

Two Positions Open

The City of Lamar announces there are two positions currently open for board members for the Lamar Housing Authority. Contact City Clerk Linda Williams at 719-336-4376 regarding applications for the position. There are several other vacancies on some City of Lamar Board and Commissions for interested citizens.

Reminder: The Lamar City Council holds an informal breakfast meeting at various restaurants the first Wednesday of each month from 7am to 8am. Residents are urged to attend to ask questions of their council members or make recommendations or suggestions.

Lodging Tax Panel Applications

If your organization plans events that bring tourists and visitors to Prowers County, you may be eligible for funding from the Prowers County Lodging Tax Panel.

The panel allocates funding to help organizations develop marketing plans to publicize their activities. Funding is generated from a lodging tax levied for motels, hotels and bed and breakfast homes in Prowers County. Your group may qualify for marketing funds.

Contact Carla Scranton at 719-336-2384, the Prowers County Development Incorporated offices in Lamar for more information and an application form. The Lodging Tax Panel meets the third Tuesday of every month at 4pm at the PCDI offices at Main and East Olive Streets in Lamar.



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Weekend Local Scores:

Football:

Lamar 47 – Centauri 16
Wiley 86 – Manzanola 26
McClave 28 – Holly 20
Haxton 35 – Granada 18
La Junta 54 – R. Ford 0
Springfield 28 – Hoehne 6
Ellicott 24 – Las Animas 19

Volleyball:

Lamar 3 – D. Huerta 0
Springfield 3 – Hoehne 0
Las Animas 3 – R. Ford 0
Kim 3 – Granada 2
Grand Junction 3 – Lamar 2
Lamar 3 – Palmer 1

Soccer:

Mesa Ridge 4 – Lamar 3
Widefield 3 – Lamar 0

Softball:

Discovery Canyon 1 – Lamar 0

Sports Schedule

Football:

Sept 14 Granada @ Hoehne
Holly @ Swink
Lamar @ Alamosa
McClave @ Wiley
Sept 15 Eads @ Stratton

Volleyball:

Sept 12 C. Wells @ Eads
Sept 13 Eads @ Holly
Kit Carson @ Granada

Sept 14 St. Mary's @ Lamar
McClave @ Wiley
Sept 15 Eads @ Stratton
Lamar @ Burlington
Sept 18 Eads @ Bethune
Granada/Holly @ Tribune Tourney
La Junta @ Lamar
Cheraw @ McClave
Swink @ Wiley

Soccer:

Sept 13 Dolores Huerta @ Lamar
Sept 15 Colo Springs @ Lamar

Cross Country:

Sept 15 Lamar @ Pueblo Central

Softball:

Sept 15 Lamar vs Classical
Sept 18 Guymon @ Lamar

LCC Sports:

Baseball:

Sept 14 LCC ABA Fall Tourney @ Albuquerque

Softball:

Sept 16 LCC @ McCook, Neb

Volleyball:

Sept 14 LCC NJC Tourney @ Sterling, CO

Golf:

Sept 13 LCC @ Eastern Wyoming

Rodeo:

Sept 16 LCC at Central Wyoming College

Activities On Back...

Wake Up Workout

Need an early morning workout to get you going? Then this is the perfect class for you! This is **Yoga** and **Toning** class taught by Mary Minor. Designed to relieve stress, to keep you motivated and help you stretch yourself into a New You!

Classes meet every **Tuesday** and **Thursday** at **6:00 AM** and on **Thursday Evenings** at **7:00 PM** at the Community Building. The cost of these classes is the Daily Visit Fee or you can use your punch card or annual pass.

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, October 8, 2012

Holly Commercial Club Receives School Construction Update

Ryan Anderson, representing Adolfsen and Peterson Construction gave a progress report on the Holly School building project to about two dozen persons who were on hand this past Wednesday, September 5, for the monthly meeting of the Holly Commercial Club at the Methodist Church.

Anderson reported that the school is progressing on schedule and the football field should be ready for the team's first game against Walsh, set for Thursday, September 27. The surfacing for the track is expected to be put on this week. The old gym project is progressing just as well and they are hoping to have it ready in time to host the Holly Fair Exhibits that week.

Progress Percentages:

Complete Overall	31.7%
Main PK-12	22%
Votech	100%
WPA Gym	90%
Fields	85%

Adolfsen and Peterson require safety meetings each week, and are very diligent on requiring all employees and visitors to wear personal protective equipment while on site. Some questions were raised, mainly about the new gym, including if it has been built to hold 550 guests. Tours of the school and grounds have been planned, but right now, it's too much of a liability. The Holly High School website provides additional information on the construction.

Reeves Brown, the Executive Director of the Department of Local Affairs, and Lee Merkel, Southeastern Colorado DOLA representative, spoke about Governor Hickenlooper's interest in regional outreach.

