

Open Gym at the Community Building

The Community Building offers Open Gym and Adult Open Gym hours throughout the month for volleyball and basketball. For times, please see our Your Town Today page at www.theprowersjournal.com or call 336-2774.

Continuing Education

The IT Academy Center for Excellence at the Lamar Community College will be hosting Business & Information Technology Continuing Education courses in January and February. The non-credit courses will focus on Microsoft Excel. An intermediate class will take place January 28-31 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm in Betz 103 (Betz Technology Center) and will cost \$150. An advanced course will follow on February 25-28 from 6:00 - 8:30 pm in Betz 103 and will also cost \$150. Registration is open now. To more information or to register for the course, contact Elizabeth Whitham at 719-336-1583 or ITAcademy@lamarcc.edu.

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.

The Prowers Journal CLASSIFIED ADS

For Rent

PROFESSIONAL OFFICE SPACE

Excellent Location - 313 South 5th, Lamar - 400 Sq feet, Utilities Included. All Newly Remodeled - Your Own Private Entry - Call Lori Peterson 336-7000

Vehicle For Sale

Year: 2008, Make: Ford Explorer, Color: Maroon, Mileage: 95, 393 – \$11,000 Sold As Is! Contact Lamar Civic Federal Credit Union, 311 South 5th, Lamar, CO 81052 Call 719-336-4387

For Sale

Estate Sale

206 Gordon in Wiley – Saturday, February 1 & Sunday, February 2 from 10am to 6pm – house, collectibles, antiques, household items, appliance, tools, reloading supplies, electric cart, furniture - Too Much to List! Cash Only!

Once Fired Brass For Sale

Clean – Once Fired Brass – 223 – 40 S&W – 45 ACP – 9mm – \$50.00 per 500 rounds. Call 719-336-7935 or 719-336-4187

Photography Contest

Share the Spirit Foundation and the High Plains Photography Club will be hosting a photography contest from February 22nd through February 24 at Amache Studio. Noted photographer, author and naturalist Richard Crossley will be the juror for this event. This show will be open to the public and area photographers are encouraged to participate.

On Friday, February 22 from 5:30pm to 9:00pm there will be a photographer's reception with a winter soup bar and refreshments and the winners will be announced. The public is invited free of charge.

Contact Karen Voeple at 719-688-8000 or visit <http://www.highplainsphotographers.com> for more information.

Lamar Catholic Church Fundraiser

WHO: St. Francis de Sales/Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic church groups (Catholic Daughters, Knights of Columbus, Guadalupe Society, and Youth Group) are putting on the Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction Catholic Church fundraiser.

WHEN: Sunday, January 27, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

WHAT: St. Francis de Sales Day Annual Dinner and Silent Auction Church Fundraiser. This year we are having a Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction. The cost of the Spaghetti Dinner is: Adults \$5.00, Children ten and under - \$3.00, or Family Price of \$15.00. Donations of silent auction items would be appreciated. Please bring silent auction items to the church on the day of the Dinner/Auction. The items can be brought in as early as 4:30 p.m. If anyone needs more information, call Dixie Stokes at 688-0532 or Helen Emick 336-7210.

WHERE: The Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction will be held at St. Francis de Sales/Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, 600 East Parmenter St., Lamar, Colorado in St. Cletus Hall (basement of the church)

Police Act on Possible Threat at LMS

On Tuesday, 01/15/2013, Officers of the Lamar Police Department received information that a juvenile was making threats of violence which were directed towards the Middle School in Lamar. Officers responded and school authorities were advised of the situation.

The juvenile has been charged with Interference with staff, faculty or students of an educational institution which is a class one misdemeanor.

Lamar police officials remind the public that in approximately 80% of the school shootings in America at least one person had information that the attacker was thinking about or planning the school attack. As a result of the early notification from the public, the police investigation and intervention by the school officials a troubled individual has been identified and has been removed from the student population.

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...our reach and readership continues to grow

...our online readership continues to grow weekly.

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LPD Notice

The Lamar Police Department receives found property on a continual basis that includes bicycles, cell phones, keys, driver's licenses and numerous other items. These items are kept for 6 months in an attempt to locate the owners. We encourage persons with lost property to contact the police department Monday through Friday from 8 am to 3 pm at 336-4341.

As of January 1, the 2013 snow season began slowly. The National Weather Service reports that Snowpack for the Upper Rio Grande Basin was 65% of average overall, behind last year's 92% reading. Southeast Colorado had a snowpack report of 61% for the Arkansas Basin, also well behind last year's reading of 96% of average.

Water year precipitation is running below average across both the Upper Rio Grande and Arkansas Basins. As of January 1, the Upper Rio Grande Basin reported 62% of average precipitation, lower than 114% of average a year ago at that time. The Arkansas Basin reported 61% of average precipitation, lower than 100% of average in the same period last year.

Overall reservoir storage is running well below average across southern Colorado. The Upper Rio Grande Basin at the end of December was 50% of average overall, down from 64% last year at this time and storage for the Arkansas Basin was at 56% of average over all, down from 93% from last year. Streamflows for the upcoming runoff season are predicted to be below average for the Upper Rio Grande and well below average for the Arkansas Basins. Those predictions reflect natural flow only. Actual flow will be affected by upstream water management.

Birds of a Feather Art Show

The Southeast Colorado Arts Council in conjunction with the High Plains Snow Goose Festival Committee will be hosting the "Birds of a Feather" Art Show starting Thursday, February 21, 2013. This art show will feature artwork from local artists and a special showing of paintings by Marie Whiting.

