

Misc

Misc. Tools and Stuff

Mantis, Honda 4-cycle, with thatcher & edger, 5 hrs of use, \$400.00 - Ryobi power washer, 3000 psi, extra hose, excellent condition, \$225.00 - 2007 12 foot trailer, single axle rated @3500 lbs. with sides, ex. \$750.00 - 1991 GMC 1 ton box van, very reliable, set up at present for const. \$5000.00 - Rockwell Jawhorse, new, as in never used, \$150.00 - Lots of antique tools, Lots of construction tools, great prices. Call 691-2384.

Free Kittens

Five 10 week old orange tabby kittens are available for free to loving homes. All have had first round of vaccinations and all are male. One is long haired. They are cat box trained and lots of fun. Contact Kris at 688-4464

Real Estate

House for Rent

1 bedroom home \$350.00 plus utilities. 719-688-4238

House For Sale

3 bedrooms, 2 bathroom, on 9.2 acres for sale. It's 2 miles west of Wiley. Please call 719-393-3281 for questions.

For Rent

1003 South 9th, Lamar - 2 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath, central heat/air, laundry room - tenant pays electric, no smoking, no pets, \$625.00/month with \$650.00 deposit - call 688-6261

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.

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Help Wanted

Economic Development Job Posting

Prowers County Development, Inc. (PCDI) seeks a professional to fill the position of Executive Director to lead business retention, attraction, and development initiatives within Prowers County, CO. The Executive Director is hired and supervised by the corporate Board of Directors. Qualified candidates will possess a degree in Business Administration or Marketing, or a career equivalent. Certification as Economic Developer preferred but not required. Five years related experience, preferably in a rural municipal environment. Grant writing knowledge useful. Salary package of \$40-70,000 annually is commensurate with qualifications and prior successful experience. Application and Job Description can be accessed online at: www.procolorado.org - or, can be picked up during regular business hours at the PCDI office, 1301 N. Main, Suite 103, Lamar, CO. Application documents will not be mailed, faxed, or emailed to potential applicants. Each candidate will submit the application, resume' and cover letter in a sealed envelope clearly marked, "Executive Director Application", deliverable by mail or in person during business hours to: Prowers County Development, Inc., 1301 N. Main, Suite 103, Lamar, CO 81052. Application deadline is 5:00 p.m. on July 1, 2013.

Health Coach

Health Coach - Full-time position at High Plains Community Health Center located in Lamar, CO. Salary based on experience and education. Apply at www.highplainschc.net. The position will be open until filled. High Plains is an equal opportunity employer. Veterans are encouraged to apply.

Maintenance Worker, Senior

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. Must have 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, June 28, 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

Planning & Community Development Director

The City of Lamar is accepting applications for a Planning and Community Development Director. This position will perform and administer all functions of the City's Community Development Department, including long range and current planning, zoning, building inspection, development review, building code enforcement, master planning, GIS administration, flood plain management and building permits. Also administers downtown and economic development, Historic Preservation initiatives, programs, and staff. Applications and job descriptions are available at the Human Resources' Office, City Complex, 102 East Parmenter, Lamar, CO 81052-3299. Resumes and applications must be submitted in to the Human Resources Office by 4:00pm, Friday, July 12, 2013. Upon job offer the successful applicant will be required to have a pre-employment physical, drug test and provide a current motor vehicle record. EOE

Director of Social Services

Accepting applications for Prowers County Director of Social Services. Requires 5 years of responsible managerial experience, and Master's Degree. Close date of applications July 8, 2013, 5 pm. For application and job description, see <http://www.prowerscounty.net>, or contact Office of County Administrator at 301 S. Main St., #215, Lamar, CO 81052 or call 719-336-8025. For questions about the position, call 719-336-7486. Prowers County is an EEO employer.

