

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.

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.



COW PALACE MOTEL

LAMAR, COLORADO

Saturday, February 16

8 pm to 12 am

Upstairs in the Empire Room

18 and Up with Proper ID Cover Charge

The Prowers Journal CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale

Open Bid

Maroon 2008 Ford Explorer. 95,393 miles – taking bids until February 22nd. Sold as is! Contact Lamar Civic Federal Credit Union – 311 S. 5th in Lamar, Colorado 81052 or 719-336-4387.

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

Please Help Emergency Reponse Units Find Your House

Police Chief Gary McCrea and Fire Chief Marshall Cook are teaming up to ask local residents to display house numbers conspicuously on their homes. Police Officers, Fire Fighters and Ambulance Personnel are often called upon to respond to emergency situations in our community. Sometimes, they have difficulty in locating some of the addresses they are sent to, because the house numbers are not displayed on the home. The added time it takes to locate a particular address could make a huge difference in an emergency situation.

The City of Lamar adopted the International Building Codes in 2007. One of the requirements of the building code is the display of addresses on all building. All new construction is required to comply with the posting of address, but many of the older homes in the community are not posted.

For your own safety you should make sure your address is conspicuously posted on your home. It might make the difference between life and death in case of an emergency.

Wiley FFA Hired Hand Auction

Please come to the Wiley FFA Hired Hand Auction and Rocky Mountain Oysters / Chicken Strips Dinner on Wednesday, February 20th at 6:30 pm at the Wiley School Cafeteria. Cost per plate is only \$6.00.

Help Wanted

P.O.S.T. Certified Police Officer

The Town of Granada is currently seeking a P.O.S.T. Certified Police Officer for a full-time position with the Granada Police Department. We are looking for a self-motivated, honest, hardworking individual. Prior experience and being fluent in Spanish is a plus, but not necessary. Applications may be requested by e-mail at granadapd@secom.net; telephone (719) 734-5211 or (719) 734-5411; or picked up in person at the Town of Granada's Police Department or Clerk's Office at 103 South Main, Granada, Colorado. Applications must be turned in by Monday, February 28, 2013 either by e-mail (at above address); faxed (719) 734-5036; mailed to Granada Police Department-P.O. Box 258-Granada, CO-81041; or in person at 103 South Main, Granada, Colorado. The Town of Granada is an equal opportunity employer. Closing date for applications is February 28, 2013.

Human Resources Director

Full-time position at the Leadership level in a non-profit community health center located in Lamar, CO. Position handles the human resource issues for a staff of 75 staff members and their families. A Master's in Human Resources or a closely related field or five years of comparable experience is required. Apply on line at the High Plains Community Health Center website (www.highplainschc.net). The position will be open until filled. EOE

Full Time Position Open

C.F. Maier Composites, Inc. is accepting applications for a full time office position. Applicant would establish a national marketing campaign and have general office duties. Marketing experience is required. C.F. Maier offers a full benefit package incl. 401(K). Send resumes to mail@cfmaier.com or apply at 500 E. Crystal St. Lamar, CO 81052. EOE

Wanted!

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

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. For more information or to register for the course, contact Elizabeth Whitham at 719-336-1583 or ITAcademy@lamarcc.edu.

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.

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National Weather Service, Water Supply Outlook

As of February 1, the 2013 snow accumulation season gained some ground, but remained below average according to the National Weather Service. In the upper Rio Grande Basin, the snowpack improved to 78% of average overall, up from 65% from last month and slightly better than 77% from this time last year. In the Arkansas Basin, the snowpack was at 63% of average overall, improving slightly from 61% from last month, but tracking well behind the 81% of average this time last year.

Water year precipitation is running below average across both the basins. As of February 1, the upper Rio Grande Basin reported 73% of average precipitation, up from 62% from a month ago, but much lower than 102% from last year at this time. The Arkansas Basin reported 63% of average precipitation, up slightly from 61% of average from last month but much lower than 88% of average this time last year.

Overall reservoir storage is running well below average across southern Colorado. Storage in the Upper Rio Grande Basin at the end of January was at 51% of average overall, up slightly from 50% from a month ago but well below 66% of average this time last year. In the Arkansas Basin, storage was at 57% of overall storage, up slightly from 56% a month ago, but well below 94% of average a year ago at this time. For the Upper Rio Grande Basin, streamflow volumes for the upcoming runoff season are outlooked to be below average. For the Arkansas Basin, streamflow volumes are predicted to be well below average. This outlook is based on recent observations of snowpack and assumes normal precipitation for the remainder of the snow season.

Precipitation levels for portions of southeast Colorado as of the end of January are in inches:

	2013	2012
Eads	0.04	0.02
Cheraw	0.14	0.09
Haswell	0.01	0.00
Holly	0.39	0.00
J. Martin Dam	0.04	0.00
La Junta	0.02	0.01
Lamar	0.14	0.00
Las Animas	0.00	0.14
Springfield	0.27	0.04
Trinidad	0.08	0.05
Two Buttes	0.20	0.01
Walsh	0.42	0.08

Lamar Rotary Salutes Larry Bauer with Hometown Hero Certificate

The Lamar Rotary has been saluting local veterans during their Friday luncheon meetings since this past Veteran's Day observances in November. Rotary President, Judy Turpin, presented the Rotary certificate to Larry Bauer last Friday, February 8, in honor of his military service and community service as well.

