

Comedy Night at the Eagles

The Lamar Chamber of Commerce Honkers, Two for the Road Entertainment and the Lamar Eagles are hosting another night of comedy at the Lamar Eagles Aerie in Lamar, CO on September 6. It will start with a Grilled Chicken Breast Salad meal prepared by the Lamar Eagles from 6p to 7p, with the Comedy Show starting at 7:30p featuring Headliner Deacon Gray and feature Steven Young!

The majority of the proceeds from this event go to support two local charities, The Remember Foundation and Southeast Colorado Cancer Initiative. The money they get is used locally for local individuals and families.

Tickets are now available at these locations:

Lamar Chamber of Commerce - 336-4379 • **Lamar Eagles Aerie** - 336-3780 • **Fellowship Credit Union** - Lamar Location, ask for Tera! 336-5511 • **My Wholesale Products** - Shirley Smith - 336-0661 • **Robinson Printing** - Vincent Gearhart - 336-9095 or 688-7720 • **Healing Hands Massage** - Sherry Walls - 719-688-5099

The Dinner will be \$8.00 and will include a complimentary drink for anyone of legal drinking age. The Comedy Entertainment will be \$10.00

Late Addition: Paul Navarette will setup his equipment, and there will be dancing and Karaoke after the comedy show. Be sure to stick around for some more Great Entertainment!

Veterans Will Benefit from Online Info

Use www.myhealth.va.gov and go online at this new Veteran Health Portal and discover what benefits the VA can offer you and your family. My HealtheVet, a Gateway to Optimal Health. Call your local VA representative in Prowers County, Jeremy Miller, at 719-336-2606.

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Classifieds

Help Wanted



Emergency Clinician

Due to the expansion of our Emergency Services Team, Southeast Health Group is accepting applications for the following full-time benefit-eligible position: Emergency Clinician. Requirements: Master's degree; valid driver's license; negative drug test; and approved background check. Rotating schedule will include some night, weekend and holiday work. Salary- \$38,000, to increase to \$40,000 at 12 months service; impressive benefit package. Applications accepted at www.southeasthealthgroup.org. For more information, contact Jeannie at 383.5428 or jlarsen@semhs.org. EOE

Part Time LPN

Prowers Medical Center is now hiring a part time LPN for the Home Health Department. No nights or weekends. Apply online at www.prowersmedical.com or call 719-336-4343.

Home Health Help

Home health person needed. Needs to be able to run lift. CNA preferred but not necessary; can train. Call 336-0408.

Help Wanted

PORTS TO PLAINS TRAVEL PLAZA is currently hiring for the following positions: Service Writers, Mechanics, and Wait staff. Applications are at the C-Store and Restaurant. Must be able to pass a Pre-employment Drug Test.

Maintenance Worker

Under supervision, performs a variety of unskilled and semi-skilled manual labor in the construction and maintenance of streets, water and sewer lines, parks, buildings, and other municipal facilities; drives truck and operates light equipment; assists higher skilled craftsmen as a trainee; may occasionally serve as lead worker over seasonal workers. Work tends to be routine and subject to close supervision. Applications and job descriptions may be picked-up at the Human Resources Office, City Complex, 102 East Parmenter, Lamar, CO 81052-3299. Applications must be submitted to the Human Resources Office, at the above address, by 4:00 pm, Friday, September 6, 2013. Contingent upon job offer, the successful applicant will be required to take a pre-employment physical and a drug test and also provide a current motor vehicle record. EOE

Real Estate

Investment Property

Investment Property in Lamar, CO: Two stick-built houses & one mobile home, \$53,000. Will consider owner financing for right buyer - 719-940-0010.

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

SOS 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.

Wanted!

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

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.

Mural Volunteers Needed to Get A Little Paint on Their Hands

If you have some time and artistic talent you can volunteer to help complete the Pedal the Plains mural in the next two weeks. The 24 foot long, eight foot tall mural is being completed in panels on West Elm Street in Lamar at the former The Perk coffee shop. Local artist Jeremy Cooper is coordinating volunteers from all artistic backgrounds and age groups to spend some time completing the project in time for the Pedal the Plains bicyclists to arrive in Lamar on September 20. The mural will be erected at the edge of Bi Centennial Park, south of the Lamar Fire Department.

