

The Prowers Journal Classified Ads

...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.

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**

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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

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.

Misc.

Senior Citizens, Be Informed & Be Aware

AARP ElderWatch provides you with guidelines to help guard against various business scams or investment fraud. Call toll free Monday through Friday between 9am and 4pm. 1-800-222-4444

Recycle Ink Cartridges

Recycle your used computer printer ink cartridges at the Lamar Senior Center on East Olive Street. The Lamar Eagles send the cartridges in for reimbursement and use the funds for scholarships for local high school seniors.

SHG 4th Annual Round Up

Come to the 4th annual fundraiser to support mental health, substance abuse and wellness programs in SE Colorado. It will be March 30, 2013 from 6p to 10p at the Lamar Elks Lodge. Event will include a party dip competition, silent auction and Live Music by Overton Road, Pueblo's own county music band. Contact Crystal Stewart at 383-5450 for more information.

Community Discussion Meeting

Please make note that a Community Discussion Meeting with the City Administrator John Sutherland will take place on March 5, 2013, at the Lifecenter Foresquare Church located at 1807 S. 11th St. here in Lamar. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. Please bring any questions or concerns about the city or any other pertinent topic and prepare for some spontaneous discussion.

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.

Step Aerobics at the Community Building

If you're looking to improve endurance and flexibility or increase your cardiovascular health, come join Mary Minor for Step Aerobics at the Lamar Community Building. Classes are held on Monday and Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:00pm. Cost of the class is the daily visit fee, punch card, or annual pass.

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.

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.

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A Honeymoon to Remember

Don and Arlene Snover, Lamar residents, were among the 4,200 passengers stranded for several days aboard the Mexico bound cruise ship, Triumph. The couple decided to take the trip to celebrate their honeymoon, and got more than they expected in memories to last a lifetime once the ship's engine went offline because of a fire.

"The first three days of the trip were great," said Don Snover, who manages the McDonald's restaurant in Lamar, "but then we saw smoke from the top of the ship and the public address system alerted passengers that there was a problem, but they weren't too specific right away. They did tell us that it wasn't a life-threatening situation and we weren't going to have to leave the ship, but it took about ten hours for them to give us an explanation."

The Snovers fared better than a lot of passengers aboard the Carnival Cruise Liner as they had an ocean view from their cabin and a balcony on the 8th level of the ship where they could get sunlight and fresh air. They explained that passengers on the inside of the ship and on the lower decks had no sunlight and no air conditioning or heat. Arlene explained, "Over the four days without power, we had a mix of hot and cold weather. There was also some rain one night and the passengers who were sleeping on the deck had to come back inside to stay dry. It also got cold after that which you didn't expect to happen. A lot of us started wearing the white bathrobes you saw on TV just to stay warm. There was also a lot of humidity on board so everything, even the rugs stayed moist." The Snovers said they were able to take showers, but they had cold water.

Don Snover said waiting for food and supplies was an ongoing problem after the power loss. "I waited in line for about four and a half hours to get a couple of cheeseburgers and hot dogs." He explained that on the first day, with no electricity or refrigeration, or light inside the ship, all the food was distributed on one deck for 4,200 people. "We didn't get hungry and there was always plenty of fresh fruit for us, but we didn't drink any faucet water and got some supplies from the store on board." They added that there was a lot of wasted food the first time it was handed out as passengers in line took as much as they wanted and the people at the end of the line didn't have anything. He said that was changed by the next day. Snover added that it took 90 minutes at the ship's store to buy some food and the price of a can of Pringles went from \$2 to \$6 after the emergency began. "People were paying upwards of a hundred dollars for a small bag of food and items," he said. He added that there was beer available on the first night of the emergency, but later all the bars were shut down, which made good sense in his view. Snover said Arlene stayed in the cabin for the most part, keeping their hallway door open so other passengers could get some light and air on their inner decks. He said he spent most of his time just standing in line waiting for food to be issued by the ship's crew. "The only way we had light inside at night was from some glow sticks we got from a Mardi Gras party earlier," he said.

The Snovers said they never felt that their lives were in danger, but asked why it took so long to get tug boats out to their stranded ship. "There was one small tugboat that started to tow us, but it took a long time before some others came out to help," he stated. Communications were also a problem as everyone's cell phone didn't operate away from relay towers. Snover said that when a ship came alongside to drop off some food and supplies, some folks could use their cell phones but only with limited operation from wi-fi.