The luncheon was made poignant with the announcement that Chris and Larry Bauer will be moving from Lamar just before the end of this month. The Bauer's, noted local radio broadcasters, had owned and operated KWAY since 1991 when they moved to town, purchasing the former KNIC radio station. The station was sold about a decade later with Larry developing his own broadcast consultancy business while Chris began a career developing her own weekly syndicated radio program, interviewing and playing music from a host of country-western legendary performers.

Larry Bauer related his early life in a farming community in North Dakota, describing his high school years when he was considered somewhere between rowdy and ornery. "I graduated from high school on a Thursday and on Friday my football coach and the local sheriff were on hand to see me board the train to join the army," he remarked.

"The army taught me duty, responsibility and team work," he continued. His early period was spent in basic training and jump school and from there he settled in on his army career as a sergeant E-5, teaching guerilla tactics to infantry soldiers. "It's too bad that it's not mandatory that all graduating high school seniors automatically go into the military to serve their country for a set amount of time," he told the Rotary audience. "I believe that experience would benefit them and eventually our country," he added.

Bauer took an active part in the Lamar community, serving as Lamar Chamber of Commerce President in 1994, helping develop SECCI, Southeast Colorado Cancer Initiative and other activities. Bauer was also voted Small Market Broadcaster of the Year by the Colorado Broadcasters Association and he and Chris were well known for their high school wrestling reports. Over the past several years, the couple has divided their time between Lamar and their renovated cottage on a small island situated in a lake that divides South Dakota from Minnesota. Larry said he and Chris have an item on their bucket list they intend to accomplish in the near future. "We're going to take our motorcycles on a round trip along the Alaska Highway one day soon," he said.

Turpin, along with her presentation of the certificate, said that a children's book will be purchased by the Lamar Rotary and given to the library with Larry's name inscribed as the donor. *By Russ Baldwin.*

Holly Trustees Approve Third Street Improvements

The Holly Town Trustees approved a request from the school board for improvements to Third Street consisting of a center line concrete overlay of 40 feet including curbing. Three additional pole lights for the school were also approved. Two will be 15 feet tall at \$2,430 each and one 25 foot tall pole costs \$3,000. The school and town are sharing some of the costs of materials and installation with the town purchasing the poles.

Holly Trustees also approved two resolutions, one, in support of the U.S. Constitution's second amendment referencing the right to keep and bear arms. The other resolution was an annual update designating The Holly Shopper as the official newspaper of general circulation for the town.

Several agenda items from the Wednesday, February 6 meeting were tabled, to provide time for more information to be offered to the Trustees. Administrator Marsha Willhite outlined several alternative rate increases for the electrical costs for irrigation classified customers for the town. Willhite said this will impact about 15 current customers. The irrigation classification study is one segment of a comprehensive report being prepared by the Nebraska Municipal Power Pool for proposed electric rate tariffs. No action was taken on the town's copy machine lease which will expire next month and an idea on renting a shredder to dispose of waste tires was put on hold for future discussion.

The trustees discussed the pros and cons and costs of a proposal from TWT Enterprises, which is developing several houses along Hughes Court. Two have been built and one spec house is under construction. The company offered the town the street for \$5,000 provided the town chipseals the road. Trustees discussed if a chipseal or paving the road with concrete would offer the best outcome. Administrator Willhite said with the exception of electricity, the utilities for the development run under the street. The Trustees directed her to conduct a cost analysis for several options, including an alternative dollar offer from TWT Enterprises.

Argie Thrall, representing Air Sprayers, requested the Trustees consider constructing a larger hangar than the one that presently serves the town airport. The proposed area for construction would be the northern section, near the tie-down area. Thrall said he's purchasing aircraft larger than the space offered by the current hangar and would require something between 80 by 80 to 100 by 100 feet. Holly Mayor Brad Simon said the request would be taken under advisement and the Trustees could have some information for Thrall in about two months.

Administrator Willhite said the town will consider a second page of information on Holly's Municipal website. She provided a breakdown on hits showing the most occurred in April, prior to spring and summer activities and school alumni functions. The town calendar, the Blue Grass Festival and meeting minutes were the most sought after on the site. *By Russ Baldwin*

PCDI Annual Meeting Scheduled

The Prowers County Development Incorporated annual meeting and banquet is scheduled for Wednesday, February 27 in the Rodeway Cow Palace Inn courtyard. The annual meeting will begin in 7pm and be preceded by a cash bar cocktail and conversation get-together. The dinner will follow the meeting and begin at 7:30pm.

Besides the annual report from PCDI Executive Director, Lisa Nolder, the business meeting will include an election for three seats on the board of directors. If anyone is interested in serving, contact the PCDI office located at the RodeWay Cow Palace Inn. Each seat is for a three year term. Call Carla Scranton at 336-2384. The fax number is 336-1260 or email to pcdi@procolorado.org. Membership is open to all businesses in Prowers County.

The dinner is \$25 per person and a table of eight costs \$200. You're asked to rsvp by February 20 and there may be some limited tickets available the night of the banquet.