

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.

Veteran Information

Veterans, your continued good health is important. Be sure to call 719-336-7155 for your local medical needs. Area Veterans, you've served your country, let the PMG VA Medical Clinic in Lamar serve you. You can also call 855-779-0833 to schedule an appointment or to have your questions answered.

The Polar Bear Pedal

The cold can test your mettle with the yearly Polar Bear Pedal. New Year's Day will mark the 18th annual Polar Bear Bicycle Ride, sponsored by the Lamar Parks and Recreation Department. It's open to all ages, it starts at 1pm at the Lamar Community Building, it offers a free bowl of chili to each rider and it's a nice way to spend an afternoon and get the new year off to a good start.

The Polar Bear Pedal will only be cancelled because of a blizzard; otherwise everybody rides the route for the afternoon. The forecast will play a role in the ride, as the length of the route will be determined by the weather of the day. Everybody that registers and rides also gets a free t-shirt. Register at the Lamar Parks and Recreation department and let them know your shirt size in advance. Call 719-336-2774 for more information or go to their website at lamarparkandrec.com

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Weekend Local Scores:

None.

Sports Schedule

There are no scheduled games until January.

Area School Activities

Lamar:

Dec 24 – Jan 7 - Christmas Break

Holly:

Dec 21 – Jan 6 - Christmas Break

McClave:

Dec 19 – Jan 2 – Christmas Break

Wiley:

Dec 17 – Jan 2 – Christmas Break

Granada:

Dec 17 – Jan 6 – Christmas Break

Lamar School District Sets 2013 Bond Mill Levy

During the December Lamar RE-2 School District Board meeting, the Bond Mill Levy for 2013 was set at 3.750 mills. This is 1.894 mills lower than last year, which equates to approximately \$167,000 less in tax revenue collected by the district. It is anticipated the bond that was issued in December of 2002 will be retired a full nine years early. By doing this the tax payers will save approximately \$695,000 in interest over the term of the remaining bond indebtedness.

Schedule Change for One-on-One Tutoring

Since July 2011, the library has offered one-on-one basic technology tutoring every Tuesday and Friday from 1-4pm. Patrons have come in to learn computer

basics, set up an email account, or ask a question about a specific program. We look forward to continuing this service, however the schedule will be changing in January. We will be adding hours in the morning, with the hope that the variety of hours will enable us to serve a greater number of patrons.

As of January 2013, the one-on-one tutoring schedule will be as follows:

- Monday: 1:00 – 4:00 pm
- Thursday: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Every third Saturday of the month: 1:00 – 4:00 pm

As always, tutoring is a completely free service here at the library. You can sign up for a fifteen or thirty minute session. Just stop in or call 336 – 4632.

Sweater Contest Winner!

Brian McCoy was the very first person to wear his Holiday Sweater in to the Lamar Public Library on Wednesday, December 19th!

For wearing his holiday sweater, Mr. McCoy received a Lamar Public Library book bag, a \$10.00 gift card, two books, a bookmark, lunch with library staff, a library Frisbee, pencil and eraser.

When asked for a comment he replied, "It was awesome to receive the prizes for the holiday sweater day. I wasn't expecting lunch too!"

Mr. McCoy resides in Lamar with his wife and small daughter.

We would like to thank all those who participated in our 1st annual Holiday Sweater Day!

Misty L. Warren - Circulation Supervisor/Marketing and Advertising/CEC

Wanted!

Volunteer Drivers for the Meals on Wheels Program for Sage Services in Prowers County. For more information, call 336-7115.

Letter to the Editor Policy

The identity of the letter writer must be verified before publication. Phone numbers will not be published, but are used to verify identity of the letter writer. Letters may be edited for grammar, length and civility. No third party letters will be published. The publication of a Letter to the Editor does not constitute an endorsement of the writer's comments by The Prowers Journal or Robinson Printing, Inc. Due to space consideration, Letters to the Editor may be published online, but not necessarily in our Wednesday newsletter. Letters may be sent to The Prowers Journal, 208 South Main Street, Lamar, CO. 81052. We invite your comments on our Facebook page.