Once they were back on land, the Carnival Cruise line had busses waiting to take them to a hotel and later to the airport to catch their flight back to Denver. "That took a while," Arlene explained, adding, "when we got to our motel, there were around 300 people waiting to be checked in. There were 40 busses ahead of us and there were around another 88 on the way with the other passengers, so we got lucky there, too."

The honeymoon couple praised the ship's crew for always being ready to help out. "When we saw one, they were ready with a smile and asked if there was anything they could do for us," Arlene added. Don said the crew's working and living conditions had to be difficult with 4,200 people needing constant attention during the emergency. He said he had a look inside one of their cabins and their bunk beds had people sleeping right up against piping along the walls.

Asked if they would take another trip offered by the Carnival Company, Arlene said she'd have to give that some thought. Don, on the other hand, said he wouldn't mind it and would consider an Alaskan trip sometime. "I don't mind being in the cold weather," he said. *By Russ Baldwin*

Prowers Lodging Panel Funds May Events

Four of the five funding requests to the Prowers Lodging Tax Panel were approved by board members during their monthly meeting, Monday, February 19. The annual Wild West BBQ Contest is partnering with the Cinco de Mayo celebration this year at Willow Creek Park, and there are plans to include a Low Rider Car Show for the two day event set for May 10 and 11 this year. While the BBQ contest will remain in place, Cinco de Mayo events will be moved from the North Side Park. Organizers had requested \$6,000 to market and publicize events, but received \$4,000 from the board as by-laws prevent funding of merchandise items. A portion of the request would have been used to rent kid's inflatable rides.

Two future rodeo events received funding for May. Cade Spitz outlined the May 16 – 18 Colorado Junior Rodeo Association that will be held at Lamar Community College as well as the May 17 – 19 Colorado State High School Rodeo set for the Prowers County Fairgrounds. Spitz said approximately 500 contestants will converge in Lamar for the two events. The board approved \$4,000 for the Junior Rodeo and \$7,000 for the State High School Rodeo. The funds will be used for contract fees and for marketing.

Pat Palmer's request of \$1,500 for contract fees for a May 11 draft horse exhibition and rides was approved. The funds will also go to contract fees for the Willow Creek Park event which will run during the BBQ contest and Cinco de Mayo. Palmer said the exhibition will be located on the west side of the park, the same site as last year.

A request for \$500 to help fund the annual Girls in the Middle conference at Lamar Community College did not receive funding. Organizers Becky Navarette, Amy Rosengrants-Smith and Deana Siemsen outlined the history of the gathering, which focuses on helping empower young girls in their future career choices. Because the money would be used for specific material purchases and not on advertising the event, the request could not be approved. If any woman's group or civic organization would like to help contribute to the March 2 conference, they should contact Becky Navarette at 336-7486 ext. 151 as soon as possible.

The panel received a check from the state for \$18,814.63. That money was generated in 2012 by the 2% motel tax levied in the county for motel use. There are still two openings on the panel at this time. Persons who are employed in some form of tourism related occupation and would want to serve for either a three or two year term, can get an application form from the Lodging Panel which will be considered by the Prowers County Commissioners who select panel members. Contact Carla Scranton at 336-2384 for additional information. The Lodging Tax Panel meets monthly at the Rodeway Cow Palace Inn. *By Russ Baldwin*

Lamar Airport Receiving State Grant

Gov. John Hickenlooper today authorized the distribution of \$20.6 million in state aviation fuel tax revenues through 44 grants to Colorado general aviation airports under the Aviation Discretionary Grant program. The program is administered by the Colorado Department of Transportation's Division of Aeronautics.

"We have improved public-use airports all across the state by leveraging these grants with local and federal matching funds," Hickenlooper said. "These airports are critical to the economic well-being of communities as energy, tourism and business travel to local destinations continues to grow. Developing and maintaining an efficient, safe transportation system is vital to Colorado's economic growth."

The Aviation Discretionary Grant Program was instituted by an amendment to the Colorado Constitution in 1992. Proposals from public-use airports are received and evaluated by CDOT Aeronautics staff and approved by the Aeronautical Board, which is comprised of aviation industry representatives appointed by the governor and approved by the Colorado Senate.

Colorado communities/airport receiving the grants in southeast Colorado include:

Lamar: \$320,000, including local match of \$32,000 for replacement of REILs in conduit.

La Junta: \$350,000, including \$35,000 local match for crack seal, seal coat, remark runway 8/26 and apron.