Last month's meeting minutes were approved and the Treasurer's report was accepted for August.

There was a discussion if the Holly Commercial Club had enough volunteers to man a booth for the fair this fall. Town Administrator, Marsha Willhite, said a display for the Town of Holly to celebrate the Depot's 100th anniversary will be set up. There were no volunteers for a Taste of Holly booth this year.

The Holly Historical Society will host Wagons, Wheels and Trails with Pat Palmer and Kent Anderson. It will be held at the Senior Center at 7pm on Tuesday, September 11.

Ty Rushton and Melinda Salzbrenner attended the Club meeting, representing P.J. Wilson Insurance, which is now open for business on Main Street in Holly.

John Golden said there was talk of hosting a Prowers County Candidates Forum at the next Holly Commercial Club Meeting, set for Wednesday, October 3. Those wishing to attend should RSVP for the \$7.50 lunch to Ralph Plummer by Monday, October 1st at rplummer81047@yahoo.com. Meeting information submitted by Meadow Casey.

West Nile Mosquitoes are in Prowers County

First 2012 mosquito pool positive test for West Nile Confirmed for Prowers County

Lamar, CO— Prowers County Public Health officials have received lab confirmation of West Nile in a sample pool of mosquitoes collected on the night of August 27th. This positive result is from a number of surveillance locations in and around the city.

Sherry Sun, Summer Environmental Health Intern for Prowers County Public Health and Environment (PCPHE), confirms that PCPHE began surveillance of mosquitoes in early July, and that this positive result is the first in a mosquito pool in our surveillance area. As of the week of August 20 the CDC has reported that the number of West Nile cases in the U.S. increased to 1221 with 43 deaths. This is the largest number of reported cases (through this time period) since the virus was first detected in the U.S. in 1999. There have been 38 states reporting human cases of West Nile Virus with an additional 9 states reporting the virus in birds or mosquitoes only. In 2012 Prowers County has not had a confirmed human case of the disease to date but according to Keith Siemsen, Manager of Environmental Health for PCPHE, three of the four confirmed cases in Prowers County in 2010 occurred after September 1st. (Note that one of those confirmed cases in 2010 resulted in a death). Due to the severity of the current outbreak, and fact that recent data shows the number of cases increasing significantly across the U.S., PCPHE is urging citizens to increase their focus towards preventative measures in their daily activities.

West Nile Virus is carried by certain birds and transmitted to people by bites from mosquitoes that have fed on infected birds. Female Culex mosquitoes, the species that carries the virus, usually start emerging in late April or early May.

Siemsen adds, "Each season this virus will be present and circulating around the state. The severity of the season will depend on the weather. But the good news is that West Nile virus is preventable, and now is the time to take precautions against the disease."

West Nile Virus has an incubation period of 3 days to two weeks. It can result in fever, meningitis and encephalitis, and have the potential for causing long-term illness and disability. The virus can affect any age group; however the chance that any one person is going to become ill from a single mosquito bite remains low. The risk of severe illness and death is highest for people over 50 years old, although people of all ages can become ill. Symptoms may include fever, fatigue, headache, muscle weakness, rash, stiff neck or changed mental state. If you have any of these symptoms please see your health care provider.

Just one mosquito bite can transmit West Nile virus or other diseases. To prevent illness from WNV and other mosquito-borne diseases, remember prevention is the best method. Fighting mosquito bites reduces the risk of getting this disease, along with others that mosquitoes can carry.

Don't let mosquitoes ruin your fall.... Keep insect repellent handy and get rid of mosquito breeding sites in the yard!

For more information you can call Prowers County Public Health and Environment at 336-8721 or you can visit www.prowerscounty.net or www.FightTheBiteColorado.com. CDC website www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile.

Area School Activities

Lamar:

- Sept 12 Health Screenings, All grades @ Washington RE-2 Council meets/3:45pm
- Sept 13 Continue Health Screenings
- Sept 17 Parkview Health Screenings
- Sept 18 Continue Health Screenings

Holly:

- Sept 12 Holly Booster Club Meets, 6:30, Shanner's Teachers Room
Orders open for Sports Buttons at \$5
- Sept 13 Juniors have Concessions for High School VB Game
- Sept 14 No School/Shanner Staff Development
- Sept 18 Sophomores have Concessions for HS VB Game
Order Letter Jackets, 7:30am, HS Library
- Sept 19 FCW-6pm
- Sept 20 Deadline for Wildcat Warmups Orders, \$60 per. See Mr. Hodgson

McClave:

- Sept 17 FFA Chapter Meetings, 6:30pm
- Sept 19 FFA Big Conference in Lamar

Wiley:

- Sept 12 Booster Club @ 6:30
Board of Education @ 7:30
- Sept 14 McClave Homecoming
- Sept 19 PLAN Test for Sophomores

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.