added, in explaining the situation to the commissioners. Palmer said it would help the Panel if the county could handle the motel tax the same way the city clerk handles the direct payments to that office. Because Lamar is a home rule city, it can handle its own tax payments, but that's not the case for the county. Commissioner Henry Schnabel suggested other counties be contacted to see if they can operate under a home rule classification. Lefferdink said Palmer should contact State Senator Grey Brophy who represents our area, to see what kind of leeway could be provided from the State Department of Revenue. On a similar matter of paid and unpaid taxes, the commissioners had discussed hiring an auditor to review the county sales tax at the state level to see if there are missing payments from any variety of businesses. Which motel is making payments and how much is kept private as a business matter and only the county clerk has access to that information which cannot be divulged. Palmer said that one new motel in Lamar had been making their tax payments to the Pueblo Economic Development Corporation and not Prowers County until that situation was corrected. That's why he wants the Lodging Panel to have access to a better system of record keeping on sales tax payments.

The county road and bridge department accepted two bids for used pickup trucks. A 2007 model was sold to the high bidder at \$6,276 and the 1989 pickup went for \$1,526. Because of tightened budget, the county replaces vehicles on a one to one basis. When one goes, it opens the door for a replacement purchase.

In other action the commissioners approved the filing of the State Abstract regarding this year's Prowers County Property Tax Values. A slight decrease was noted from this year to 2011. The commissioners also approved a letter written of behalf of the City of Lamar for the city's application for a GOCO grant to complete the final two ball fields at the city's sports complex. *By Russ Baldwin*

Lodging Panel Funds October MMA, Sets 2013 Budget

The Prowers Lodging Tax Panel voted to approve half the funding request for a MMA, Mixed Martial Arts Event in Lamar to coincide with the annual Oktoberfest celebration on October 6. Local resident, Arnulfo Ortega, who helped coordinate the first MMA event held in Lamar, said he and a new promoter, Gabriel Charboneau from Pueblo are working to set up the third such event in town for October. Ortega had requested \$5,000 for marketing and advertisement funds and the panel decided to fund \$2,500 towards the project. Their decision for half the funding was based in part that there had been no information on the number of motel rooms rented from the last event, although Ortega was not connected to the second MMA held in Lamar last year. Ortega said seven athletes from the Lamar area should be taking part this year, with participants expected from Colorado and surrounding states. The Lamar Community Building was filled to capacity for the first event. A series of date changes was partly responsible for a decline in attendance for the second.

Lodging Panel members decided that with little change in the scope of events that they funded last year to the present, they adopted and approved the same budget as in 2012, for an operating budget of \$46,908.

Last month's meeting focused on a contingency fund that was recommended for the panel. The fund would be used for any unanticipated events in a given year. Panel members have a general idea of the dollar amount and number of repeat annual events that request funding. The contingency fund would be used to supplement additional or new events. County Commissioner, Joe Marble said the commissioners discussed the suggestion, leaving the amount up to the panel. County Auditor, Ronnie Farmer recommended \$40,000, but panel members said that amounted to about half their annual budget. It was decided that that figure could be a goal which would be achieved over several years as set-asides into a reserve fund, holding back around \$15,000 a year.

Board members discussed advertising the county activities in Colorado Country Life magazine. A series of advertisements would be placed in the publication spanning a year and the cost of the ads will be priced out before the panel makes a decision. Judy Douglass, board member and director of the Lamar Welcome Center said it would take about \$1,000 to repair a Welcome Center Sign that had been vandalized and split down the middle, top to bottom. The panel authorized \$500 for repairs and the state is expected to match that amount. Discussion also focused on the on-going problem of determining how the state decides to send Lodging Panel checks to the county based on the 2% motel room user tax. Checks are issued, but range between \$0.73 to \$12,000 with no set schedule or explanation to the quarter-annual billing process. Board President, Pat Palmer, asked if state legislation would be possible to keep the funds in the county without having to pass through the state. The next panel meeting is set for Tuesday, September 18. *By Russ Baldwin*

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