

Letter to the Editor Policy

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NOTICE OF MEETING TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PROWERS COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT AND TO ALL OTHER PERSONS TO WHOM IT MAY BE OF CONCERN:

NOTICE is hereby given that a work session of the Board of Directors of the Prowers County Hospital District d/b/a Prowers Medical Center will be held at Prowers Medical Center, (Education Meeting Room) located at 401 Kendall Drive, in Lamar, Prowers County, Colorado, in said District, on Monday, January 14, 2013 beginning at the hour of 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is for an update from CPI, an update on Strategic Planning and revisit of the Personal Conduct, Internet Use, Electronic Communication, Social Media and Team Member Duty of Loyalty and Confidentiality Policy.

The Prowers Journal CLASSIFIED ADS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF DISSOLUTION OF LAMAR PROWERS COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to the Colorado Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act,

§ 7-121-101, et seq., C.R.S., the Lamar Prowers County Volunteer Fire Department ("Volunteer Fire Department"), a Colorado nonprofit corporation located at 303 E. Poplar Street, Lamar, Colorado 81052, was dissolved at 11:59 p.m. on December 31, 2012. Persons with claims against the dissolved Volunteer Fire Department are requested to present such claims in accordance with this Notice.

PLEASE BE ADVISED that, unless sooner barred by any other statute limiting actions, any claim against the dissolved Volunteer Fire Department will be barred if an action to enforce the claim is not commenced within five years after the publication of this Notice or within four months after the claim arises, whichever is later.

Claims must be submitted: (1) in writing to Christopher Duffy, the registered agent of the Volunteer Fire Department, at 303 E. Poplar Street, Lamar, Colorado 81052, or to such other registered agent or address as may be designated on the website of the Colorado Secretary of State; or (2) in any other manner provided by law.

For purposes of this Notice, "claim" means any claim, excluding claims of the State of Colorado, whether known, due or to become due, absolute or contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, founded on contract, tort, or other legal basis, or otherwise. An action to enforce a claim includes an arbitration under any agreement for binding arbitration between the dissolved Volunteer Fire Department and the person making the claim, and includes a civil action. § 7-90-912(4), C.R.S.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAMAR PROWERS COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

By: /s/ Kirk Stegman - President

For Rent

House for Rent

2 bedroom mobile home located in the country. Call 688-8782.

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

Electronics for Sale

Subwoofer For Sale

Polk Audio PSW250 subwoofer - 100 Watt dynamic power output. Frequency response of 30Hz - 180Hz produces tight and dynamic bass, built-in amplifier that gives out 50-Watt continuous average output. \$99 OBO - Call 688-7720

Anniversary Celebration

Lifelong Lamar residents Merlin and Jackie Rife will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary at a come-and-go reception hosted by their family. Friends and family are invited to join the celebration at the Lamar Elks Lodge on Saturday, January 12, from 2 to 4 p.m. (no gifts, please). Merlin and Jackie were married on January 13, 1963, at First Baptist Church in Lamar, Colorado. They have three children: Fred (Jennifer) Rife of Cheyenne, Wyoming; Ed (Julie) Rife of Colorado Springs, and Merlinda Rife Morrow of Granada; seven granddaughters; and one great granddaughter.

Wanted!

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

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...are a great way to advertise
...bring attention to your retail business

...are a low-cost, effective way to reach your clientele, old and new

...we can accept scripted ads up to Tuesday afternoon for Wednesday print

...we can accept online ads anytime

...The Prowers Journal newsletter is free

...we publish 1,400 newsletters each week for Lamar, Wiley, Granada and Holly

...our reach and readership continues to grow

...our online readership continues to grow weekly.

...our numbers are great, so your business earns a better return on your investment

Selling a house or car?

Seeking an employee? Posting an official notice? Running a seasonal sale?

The Prowers Journal is less than two years old and making an impact in the county. Make a business impact with your Classified Ad this week in The Prowers Journal.

Call 719-336-9095 today.

Juniper Village Open House

On January 16 at 4:00pm take a tour of Juniper Village and see our brand new room for our Bridge to Home residents. We will have a graduation celebration for the residents who have been through our program that are back home and in the community. This will be a wonderful time for "new beginnings", new friendships and snacks.

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2012 in Review – September and October**September 2012 in Review**

Some changes in the area were noted in September, but not directly in Prowers County. With the widening of Highway 50 in Bent County, the former business at the Hasty intersection known for years as Moni's Marina and Mini Mart was leveled.

Scheduled to follow was Hud's Campground farther east along the highway, while in Lamar, the former Wallace Gas station and Wally Wash on South Main Street was also leveled.

September 11, 2001 will be remembered in the same vein as Pearl Harbor over 70 years ago. Doug Harbour and members of Voices of Southeast Colorado organized a September tribute at the Prowers County Courthouse in honor of first responders in New York City as well as those local police, firemen, EMS and other volunteers and professionals who dedicate themselves to our well-being. A display of flags, a remembrance of the fall of the Twin Towers, certificates of appreciation, an Honor Guard from the VFW Post #3621 and American Legion Post #71 and a fly-by all contributed to a moving ceremony that brought over a hundred residents to the Tuesday afternoon event.

Portions of downtown Lamar started sporting a new look, as Shawna Hodge, Lamar Main Street Director, announced that a branding logo for the city's retail sector had been selected which will be displayed on the city's light poles, lining Main Street. The logo depicts a mix of a yellow sunrise that incorporates orange-hued blades from a wind turbine. Hodge also mentioned that later in the fall, some of the light poles, street benches flower pots and trash receptacles will be painted an 'historic' red color as an additional form of product and historic identification for Lamar for residents and passers-by alike. The first segment stretches between the railroad tracks south, to the poles in front of the Prowers County Courthouse. Additional plans call for the project to run north from the railroad tracks, to Building Material Supply, pending availability funding.