5th Annual Walk for Life

Join the Care Net Pregnancy Center of Southeast Colorado on June 30, 2013 for the 5th Annual Walk for Life. Registration starts at 3:30pm with the walk from 4:00-6:00pm in Willow Creek Park. Contact them at by calling 719-336-1135 or stop in to see them at 201 E. Oak Street in Lamar.

1965-1970 Reunion Plans

Make plans to attend the multi-class reunion for Lamar High School, 1965-1970, on Friday, Aug. 9 at the Hott Spott on E. U.S. 50 in Lamar. Meet and greet 5:30 p.m. followed by music with Don Stephens on guitar. No cover; no hassle. Casual is key! For more information or to say you're coming, visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/142407802509796/>.

Zumba Fitness at the Community Building

Ditch the workout, join the party! Tasha Shelton offers Zumba classes every Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30-6:30pm at the Lamar Community Building. Classes are \$5 or a punch card can be purchased: 10 classes for \$30 or 20 classes for \$50.

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**

Thoughts on the By-Pass? Cast Your Website Vote

By an almost three to one margin, a non-scientific survey on the City of Lamar website, shows people favoring the construction of a by-pass or reliever route as it's now termed, around the City of Lamar. General discussion on the pros and cons for a bypass has been held around Lamar for almost 30 years. Some feel the absence of truck traffic is what's needed to help revive the downtown shopping district. Others believe that once the traffic is re-routed away from the city, no one will bother to visit downtown if most of the stores relocate to the bypass to catch all the cars. The two-lane proposed route will attach to Highway 287/385 south of Spreading Antlers Golf Course, offer a connector street to Lake Road off Memorial Drive to provide access to Prowers Medical Center, cut across Highway 50 East, to the east of Wal-mart and re-emerge onto Highway 287/385 just past the KLMR curve.

The City of Lamar has installed a polling site on its website that asks two questions... "Do you favor the construction of an alternate truck route for U.S. Highways 287/50 at the City of Lamar?" and "Would you still favor construction of the Truck Route if the City of Lamar were required to provide matching funds to complete the project?"

As of late Friday afternoon, June 21, 178 people responded to the first question in favor of the alternate route by 129 to 49. The second question had 172 responses with 81 in favor and 91 opposed to the city providing matching funds for the construction costs. The poll will only be available for a limited time and will provide the city council with a general, non-scientific count on the mood of the public. The polling website is available at www.ci.lamar.co.us.

Paul Westhoff, resident engineer for CDOT in the Lamar area, said that the EIS or Environmental Impact Study is drawing to a close and he anticipates there will be a finding of no significant impact. The EIS will help engineers determine the design and construction for the Reliever Route as it connects to Highways 287 and 50. Future public hearings will be held to bring the community up to date on the latest plans and afford residents an opportunity to make written recommendations to CDOT. There is a limited window of financial opportunity to fund the construction. A new concept now channels most of the construction costs upfront instead of in annual payments as the bypass is completed in sections. There is a buy-in from the city and county for matching funds and those details still need to be worked out. Westhoff spoke with CDOT officials in Pueblo late last week and said he plans to meet with City of Lamar and Prowers County representatives before the end of the month to brief them on the latest developments.

Another construction project is moving ahead. Westhoff said CDOT plans to construct a new railroad overpass along Highway 50 between Granada and Holly. Advertising for construction should go out by November, he said and if everything stays on schedule, he anticipates construction of the new overpass to begin in the spring of 2014. "Travelers will see a flattening of the curves leading into the new overpass," he explained, adding, "The new overpass will have a western alignment compared to the present one." Westhoff said it will be easier to build the new overpass while motorists are still using the current bridge. Once the new one is complete, the old overpass will simply be decommissioned. *By Russ Baldwin*

PCDI Discusses Proposed Bypass Costs and Impact

Discussion on the proposed Lamar By-pass, or Reliever Route, is intensifying on what the cost of the project will mean to the City of Lamar and Prowers County, and will the new route around Lamar aid or injure the economic climate of businesses along Main Street and what changes would the state make to Main Street if the by-pass is not built? Representatives from the city and county plan to get some answers during Wednesday's public meeting hosted by CDOT. The meeting was held Wednesday, June 26, in City Council chambers.

