

PUBLIC NOTICE

Applications are currently being accepted by the City of Lamar for appointments to the following Boards:

LAMAR HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD

(One 5-year term expiring June 1, 2017)
(One 5-year term expiring June 1, 2018)

VARIANCE BOARD

(One 5-year term expiring October 1, 2017)
(One 5-year term expiring October 1, 2018)

Forms may be obtained from:

City Administrator's Office
102 East Parmenter
Lamar CO 81052-3239
Phone: 336-1365

Completed forms must be returned to the City Administrator's Office by 4:00 P.M., Friday, October 11, 2013 or until position filled.

Thrift Store Trailer

Lamar United Methodist Women are sponsoring a ARC Thrift store trailer at 107 South 6th church parking lot. Please bring all your household donations from October 5th to October 15th. Hours Weekdays 3pm until dark and Saturdays 10am to 3pm and Sundays 1pm to 4pm. For more information call Kim at 719-688-5893.

Trunks of Treats

Trunks of Treats at Living Covenant Fellowship parking lot, 110 W. Lee Ave Lamar CO. When: Oct. 31st 6-7:30 p.m. Kido's come on out for a great time of candy, games and fun at the Trunks of Treats night. Free Cocoa and Cookies to be served during this night of fun for the Kido's. For more info. contact the church at 719-336-0220

The Prowers Journal

Classifieds

Help Wanted

Bookkeeping & Clerical Assistant

Part-time (.75FTE) bookkeeping and clerical assistant. Knowledge of payroll, accounts payable, general bookkeeping, Word and Excel preferred. Salary dependent on experience. Send resume to rfarmer, llc, P. O. Box 1173, Lamar, CO 81052.

Emergency Services Communicator

Applications are being accepted for an Emergency Communicator at Prowers County E-911. Applications and job description are available at the Human Resources Office, City Complex, 102 East Parmenter, Lamar, CO 81052-3299. All applications must be postmarked or received in the Human Resources Office by 4:00 p.m. Friday, October 18, 2013. Pre-employment testing is required. Upon job offer the successful applicant will be required to take a pre-employment drug and alcohol test and provide a current motor vehicle record. EOE

Real Estate

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

Country Home for Rent

Approx. 2 miles North of Lamar, 3 bdrm, 1.75 baths, kitchen appliances furnished, W/D hook ups, NO pets, NO HUD, References required. Call 719-336-2762 or 719-691-0549.

Yard Sales

Garage Sale

604 East Cedar, Lamar - Saturday, October 12 from 8am to 12 Noon - A little bit of everything!

Public Notice

Public Notice from SS Storage, LLC
Public notice that in 21 days from the date due if publication of this notice, the miscellaneous items in storage at 102 N. 4th, unit 15 belonging to Dale Crownover will become property of SS Storage LLC, if the fee has not been paid in full.

Misc.

Board Positions Need Filled

The Prowers County Board of County Commissioners is accepting letters of interest from persons who are residents of Prowers County and who either own or lease property in the Deadman Drainage District to fill one (1) position for a two (2) year term on the Deadman Drainage District Board. Appointed members serve as volunteers.

The letters of interest should be addressed to the Prowers County Board of County Commissioners, 301 South Main Street, Suite 215, Lamar, CO 81052 and may also be faxed to #(719) 336-2255 or e-mailed to ctyadmin@prowerscounty.net. Letters must be received by 5:00 p.m. on October 21, 2013.

The Prowers County Board of Commissioners is accepting letters of interest from persons who are residents of Prowers County to fill one (1) vacated position on the Board of Directors of the Lamar Partnership, Inc., Board. Lamar Partnership, Inc., is a non-profit organization which works to provide economic development opportunities within the context of historic preservation to traditional downtowns. The term expires in February 2014.

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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

Wanted!

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

New Location

Rocky Mountain SER has relocated to 20 South Main Street, in Lamar. The Rocky Mountain SER office is in the same building as Cruikshank Realty, effective September 1, 2013. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Gerry Jenkins, Field Representative at 719-336-9019.

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.

Veterans 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.

Filbeck Realty

719-336-4301

311 East Walnut \$35,000

308 South 6th \$66,500

804 South 14th \$77,500

Golden Arrow Motel \$80,000

Letter to the Editor – The Elephant Story

Many years ago a group of villages needed some work done and after much discussion it was decided they would buy an elephant. When the elephant arrived many were excited to see him do the work, but it took a while for the elephant to become accustomed to its surroundings. But the villagers were very loyal and fed the elephant and cleaned up after the elephant, anticipating the day when he would start doing the work they needed.

The villagers started to use the elephant for the work they needed done, but found that the elephant had some health issues and could not do the work it was purchased for. Still being loyal villagers, they went about feeding and cleaning up after the elephant in hope he would get better and be able to do the work.