Reorganization plans for the Lamar/Prowers County Volunteer Fire Department began when members of the group decided not to renew their contracts with the City of Lamar and Prowers County. Chris Duffy, chief of the department said there had been no change in membership numbers, but some persons preferred to work for the city department, while others found it more suitable for their schedules to dedicate themselves to the needs of the county. Duffy said a new contract was being developed for a review by city and county fire representatives and would be in place for the start of the New Year.

As operational funds earmarked for maintenance of the Big R property on Washington Street continued to be depleted, Prowers County Development Incorporated board members expressed their concern on how best to market and sell the warehouse and office site. Some interested business developers had viewed the location, but no immediate action had been forthcoming. All but the most essential utilities and upkeep had been eliminated, and even the Lamar Police Department had expressed interest in relocating to a portion of the facilities, but nothing concrete had developed beyond a cost analysis.

Members of the Lamar Utility Board met with Jim Miller, owner of the Ports to Plains Travel Plaza regarding the size of his monthly utility bill, approximately \$15,000 for August. Miller said he and other owners of similar power purchasers in the area wanted to know if the board had any information on the status of the light and power plant and its future as a power producer. Miller explained to a concerned board, that he and several other property owners had expressed interest in finding other power supply sources, perhaps generating their own, if nothing was going to be done beyond a status quo situation. Board chairman, Don Steerman, explained the board had few options regarding a cutback on rates, but a study on rates classifications was being explored with recommendations from the Nebraska Municipal Power Pool managerial staff who had conducted rates studies on the Repowering Project and Lamar Light Plant.

October 2012 in Review

Light Plant concerns continued into the fall for members of the Lamar Utility Board. A late

September ruling from a U.S. District Judge went against ARPA and the LUB regarding the Repowering Project. The ruling stated that the plant violated portions of the Clean Air Act since 2008 when the plant began operations and the plant officials allegedly failed to get the required federal clearance for being a potential 'major source' polluter. The judge ordered a hearing to see if or what monetary penalties could be levied against ARPA and the Light Plant.

The response from ARPA and LUB was swift to reply stating that the district judge had no legal basis to overrule what had been issued from an earlier state court ruling in that the Repowering Project had not been a 'major source' polluter and was no longer in violation of the Clean Air Act. The Light Plant has since been idle as of two Decembers ago with the boiler manufacturer attempting to develop modifications that allow it to operate at full capacity without exceeding air control limits. Rick Rigel, general manager of ARPA informed the utilities board during an October meeting, that due to current low natural gas costs, the company was looking into seeking a long range power supply contract, and could remain offline for several more years to come, pending cost factors for outside power supplies. The board did vote to reduce the cost of power purchased per kilowatt/hour for general customers by 7.5%, but the severe heat wave offset most savings as residents made use of their air conditioning systems for most of the summer's oppressive heat. Ironically, the heat was quickly forgotten in light of the winter-like temperatures that local residents faced during the annual Oktoberfest sponsored by the Lamar Chamber on October 6.

The warmest persons there were probably the 50 or so volunteers who donned tutu's and ran a mini-marathon for the 'Linked in Pink' campaign, a part of the October awareness campaign to help combat breast cancer. Several community health organizations held combined awareness seminars and events to raise funds and increase knowledge of breast cancer through the month of October.

Another new face became a community resident in the fall, as the Prowers County Commissioners selected Justin Lee to replace Jackie Brown as the county health and environment director. Lee, who has a masters degree in public health and a BS in biology and pre-med studies, was hired over 16 other applicants for the position. Lee arrived in Lamar from his previous position in Erie, Colorado in mid October and began his new duties by October 22. He was joined by Charlene, his wife, and their three children.

On another health-related event, the Lamar Area Hospice association held an open house for the grand opening of their headquarters on Saturday, October 27. It was another chilly weekend as dozens of volunteers, past recipients of the hospice's assistance and community leaders and the general public came out to view the three story facility on West Olive Street. Formerly the Lamar Hotel, the vacant building had fallen into disrepair over the years, but with the help of a sizable grant and on-going fund raising events by hospice, the building was renovated top to bottom and outfitted with new and donated office equipment to become a showcase for the hospice organization.

Voces Unidas, the Lamar Chamber diversity organization, celebrated the start of their sixth year of operation with an annual banquet at the Lamar Eagles Lodge on October 13. Keynote speaker for the dinner was Jermaine Stafford, SER Director of Youth and Community Service Division, who recounted the help and focus he received through his years as a noted world-class amateur and professional athlete. A variety of awards was presented to community members that evening including: Lifetime Achievement to Joey, the Lamar K9 dog; Business of the Year to Arkansas Valley Diesel Service; Education Citizen of the Year to Shannon Montgomery; Health Services Citizen of the Year to Physical Therapy Group at PMC; Municipal Citizen of the Year to Lamar Streets and Sanitation and Community Citizen of the Year to Doug Harbour of Voices of Southeast Colorado.

PCDI, in a cost-cutting move, announced they were moving their headquarters from downtown Lamar to office space at the Rodeway Cow Palace Inn before the end of the year. Several thousand dollars in savings would be realized from lower utility and phone bills and general decreased overhead expenses. The Prowers Lodging Tax Panel announced a contest for a logo that best represents the county at large. The Lodging Panel, which met at the PCDI offices, would also make the move to the Cow Palace Inn for their monthly meetings. *By Russ Baldwin*

The complete Year in Review series is available online at: theprowersjournal.com.