

Attention LHS grads from the 1950's!

Some members of the 1954 and 1955 LHS football teams were distressed to see that their State Trophy (tied for first in 1954 and first place in 1955) was missing from the high school when they returned to Lamar for their class reunions. A replacement trophy has been made and will be presented to the LHS Administration during half-time festivities at Friday night's game September 13, 2013.

Anyone who graduated from LHS during the 1950's is invited to participate in the presentation by being present on the field where a photograph will be taken. For more info contact Gilbert Sprout at 719-691-9491

Colorado HealthOP Coffee

On September 17, 2 p.m., a representative of Colorado HealthOP, Colorado's non-profit health insurance co-operative, will be giving a presentation on rural health insurance at the Lamar Community Bldg. (610 S 6th St.), Lamar, Colo.

Colorado's Health Insurance Exchange (www.connectforhealthco.com) will begin selling affordable health insurance to individuals, families, and small businesses on October 1. Colorado HealthOP will be one of the programs offered. Join us September 17 to get answers to your questions about new health insurance options.

The meeting is free and open to the public

More info: 719.336.4011

The Prowers Journal



Help Wanted

Health Coach

Health Coach – Full-time position at High Plains Community Health Center located in Lamar, CO. Salary based on experience and education. Duties will include Health Coach duties as well as additional tracking and monitoring requirements. Must be able to work nights and weekends. Full job description and application at www.highplainschc.net. Applications accepted until September 13, 2013. High Plains is an equal opportunity employer. Veterans are encouraged to apply.

Medical Billing Representative

Needed in Lamar office. FT. Exp. Pref./w insurance claims and Patient collections. Send resume to Reimbursement Managers, PO Box 544, Lamar CO or email rosemary@medmoneymanagers.com.

Service Technician

Holstein Supply Inc. is looking for a Qualified Service Technician in Syracuse, Kansas. Experience and/or Certification in Refrigeration required. Starting wage based on experience. Call (620) 384-6262.

Yard Sales

Garage Sale

614 Willow Valley, Lamar - Friday, September 13 from 8am to Noon - Furniture, baby items, furniture, both boys and girls kids clothes, television.

Backyard Sale / Moving Sale

410 North 7th Street, Lamar - Saturday, September 14 from 8am to 5pm - A lot of stuff.

Yard Sale

505 South 13th Street, Lamar - Saturday, September 14 from 8am to ?? - Tools, Clothes, Shoes, Toys, Misc Household items.

Garage Sale

1706 South 7th, Lamar - Saturday, September 14 from 7am to ?? - Couch with two recliners, more furniture, misc. items and boys western clothing.

Real Estate

ForRent

2 bedroom apartment for \$475 per month plus electricity with \$475 deposit. Call 688-9867.

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

Miscellaneous

KaBOOM Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed Saturday morning, September 14, at Northside Park to help assemble the new playground equipment at the park site. Contact Emily at 688-1265 if you can help out for a few hours that day.

Trailers Available for Veterans

To All Area Veterans: Several trailers have been provided for area veterans who wish to take part in the 9/11 Tribute Parade this Saturday, September 14. Be at West Beech Street in Lamar between 9 and 9:30am to take your place on the trailers for the 10am parade. Your community would like to honor your service to our country.

Rocky Mountain SER Relocated

Rocky Mountain SER has relocated to 20 South Main Street, Lamar. The Rocky Mountain SER office is in the same building as Cruikshank Realty effective September 3, 2013. If you have any questions, please contact Gerry Jenkins at 719-336-9019.

Wanted!

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

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.

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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Granada Pride Annual Steak Dinner

Granada Pride will be holding their annual Steak Supper once again on September 21, 2013 with supper starting at 6:30 pm at the Headquarters Building at Amache, Granada Colorado. Entertainment this year will be Floyd Beard, Cowboy Poet and Musician.

The cost is \$20 per person. Tickets are by RESERVATION ONLY and NO tickets will be held at the door, you must purchase them prior to the supper. Deadline to purchase is September 14th, don't wait, limited seating. You can get your tickets through Norma Dorenkamp, 734-5226 or her cell 688-6302; or any Pride member around Granada and Lamar.

Proceeds will go to help with ongoing projects for the Town of Granada; which includes work around the museum, repairs to the arena, and lighting our welcome sign.

The Pride Committee would like to thank each and every one of you who has supported our fundraisers throughout these many years. The Committee is also very thankful for the many volunteers who also help with each and every fundraiser, not to forget the crews in the background doing repairs, cleaning, making phone calls, setting up and taking down. Thank you everyone!

On March 1, 2014 the Granada Pride Committee will have their 15 year anniversary. If you are looking for something different to volunteer for, the Committee is needing volunteer help to manage the arena area, whether you are a group or individual you would be very welcome. Contact any Pride member for more information and about meeting times.

Utility Board Accepts Wind Turbine Bond Refinance Offer

A resolution to refund the City of Lamar's Wind Turbine revenue bonds was approved by the Lamar Utilities Board during their September 10 meeting. The unanimous vote must still be approved by the Lamar City Council. When finalized, \$3.8 million in outstanding debt on the bonds will be refinanced at a lower interest rate through the sole buyer, Wells Fargo. Representatives from the company explained the process for board members which they say will reduce the proposed bond rate from 4.5% to 2.58% for an annual savings of \$40,000.

Wells Fargo agent, Brad Angst, stated that the direct placement bonds to his company will reduce the fees normally connected to a public offering. Angst said the cost for the transaction will be \$68,000 including closing and miscellaneous fees. Board Attorney, John Lefferdink asked if there is any pre-payment penalty connected to the deal, to which Angst replied that the bonds, issued in 2004, have enough maturity to eliminate that particular cost. If the City Council approves, the new rates should be in effect by November 15.

