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Recognition Dinner

Runnin' Lopes Booster Club will be hosting the Fourth Annual Athletes Recognition Dinner on Saturday, April 20, 2013 at 6:00pm in the LCC Wellness Center. The dinner will be featuring Dave Logan, the voice of the Denver Broncos, as guest speaker.

Dave Logan is a native Coloradoan. He excelled in football, basketball and baseball at Wheatridge High School, later becoming the 2nd athlete in history to be drafted in all 3 major professional sports. He began his NFL career with the Cleveland Browns and finishing as a Denver Bronco. He has been a color analyst and play-by-play broadcaster for the Broncos for over 20 years.

Tickets are \$15, available for the Lamar Chamber of Commerce 336-4379, LCC Wellness Center 336-1678, Craig Brooks 336-1674 or Lee Robinson 688-9095.

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Help Wanted

Swimming Pool Employment

The City of Lamar is accepting applications for: Lifeguards; Water Safety Instructor; Swimming Instructors; Cashiers/Concession Stand Clerks and an Aerobic Instructor for summer employment at the Municipal Swimming Pool. Responsibilities for lifeguards and swimming instructors include swim and specialty class instruction; recognizing hazardous situations and enforcing pool rules and regulations. Red Cross Lifeguard Training certification and Water Safety Instructor certification required for lifeguard applicants. Current CPR and First Aid certification also required for aerobic instructor, lifeguard and swimming instructor applicants. All applicants must be able to make and count change. Hours of work vary. Applications and job descriptions available at the Human Resources' Office, 102 East Parmenter, 719-336-4376. Applications will be taken until positions are filled. Contingent upon job offer the successful applicants will be required to take a pre-employment drug/alcohol test prior to being hired. EOE

Pool Manager & Assistant Pool Manager

Under general supervision, provides for the safety of pool patrons and performs a variety of pool management and supervisory duties. Positions require oversight and operation of municipal swimming pool. Hours of work may vary and the position requires flexibility. All applications must be received in the Human Resources Office, City Complex, 102 East Parmenter, Lamar, Colorado by 4:00 p.m. Friday, March 15, 2013. Contingent upon job offer, the successful applicant will be required to take a pre-employment physical, a drug/alcohol test and also provide a current motor vehicle record. EOE

Maintenance Worker II

Under general supervision, performs a variety of skilled and semi-skilled manual labor in the construction, maintenance, and repair of public works, sanitation, utility operations, public buildings, and equipment; operates light and medium duty equipment and trucks up

to 2 1/2 tons on a regular basis. Work is varied, requiring limited judgment within prescribed standards and procedures; adjusts work methods to meet task requirements. Must have or be able to obtain a Commercial Driver's License (CDL). Applications and job description may be picked-up at the City Administrator's office. Applications must be received in the Human Resources Office, City Complex, 102 East Parmenter, Lamar, CO 81052-3299 by 4:00pm, March 22, 2013. Contingent upon job offer, the successful applicant will be required to take a pre-employment physical and drug/alcohol test and also provide a current motor vehicle record. EOE

**ATTENTION: NOW HIRING
MAINTENANCE PERSON**

Ports to Plains Travel Plaza – We are now hiring for a Maintenance Person. Duties include, but not limited to minor general repairs, cleaning, and maintaining equipment. Some knowledge of electrical, plumbing, and mechanical basics are helpful! Pay based on experience. *Must have a valid Drivers License, a clean driving record, and must be able to pass a Drug Test.* Please apply in person at the C-Store and ask to talk to Bruce.

Real Estate

House for Sale

1000 Kerr Street, Eads, CO-4 bedroom, 2 bath, sprinkler in front yard, unattached garage & carport-For more information please call 719-688-0776

Bait Shop for Lease

John Martin Reservoir, Hasty CO. Established turnkey business (Bud's Live Bait) successfully operated for 5+ yrs. Proprietor is retiring. Partial yr business on busy County Rd 1 mile from State Park. 25 ft x 25 ft steel building. Electric, gas, water. \$350/mo + utilities. Minnow tanks & supplies for sale. Phone 303-322-1679 or 303-810-5334.