The three-day "Birds of a Feather" Art Show will be held at the Shore Arts Center on South Main Street in Lamar during the High Plains Snow Goose Festival on Thursday, February 21st and will conclude Saturday, February 22nd at 4pm. All area artists are invited to show and offer their work for sale free of any fees. A maximum of three pieces of artwork will be allowed per artist. Twenty percent of the proceeds from any sales will be used by the Southeast Colorado Arts Council to defray expenses and to support the Shore Arts Center.

The lower Arkansas Valley is rich with talented artists and programs. Your continued support will allow the Arts Council to continue to work and support local artists as well as those from outside the region and beyond. If you enjoy art, would like to learn more about the creative process, and would like to support the arts in southeast Colorado, please plan to attend the Southeast Colorado Arts Council's, "Birds of a Feather" Art Show February 21 through the 23 this year.

The Show and sale will be held at the Shore Arts Center, 115 South Main Street in Lamar, CO. The Show hours and additional information about the council is available online at www.secoarts.org and on their blog at www.secoartscouncil.org. For more information, contact Rose Ann Yates at 719-940-7424 or Vincent Gearhart at 719-688-7720.

City of Lamar Building Department Annual Report

The City of Lamar's annual Building Department report is not a direct economic barometer within the city, but the information provided affords a look at what is going on in the construction side of events in Lamar over a year's span.

The total value of all construction done in Lamar under the regular permitting process was \$1,717,404.54. Construction in April generated the most revenue at \$367,627. It was in that month that the only permit for the year was submitted for construction of a new house within city limits. January of 2012 showed the least amount of revenue generated at \$46,200.

Building construction is listed under several categories including new homes (1); garages (3); carports (6). Other categories are broken down into: apartments/duplexes (0), remodeling (34), additions (5), manufactured homes (2), roof (102), miscellaneous building (31), new industrial and commercial buildings (1) and (7) commercial remodeling. The Lamar Building Inspector conducted 474 inspections for 2012 issued 236 construction permits and 91 contractor licenses. Revenue for 2012 from permits, licenses and fees was \$68,043. *By Russ Baldwin*

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.

Lamar Police Recover Stolen Laptop and Stolen Car

MEDIA RELEASE - On Monday, 01/21/13, at approximately 11:18 am, Officers from the Lamar Police Department were dispatched to the Wal-Mart Store in Lamar on the report of a stolen lap top computer. Officers were able to obtain a video of the theft from Wal-Mart surveillance cameras.

Later that afternoon the PD was contacted by the Derby, Kansas Police Department in reference to a stolen motor vehicle from Derby which they had reason to believe was currently in Lamar. Lamar Officers located the vehicle in the parking lot of the Check Inn Motel. Witnesses at the motel associated Tereze Thomas, age 25 of Augusta, Kansas and Robert Rhodes, age 38 of Douglas, Kansas with the stolen vehicle.

Upon contacting Robert Rhodes, Officers identified him as the person on the video who had stolen the lap top at Wal-Mart. Thomas and Rhodes were arrested for the theft of the lap top and transported to the Prowers County Jail where they are being held on \$750 bond each.

The stolen vehicle was recovered and a search warrant was obtained for the vehicle. Several items were recovered which indicated other crimes may have been committed by the couple. Additional charges are expected as the investigation progresses.

Helping Cure Cancer, a Snip at a Time

The kick-off meeting for the annual Lamar Relay for Life event was highlighted with two haircuts this past Monday evening, January 21 at the United Methodist Church.

Wendy Buxton-Andrade, Prowers County Commissioner, and Becky Navarette, Case Aid Employee for Child Welfare in Prowers County, donated lengths of their hair to be used for wigs for cancer patients.

This was not the first time for either woman as Navarette said she donates about every three years and Andrade said she has given her hair before and was doing so this time in honor and memory of two persons, a friend and a relative, who had succumbed to the disease.

The 'Locks for Love' haircuts were done by Rendi Chick of the Hair Gallery in Lamar, taking about 10 inches from Andrade and by Ruthie Adamson from Shear Diva's Hair Company, snipping away 15 inches from Navarette. Both women still had sufficient lengths for future styling.

Chrissie Stegman from the Lamar Relay for Life explained that the hair is cleaned and treated after it is sent to Pueblo and from there donated hair is used for generic wigs as needed for clients. Stegman said there have been several committee meetings over the past several months, but Monday night was the Kick-Off gathering for the annual June Relay held at Savage Stadium. Stegman said this year's theme is, "Hope Big, Dream Big, Relay Bigger". *By Russ Baldwin*

Prostitution, Domestic Violence Arrest at North Love's

Lamar Police Department MEDIA RELEASE

On Sunday, 01/20/2013, at approximately 12:45am, Lamar Police Officers were dispatched to Love's Country Store at 605 N. Main in Lamar on the report of domestic violence. Upon their arrival, officers contacted Telicia N. Jones, age 37, of Dallas, Texas and Emory L. Alexander, age 46, of Cedar Hill, Texas in a tractor trailer truck in the lot.

Jones and Alexander were in an altercation and Emory Alexander was throwing Jones's possessions out of the truck into the parking lot. Officers separated the individuals, and during the subsequent interviews of both parties, learned that Jones performed a sexual act with Alexander for money earlier in the evening.

As a result of the investigation Ms. Jones was charged with prostitution and transported to the Prowers County Jail where she is being held on \$500 bond. Mr. Alexander was charged with domestic violence, harassment, disorderly conduct, and soliciting a sexual act. He was also transported to the Prowers County Jail where he is on a no-bond hold.

Additional charges of solicitation are being sought for a local resident in connection with the incident.