If your schedule allows, you can contact Cooper at 719-688-7720 and select a time during the hours of operation. They are Monday through Saturday from 9am to Noon and from 1pm to 5pm and Sunday from 1pm to 5pm.

Missing a Dog?

Found Dog - Wiley area male brown, black, & white bassett or hound dog. Contact Second Chance Animal Rescue at 719-931-0006 to claim

Puppy Found - Found young dog/puppy - black with speckles in the vicinity of Ark Valley Auto. Contact Second Chance Animal Rescue at 719-931-0006 to claim.

CPW Needing a Little Help

Colorado Parks and Wildlife will need help until at least Sunday with Traffic control at the dam. We are looking for people who can donate a few hours of time serving as FLAGGERS to allow vehicles across the dam when workers and equipment are clear. Please contact Wildlife Officer Mike Brown at 719-980-0025 if you call help on Wednesday or Thursday and Aaron Bartleson at 719-940-3587 if you can help on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. Thanks for chipping in folks! CPW appreciates everything BACA county is doing...let's keep it up.

Right now, we have just a few folks that are kicking in all of the hours... We need more help. We saw blood, sweat, and NO tears today. More blood than I care to share (wear some gloves please). This should be easy...if you use the lake, come out and pitch in. I need volunteers to check in with us ASAP so we can build a schedule for the work. All we need is your time right now...no blood, sweat, or tears. *Aaron Bartleson*

McClave Enjoys New Park/Pavilion Improvements

McClave residents turned out this past Thursday, August 22, to enjoy their ice cream social at the park and make use of the new pavilion and playground improvements in the community. GoCO funds, along with matching funds from Bent County and the Bent County Recreation District, financed the \$161,377 project. Numerous local contractors were brought on board for much of the construction which occurred through the winter and spring.

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held this past January attended by local Bent County civic leaders, Chana Reed from GoCO, local contractors and Kathy Finau, the project's grant writer from KSF Strategic Services. The funds provided for construction of a 30 by 60 foot pavilion in the park with restrooms, upgrades for the basketball court, new lighting, BBQ grills and new playground equipment.

Bent County Commissioner, Lyndon Gill, thanked the community for its involvement in getting the work done for the park, and Chana Reed and Kathy Finau for their efforts in helping fund the project. Contractor Mark Carrigan expressed his appreciation on behalf of the other local contractors who worked on the project. McClave School Superintendent, Terry Weber, also welcomed the families to the evening event and recognized several of the new school teachers for the 2013-14 school year, as well as highlighting the accomplishments of retired teacher, Jill Smith for her years of service to the McClave students. County commissioners Bill Long and Tom Wallace were also in attendance for the event. *By Russ Baldwin*

Monsoon Rains Bring Some Relief to Drought

The Drought Information statement from the National Weather Service in Pueblo states the southwest monsoon came alive across Colorado in July, continuing to be active into the middle of August. The precipitation has brought some short and long term relief to the severe to extreme drought conditions which has had its grip on the area over the past two years.

The current U.S. Drought Monitor shows improvement across southeast Colorado and the Plains where widespread precipitation totals of four to locally in excess of eight inches (125 to 250% of normal) have been recorded since July 1. Exceptional (D4) drought conditions are now limited to portions of Crowley and Otero County, Kiowa, western Bent County and eastern Prowers County. Some D3 conditions also exist in those regions as well as Baca and Las Animas counties. The Monitor indicates 26% of Colorado is in Extreme to Exceptional conditions as compared to 53 % of the state at the start of the year and 65% this same time last year.

These monsoon rains have also been detrimental to several communities that have experienced wildfire and forest fire burns this past summer. Several destructive and life-taking flash floods have been recorded since July 1, especially in Teller and El Paso Counties due to the loss of vegetation and the development of hydrophobic soils caused by the fires. These types of soils tend to repel rather than absorb rainfall.