Apartment For Rent

2 Bedroom – \$450 per month – call 688-9867

Library Closure

Lamar Public Library will be closed MARCH 18th – 23rd while they are completing their remodeling project and will reopen on MARCH 25th!

All Cultural Events Center activities are still available (Line Dancing & "Novel Walkers")

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.

Bonkers for Bunco

Zonta will be hosting a Bunco Party on Saturday, March 23, 2013 at the Lamar Community Building. There will be snacks, laughter, fun for all, and prizes! You do not need to know how to play to participate. Tickets for "Bonkers for Bunco" are \$10 and will be available at the door or by pre-registering. Call Jane Felter at 336-5217 to pre-register. Dice will roll at 1pm and end at 3pm. All funds raised are for Zonta scholarships! Let the good times roll!

Birth Announcement

Daylon and Chalynda Kerr of Hays, KS are the parents of a son, Hayzen Lane Kerr, born Feb 18, 2013 at 11:39 p.m. at Hays, KS. Hayzen weighed 7 pounds 14 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Sherri Kerr of Lamar, Brad and Lou Bering of Leoti, KS and David Kerr of Cheraw, CO. Great grandparents are Joe and Bernice Bering of Leoti, KS, Rosella Smith of Rocky Ford, CO, Harold and Virginia Pauls of Inman, KS and Bob Smith of Las Animas, CO.

February Drought Information Statement for S.E. CO

The National Weather Service out of Pueblo reports that February 2013 was a cold and relatively wet month across the state, especially across the eastern mountains and immediate adjacent plains which saw above normal precipitation over the past month. Despite some much needed precipitation across portions of the area, it was not widespread enough to improve the moderate to exceptional drought that has had its grip on south central and southeast Colorado over the past two years.

With this in mind, the current U.S. Drought Monitor shows Exceptional (D4) conditions remain across Crowley, Otero, Kiowa, most of Bent and Prowers Counties as well as central and northeastern portions of Las Animas County. Extreme (D3) drought conditions remain across extreme southeastern Bent County, extreme southern Prowers County and northern and eastern portions of Baca County. Severe (D2) drought conditions are indicated for the remainder of Baca County.

The latest Colorado Water Availability Task Force report indicates some municipalities and water providers are reporting storage levels below 50% of capacity.

The latest CPC and VIC Soil Moisture calculations are showing improvement in conditions across portions of the Continental Divide and into the San Luis Valley, though continue to indicate drier to much drier than normal conditions across most of south central and southeast Colorado. The largest deficits in soil moisture remain depicted across the southeast plains.

February was colder than normal for Colorado Springs by 2.7 degrees, by 2 degrees in Pueblo and by 1.9 degrees in Alamosa. Colorado Springs received 0.90 inches of precipitation and 10.6 inches of snow through February. Pueblo received 0.48 inches of precipitation and 5.3 inches of snow and Alamosa received 0.15 inches of precipitation and 2.4 inches of snow through February.

Statewide snowpack totals saw a nominal increase during February, but not enough to boost conditions to normal at this time. As of March 1, the statewide snowpack was 73% of normal and 83% of this same time last year. In the Arkansas Basin, the March 1 snowpack increased 8% to 71% of average overall and 79% of this same time last year. Overall reservoir storage continues to run well below average across southern Colorado. The Arkansas Basin shows storage at the end of February was 55% of average overall and below the 62% of average a year ago at this time. The most recent streamflow forecasts continue to point to well below normal volumes in all the major river basins.

February precipitation totals for portions of southeast Colorado are in inches, comparing 2012 to 2013:

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Eads	0.49	0.29
Campo	0.00	0.34
Haswell	0.31	0.18
Holly	0.38	0.42
J. M. Dam	0.21	0.04
La Junta	0.10	0.09
Lamar	0.19	0.10
Las Animas	0.07	N/A
Rocky Ford	0.11	0.06
Springfield	0.63	0.12
Walsh	0.42	0.21
Sheridan Lake	0.36	0.68