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

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.

Law Enforcement

12P-3373 Wanted Person 15:48:21 12/17/12 D Ausbun ACT

Joseph Gazotti was served with a warrant for introduction of contraband into the Prowers County Jail. Gazotti was already in custody on an unrelated charge.

12P-3374 Wanted Person 15:48:43 12/17/12 D Ausbun ACT

Adrian Felan was served with a warrant for introduction of contraband into the Prowers County Jail. Felan was already in custody on an unrelated charge.

Case#: 12L-13698 Officer: T Cope Date: Mon Dec 17 2012 - MEDIA RELEASE:

Officers arrested Jason Ramirez, 35 of Denver, for possession of more than five pounds of marijuana. Jason is held at Prowers County Jail on a \$20,000 dollar bond.

Case#: 12L-13702 Sgt. Losa Date: Mon Dec 17 2012 - MEDIA RELEASE:

An officer contacted Jason Ramirez, 35, of Denver, CO who was confirmed to have an active warrant. Jason is held at Prowers County Jail on a \$12,000.00 bond.

Case#: 12L-13707 Officer: R. Macias Date: Tue Dec 18 2012 - MEDIA RELEASE:

Officers assisted an Rp in the 100 block of North Main Street with an intoxicated female. The female was transported to her residence by the Rp.

12P-3386 Suspicious Person/Circumstance 22:37:18 12/18/12 JE Weisenhorn OHS

Deputy J Weisenhorn responded to the 33000 blk of Cnty Rd 7 for a suspicious incident. Upon arrival the RP stated someone had broken out the passenger side window of his pickup. The RP stated he would speak to the manager to get the surveillance video for the parking lot. The incident is still under investigation.

Case#: 12L-13738 Officer: R. Macias Date: Wed Dec 19 2012 - MEDIA RELEASE:

Officers contacted Alexander Marez, 29 of Lamar, in regards to a Prowers County Court Warrant. Marez was arrested and taken to Prowers County Jail. Marez is being held on a \$1000.00 bond.

Case#: 12L-13741 Officer: K Dewey Date: Tue Dec 18, 2012 - MEDIA RELEASE:

With the assistance of Detective Jenkins, Leonardo Dominguez, 20, of Lamar, was arrested in the 1400 blk of E Olive St due to being a wanted person. Leonardo was transported to the Prowers County Jail where he is being held on a \$75,000 bond.

Case#: 12L-13743 Officer: R. Macias Date: Wed Dec 19 2012 - MEDIA RELEASE:

Officers contacted Dakota Abling, 19 of Lamar, in regards to a District Court Warrant. Dakota was arrested and taken to Prowers County Jail. Abling is being held on a \$3000.00 bond.

Case#: 12L-13744 Officer: K Dewey Date: Tue Dec 18, 2012 - MEDIA RELEASE:

Victor Gameros, 23, of Lamar, was contacted in the 200 blk of Maxwell St due to being a wanted person for failing to appear. Victor was taken into custody and transported to the Prowers County Jail where he is being held on a \$1000 bond.

12P-3393 Courthouse Security Incident 15:09:16 12/19/12 B Settles OHS

Dep. Settles arrested Raymond R. Sandoval, 45 of Lamar at the Prowers County Courthouse on a warrant out of Prowers County Court for Protection Order Violation. Sandoval is being held on No Bond.

12P-3394 Courthouse Security Incident 15:49:58 12/19/12 B Settles OHS

Dep. Settles arrested Michael Lucas McGee, 33 of Lamar at the Prowers County Courthouse on a warrant out of Prowers County District Court for Failure to Comply and on a warrant out of Prowers County Court for Failure to Comply. McGee is being held on a \$4,000 bond.

Case#: 12L-13760 Officer: Pierce Date: Wed Dec 19 2012 - MEDIA RELEASE:

Officers responded to the 900 block of North Main Street on a report of a suspicious incident. Officers found a subject had taken fruit from a hotel that he was not staying at. The subject was advised not to return to the property.