The state is asking for a 20% match on the cost of the project, about \$70 million, which will take traffic from around the city off Highway 287/385 to the south, and bypass Main Street bringing the new two-lane route, back onto the highway north of the city. Neither the city nor the county has received a satisfactory answer on what that match may be, estimated at around \$8 million. Commissioner Joe Marble told the PCDI board during their monthly meeting, June 25, that the county has invested \$500,000 in right of way purchases along the proposed route,

but the county also has concerns about ownership and responsibility of repairs for two bridges spanning the Arkansas River. "One of those is rated at 67 out of a possible 100 points and when it drops to 50, the bridge is closed if it's not repaired," Marble told the board of directors. He's concerned about the costs if the state does not repair them. "The county and the city cannot afford to replace them," he remarked, adding he believes the bridge upgrades need to be discussed in any future talks with the state. The city and the county will have to take responsibility for the roads in-between the bypass connections, according to Marble, and the state will offer a reimbursement to each entity for future maintenance. However, Marble said, the state expects eight million of that back as their share of matching funds.

City councilman Skip Ruedeman said not knowing the exact amount is a big part of the problem, as CDOT wants a letter of support from the city on the project as well as the reimbursement. He said the city is seeking input from residents on the matter with two questions relating to the bypass on its website, asking 'yes or no' on the bypass and the voter's feeling on its construction if the city has to come up with matching funds. He added that some businesses on Main Street will be hurt by the new route and some could care less. He added that the city has already heard rumors that some residents have already purchased land along the proposed route in anticipation of selling it to new businesses or moving a Main Street business to it.

Another point Ruedeman added was, "This is the first time that any entity has had to come up with money. Normally the state works things out with the city and county and does the construction, but here we are in a situation like a grant where we have to put in matching funds." Ruedeman and Marble said that question is going to be asked of state officials on Wednesday morning. Marble added that he didn't think the new route could be done within the remaining three years under the state's finance plan. "This is not well-thought out at all," he added.

The commissioner said the city and county needs to be cautious about how the \$8 million payback is scheduled, recounting how the county received \$9 million from the state to take over maintenance of Highway 196. "The problem is that the county only receives one-two hundred fortieth of that money every month. It wasn't paid out in a lump sum," he explained. "If the city is going to use that money to improve Main Street, they're going to have to let it accumulate for several years before they can afford to pay the cost if they use the same procedure," he cautioned the PCDI board.

In other matters, the PCDI board set September 7 as a new date for a fundraising golf tournament at Spreading Antlers Golf Course. Board member Rick Robbins suggested that next year's tournament be coupled with several business or marketing related information seminars for participants or sponsors. As a past president of a different golf board, Robbins said seminars coupled with those past tournaments had positive results.

Board members discussed payment options for repair work to the Big R Warehouse and offices on Washington Street. Portions of the complex will be rented to the Colorado State Patrol in the near future. The recent rains created a slight flooding problem which is being alleviated with rerouting some new downspouts off the gutters to take the runoff away from the building. Available PCDI funds were approved by a vote to pay down a line of credit from a local bank to finance the repairs and insurance and maintenance bills on the property.

Emily Nieschburg of LiveWell Healthy Communities provided a recap for the board of the recent Lamar study conducted by Urban Land Institute to create a more health-oriented living environment in the community through a series of projects using grant funds and local volunteers. Nieschburg was seeking a partnership with PCDI to develop insight into future financing goals.

Board President, Marsha Willhite said applications for a new PCDI executive director will remain open until July 6. At that time, she said, a special board meeting will be held during which all the applications will be vetted at one time and the board will begin to narrow their search. *By Russ Baldwin*

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.

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