Commissioners Act on Several Requests

The Prowers County Commissioners had a full and varied agenda for their Tuesday meeting on March 12. A special events permit was granted to the Lamar Elks Lodge for the annual Lamar Chamber of Commerce Wine Tasting event on March 22. The Vaqueros Saddle Club received approval for renting the fairgrounds for six events through the rest of the year. One will occur on March 23 and the last one will be on November 16. Another permit was granted to LCC for

an upcoming FFA judging contest. Larry Coberly of Frog Productions is continuing to seek a fairgrounds permit for his proposed Monster Truck event, tentatively scheduled for July 20. His request was tabled pending additional information on the use and clean-up of the fairgrounds arena. A contract agreement for the application and removal of dirt used in the arena for the event will be reviewed by the county attorney. The commissioners approved a subdivision exemption for Lawrence and Ruby Schenck.

Denise Carder, President of the Lamar Chamber of Commerce and Tara Bender, Vice-President, as well as Bobbi Ketels, Office Manager, met with the commissioners to detail some of the chamber's projects for the year, and to ask for the county's \$500 membership fee, which was approved. Approval was also granted for a resolution authorizing Jana Coen, County Clerk and Recorder, to conduct the November 5 election by mail vote for all current active voters. The commissioners approved an earlier request from Alta Vista Charter School to have the county act as a financial pass-thru for a GOCO Grant project. The grant will secure \$100,000 in playground equipment funds for the school. Alta Vista, as a non-profit entity, could not act on their own behalf as the agent in the request. With one abstention, Commissioner Wendy Buxton-Andrade was appointed as a board member to Lamar Partnership, Inc. The commissioners approved the appointment of Jane Felter to a three year term to the Lodging Tax Tourism Panel Board. Felter had been a member two years ago. The commissioners approved a ratifying vote in support of the Town of Wiley in seeking a 2013 GOCO Grant for playground equipment for the community.

The Pierre Auger Cosmic Ray study will come to a close by the end of the year, pending any funding to continue the program. Leonard Pruett, local project coordinator, sent a letter to the commissioners asking if they wanted to take possession of a forty foot tower and concrete pad located near the Journey Tower, about ten miles south of Lamar. The commissioners asked for a complete equipment list, to be gifted from CSU, which will be reviewed by attorney John Leferdink before they sign off on the university's request.

Melody Babbitt and Pam Reed from the Colorado Department of Human Services, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, provided the commissioners with an overview of how their department assists disabled citizens find employment. Babbitt, a Business Outreach Specialist, works in Pueblo and Reed, a Rehabilitation Counselor, is based in Lamar and serves six southeast counties including Prowers. Babbitt said she acts as an employment advocate for the disabled, helping potential employers realize the benefits that can be gained from hiring disabled residents. She also helps businesses find grants which allow them to upgrade their facilities into ADA compliance for workers and patrons alike. She said, "Good access also makes good business." Homebound residents can apply for equipment which aids their relationships with the outside world such as computers for the hearing or speech impaired or those with eyesight problems. Babbitt said she'd be happy to demonstrate how some of the equipment operates the next time she and Reed visit with the commissioners. One example was the Agribility program which develops prosthetics for farmers and ranchers, allowing them to continue to work in the field, despite some physical limitations. Both Reed and Babbitt spoke with Jeremy Miller, the county Veteran's Service Officer regarding job training and placement for area veterans.

Local farmer, Ronny Verhoeff, spoke to the commissioners about his options in dealing with adjacent landowners and blowing dust from their fields into his. Verhoeff said he has several pieces of land along Highway 196 which are being covered with dust from neighboring fields which haven't been chisled to prevent the erosion. He presented the commissioners with copies of the Soil Erosion -Dust Blowing - 1954 Act, with which they were already well-acquainted. Verhoeff said he's spoken with representatives from the FSA and NRCS and wanted to brief the commissioners on the situation. Verhoeff was given a newly approved complaint form developed for general events of this nature by the county. Commissioner Joe Marble said this will allow them to try to deal with the situation before any legal action is taken. Marble said if the NRCS finds in favor of Verhoeff, but the landowner does not take corrective steps, the county has the option of doing the work, and adding the cost of improvements to the landowner's property taxes. *By Russ Baldwin*

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