Case#: 12L-13773 Officer: Pierce Date: Wed Dec 19 2012 - MEDIA RELEASE:

Officers responded to the area of Main Street and Rail Road on a report of the crossing arms lying in traffic. Officers found the arm was out of the lane and contacted BNSF to repair the crossing arm.

Case#: 12L-13788 Officer: Sgt. Gonzales Date: Wed Dec 19 2012 - MEDIA RELEASE:

12-19-12 at approximately 2045 hrs. officers responded to the 1200 Blk S. Main Street on the report of a dog run over by a semi tracker trailer.

12P-3398 Domestic Violence 09:28:17 12/20/12 Shawn Stone CAW

Deputy responded to the 900 block of West Beech Street in Lamar to take a report of telephone harassment. Deputy viewed a message threatening the Rp with having his vehicle tires slit. Deputy will obtain an arrest warrant for Domestic violence and harassment.

12P-3407 PD Accident 00:01:39 12/21/12 R Rodriguez ACT

Deputies responded to a vehicle that had struck a power pole. Izzie Schenck, 21 of Holly, was arrested on DUI and transported to the Prowers County Jail where he was held on bond.

Case#: 12L-13824 Officer: K Dewey Date: Thu Dec 20, 2012 - MEDIA RELEASE:

Officers responded to the 100 blk of S 8th St due to a possible burglary. The matter was a misunderstanding and the subject who entered the home was given a key to be there.

Case#: 12L-13828 Officer: K Dewey Date: Fri Dec 21, 2012 - MEDIA RELEASE:

Officers responded to the 100 blk of S 8th St for a juvenile problem. The juvenile settled down and the parents were given some advise how to handle the issue if it occurs again.

Case#: 12L-13834 Officer: C. Filbeck Date: Fri Dec 21, 2012 - MEDIA RELEASE:

Officers observed 3 vehicles parked in the 400 blk of S. 1st St. which were in violation of city ordinance. Officers tagged all three vehicles with a 72 hour tow tag.

See the full report daily online at: theprowersjournal.com

Bus Bust Turns Up Eleven Pounds of Pot

On Monday, December 17, 2012, Officers from the Lamar Police Department contacted the driver of the Greyhound Bus at North Main and Holly streets and were given permission to deploy a drug detection K9. The drug detection K9 alerted to a seat in the rear of the bus. A jacket and a pillow were sitting on that seat. Officers located a container with a small amount of marijuana in the jacket pocket. When the pillow was picked up it was abnormally heavy and foreign objects could be detected by feeling inside the pillow. On scene investigation and interviews of other bus passengers revealed the individual who had been sitting in the seat when the bus arrived in Lamar.

Officers contacted the individual, who proved to be Jason Ramirez, age 35, of Denver. Ramirez denied being on the bus, although the bus driver was holding a bus ticket in his name. A computer check of Ramirez revealed he was wanted on two outstanding warrants. Ramirez was detained and transported to the Police Annex for further investigation.

A search warrant was applied for and obtained, which authorized officers to check inside the pillow. When the pillow was opened, Officers discovered several individually wrapped bricks which proved to contain marijuana. The total weight of the marijuana was over 11 pounds.

Jason Ramirez was transported to the Prowers County Jail where he is being held on the active warrant and a charge of possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute. Ramirez's bond is currently set \$32,000. *Submitted by Gary McCrea - Chief of Police*

Lamar Police Arrest Local Man on Sex Assault Charges

On December 2, 2012, officers from the Lamar Police Department received a call about a sexual assault on a minor. Officers were advised a 20 year old subject, identified as Leonardo Dominguez of Lamar, had engaged in sexual activity with a juvenile.

Officers and detectives interviewed the victim and based upon the victim's statements were able to secure a search warrant for Leonardo's residence, where multiple items were collected for additional processing. Detectives interviewed Leonardo and a possible exculpatory witness.

Based upon the interviews an arrest warrant for Leonardo was obtained. Officers arrested Leonardo on Tuesday, December 18, 2012 and transported him to Prowers County Jail where he is being held on a \$75,000 any type bond. *Media Release from Lamar Police Department*