The latest CPC and VIC Soil Moisture calculations continue to indicate improvements across portions of southeast Colorado, especially along the southeastern mountains where soil moisture has improved to near or slightly below normal. However, conditions remain generally below normal across most of the area with the largest deficits in soil moisture in the lower Arkansas River Valley.

The latest USDA Colorado Crop report also indicates the improvement in soil moisture conditions with 58% of top soil moisture rated at short or very short across the state. This compares to 68% of top soil moisture ratings last week and to 94% at this same time last year. Some improvement in subsoil conditions was also indicated across the state with 77% rated at short or very short this week compared to the same 78% last week and to 95% at this same time last year. The report also indicated slight improvement in pasture and rangeland conditions with 52% rated at poor to very poor. This compares to 62% rated at poor to very poor conditions last week, though remains above the five year average of only 38% at this time of year.

The monsoon rains have helped to ease water consumption across the area though reservoir storage areawide still remains below or well below average. The storage levels in the Arkansas Basin at the end of July were running at 53% of average overall and 82% of the storage available at this same time last year. The upswing in precipitation and improve soil moisture has also improved streamflow with 61% of USGS gages indicated normal to much above normal 7 day average flows with only 17% of the gages indicating low to much below normal readings over the past week.

On a local level, the City of Lamar Water Report for July shows 77,400,000 million gallons of water was treated for the month, along with 22,377,586 million gallons of wastewater. The allocated amount of Project Water (1,699 ac.ft.) has reached the Recharge Pond and the city has received an additional allocation for 2013 Project Water to include approximately 213 ac.ft.

Picture Perfect Flowers and Plants at Strainhurst Court

The residents of Strainhurst Courts in Lamar are reaping some beautiful benefits from the seeds they sowed this past May. Pruddy Osborn, maintenance supervisor at Strainhurst, took Vince Gearhart of The Prowers Journal on a tour of the facilities recently, highlighting all the flowers and plants that are in bloom.

Personal patios and a commons area have been beautified by the work of the residents, some as old as 96 years and still showing dedication and enthusiasm to make the world a little better. Osborn said the public is welcome to make arrangements to come out for a viewing in the near future.

"The residents, mostly the ladies, are always out pulling weeds and straightening up our areas," Osborn said, adding, "The tomatoes and roses have seen a lot of work this summer and the results are paying off. Viola Stiffler has some of the biggest tomatoes on display."

Some residents just opt for flowers, but others enjoy planting and caring for a variety of flowers, vegetables and plants. They take pride in the work and enjoy their results. There are also numerous birdhouses around the courts.

Two Escapees from Bent County Jail Caught

Two inmates escaped from the Bent County Jail early August 23, when they climbed through the window of a work release cell, after smashing it with a tv stand. Bent County Undersheriff Tandy Hasser said sheriff's deputies gave immediate pursuit and were assisted in the search by six other surrounding law enforcement agencies.

The two didn't get far. They are identified as 27 year old Danny Vigil and 23 year old Omar Perez, both of Rocky Ford. They will be facing additional charges of escape for their one hour of illegal freedom. Hasser said they were on foot when they were found, near the river bottom and south of Poplar Street in Las Animas. They escaped from the jail at 9:20am and were caught about one hour later.

They were not together when they were apprehended; one was caught by the Colorado State Patrol and Otero County Sheriff's Office and the other, just a few minutes later, by Bent County Officers. *By Russ Baldwin*

Norlin Smith Honored for Continued Volunteer Service

The Prowers County Commissioners, various Senior Citizens from the SOS Center, Sage employees and PATS employees were on hand this past Tuesday, August 20, to congratulate Norlin Smith for his dedication to service.

Smith has been a steady volunteer at the SOS Center on East Olive Street and for Sage Nutrition in Prowers County for over 20 years, working in the kitchen and assisting the staff. Tuesday was his turn to receive some appreciation from his co-workers and the public and enjoy two large cakes baked in his honor.