Two large repair projects at the Light Plant have been completed. Superintendent Houssin Hourieh said the failed gearbox on one wind turbine has been replaced. A G.E. wind energy crew worked with the local light plant crew and the installation was completed on August 31. Work continues to upgrade the plant's 24.9kv substation. New equipment was installed replacing some parts dating back to 1960. The new circuit breaker went into service on September 6.

One application has been received to fill a board vacancy. Superintendent Hourieh received an application from Lamar resident, Howard Hobbs. It will be sent to the Lamar City Council for action at their next meeting. One other resident made an inquiry, but decided to put his application on hold until the council and board makes a decision on the first applicant. *By Russ Baldwin*

Prowers County August 2013 Sheriff Report

The Prowers County Sheriff's Office responded to 316 calls for service in August, 2013, with 157 from Lamar, 97 from the County, 20 from Holly and 12 from Wiley. Twenty-eight papers and restraining orders were served in Lamar, 68 calls were jail related, 14 were for warrant arrests and two were for various forms of fraud. The county had 14 calls for animal problems, 13 for traffic accidents and seven were for serving papers. Four calls were placed from Holly for criminal mischief events and two were for theft. Three criminal summonses were issued, seven warning tickets given out and nine traffic citations.

Nine new cases have been assigned for investigation in the county. Seventeen cases were cleared this past August and 13 investigations resulted in charges being filed. Fourteen investigations are still active in the Sheriff's Department.

Year to date, 1013 persons have been booked into the Prowers County Jail. Total bookings in August were 103, compared to 112 for August 2012. 76 men were booked last month, compared to 89 the same time last year. 27 women were booked last month, compared to 23 in August 2012. Over the last five years, the jail has averaged 104 bookings. Six inmates were reported to immigration authorities and the average number of inmates held each day in August was 48.

The Prowers County Courthouse had 6,385 visitors screened in August for a daily average of 290. Six arrests were made for individuals in the courthouse who had warrants posted for them. While investigating an embezzlement case, Detective Tracy Weisenhorn discovered a suspect in possession of cocaine and drug paraphernalia. Marie Dawn Osborn, 29, of Lamar was arrested for possession of these items and held on \$4,000 bond.

The cost of inmate meals in August was \$10,684.28 and medical expenses for the month were \$584.62. Total expenses for August were \$159,535.43, compared to revenue for the same period of \$18,602.91.

Final Gathering for CIG Retirees

Former employees of Colorado Interstate Gas have been making Lamar their annual headquarters for their annual reunions. Since 1973 CIG retirees have convened at the Cow Palace Inn each September to renew old acquaintances and visit with their friends. This Friday evening, September 6, will mark the final time they are all gathered under one roof.

Loy Jones, the retiree group's president, said the numbers have fallen off over the last few years and the vice-president of the organization, Dale Curry is in poor health. "I can't go on without Dale, he's been the right hand man and instrumental in the club. In fact, he was still working when the club was formed in 1959," Jones explained. Jones said poor health has also prevented the gentleman who put together the quarterly newsletter for the past 23 years from continuing his duties. "We also relied on him for a lot of help," Jones added. "I've talked this over with all the board members and we decided that this year would be a good time to bring it to an end," he explained. "Some of our members haven't heard about the decision yet, but the announcement will be made during our afternoon sessions. We'll have our Friday night dinner and a Saturday breakfast buffet and we'll all go our separate ways," he stated.

Jones detailed some early history of the gatherings, stating that before the group decided to come to Lamar, they had been holding the reunions up and down the Front Range, between Denver and into New Mexico. As it turned out, Lamar was a central location for most of the club's membership and it hosted the gatherings for the past 40 years.

Up until 2001, each retiree was given \$15.75 per quarter by the company for the club's uses. That went into meals, lodging, gas and mileage for travel, up to \$40 apiece for transportation. That stipend ended but the club continued to pay for their gathering with funds that were still in the bank. The retirees group swelled to its largest membership with about 400 in 1996 when Jones retired from CIG, when 127 persons retired that year. Since then the numbers have slowly dwindled.

In the early days, around 1973, CIG retirees would call Dave Eddleman and make arrangements for the group. "The Cow Palace couldn't accommodate all those numbers, so Deanna Callahan, the bookkeeper, would call the other motels for us and make arrangements for the group and then the bill would be split out to everyone later," he explained. Jones recognized the economic importance of the annual presence of the retirees in Lamar adding, "When I came on the board around 1997, we would spend around \$22,000 to \$26,000 for those two days at the motel for meals, gas, lodging and so on." That didn't take into consideration the money that was also spent in the community at various stores and other restaurants. In 2001 the retirees were told they would have to pay their own way, but Jones said no one blinked an eye, they still intended to get together in Lamar at the Cow Palace.

Jones said there will be no other newsletters being issued and the group isn't seeing any more new members with the current crop of retirees. "Not that many of us have computers, so we'd have to rely on a printed edition, but it isn't happening. Last year we had 69 members and this year there's only 30," he stated, adding that was one of the reasons there are so few coming for the final year. "We're just losing members as well due to old age. He estimated there was a 25% to 30% attrition death rate among the CIG members each year and there were 33 last year and 27 this year," he stated. He assumed that smaller groups of retirees in Kansas and Texas and in other cities will probably have some kind of local get-together, but this will be the final one for the large group to convene in Lamar and reminisce about old times. *By Russ Baldwin*