Some of the villagers started to worry, what if the elephant could not do the work? Then they would have to hire it done. So they did find someone that would do the work and to their surprise would do it cheaper than feeding and taking care of the elephant they had purchased. Even though they might have been very proud and fond of their elephant, they could not afford to feed and cleanup after him and pay for the work to be done by someone else.

As time went on, a couple of the villages did not think it was fair that they had to feed and care for an elephant that now was costing them twice what they had planned and was not doing the job they had bought it to do. The rest of the villages did not like the situation, but out of loyalty to the elephant still fed and cleaned up after the animal in addition to paying for someone to do the job that the elephant was originally purchased.

It became harder and harder for the people in the villages to come up with the extra money to feed and care for the elephant, so many of the villagers moved away. As more and more villagers moved away it became harder and harder for those that stayed to feed and care for the elephant. Years went by, and the elephant never did the work it was purchased for and the villages finally ran out of food and people to care for the elephant. A few of the people remaining couldn't even remember why the villages even had an elephant.

Eventually due to lack of care and neglect all of the villages and the elephant died. This left very few people who knew the story of ARPA the elephant.

Rick Robbins • General Manager • Colorado Mills

Public Test of Voting Equipment Set for Oct 14

The Prowers County Clerk and Recorder's Office will be performing a Public Logic and Accuracy Test of the election voting equipment on October 14, 2012, at 9:00 a.m., in the County Commissioner's Board Room, at the County Courthouse, 301 S. Main St., Lamar, CO.

Please contact the Prowers County Clerk and Recorder's Office if you have any questions regarding the November 5, 2013 Coordinated Election at: (719)-336-8011. A private test of the equipment will be held Friday, October 11.

Jana Coen • Prowers County Clerk

Letter to the Editor – Candidate for Sheriff Announcement

Prowers County Sheriff's Office Candidate Announcement for 2014

My name is Dave Reid and I have a vision for Lamar and Prowers County. I would like to tell you a little about myself, before we talk about my vision. I grew up in Newell, South Dakota which is an agricultural area very similar to Lamar. I learned the importance of honesty, integrity, and responsibility at an early age. I began working at a young age completing chores on our family farm.

I have called Lamar home since marrying Heather (Hoy) Reid 14 years ago. Heather has lived in Lamar for more than 20 years and is a long time employee at a local dentist's office. We have two children, Cailey and Nathaniel, who love to call Lamar their home. I am a member of the First Baptist Church where I have the honor of serving as a Deacon. In other words, Lamar and Prowers County is my home.

Prior to becoming a police officer, I worked in the construction industry. While there, I

learned that time is money and the importance of doing a job right the first time. I have taken the values I learned as a child and as a young man and applied them in my approach as a police officer. I understand that government and particularly law enforcement's role is to assist the citizens and visitors of our community in being safe and secure in their persons and homes.

I became a sworn police officer for the City of Lamar on December 7, 2003. I have proudly served my community in several facets of law enforcement including patrol, field training officer, investigations, and drug enforcement. In 2008 I was assigned to a drug enforcement team which made fifty-six narcotic arrests in eight months. I have placed an emphasis on education and have participated in training classes provided by the FBI, DEA, and the CBI for criminal investigations. I am currently pursuing a bachelor's degree with Ashford University. I was promoted to Sergeant in 2008 and currently serve as the Administrative Sergeant for the PD which has further developed my career with administrative challenges.

My experiences, as a member of the community and as a law enforcement officer, have taught me the meaning of community policing. It has also given me the vision of which I spoke earlier in this letter. Community policing is important in rural areas. It means the community and law enforcement work together to make this a safe place to live for our families. It means that law enforcement must adapt to best serve the needs and problems we encounter in our specific community. I believe that government agencies, especially law enforcement agencies, need to work together and assist one another for the betterment of the community. Law enforcement is about protecting victims, but it is also about insuring that everyone's rights are protected. As a law enforcement officer, we usually get only one chance to make a case. We need to do our jobs correctly the first time. We need to be as efficient as possible as we are the custodians of the public's trust. We also have to maintain a high level of integrity and never, ever forfeit our values or values of our neighbors.

Now you know the vision I have for all of the residents of Prowers County. After long deliberations, my family and I have concluded that the best way to see my vision become reality is to seek the office of Sheriff of Prowers County in the 2014 election. I would hope that you share my vision for professional law enforcement and that you will support me during the upcoming election.

Respectfully, Sgt. Dave Reid

Town of Holly News: Utility Customers Beware Scam Artists

A Town of Holly electric utility customer was contacted recently by a caller posing as a utility employee. The caller indicated the customer's meter was faulty, which could lead to a dangerous situation. The caller said a fee of \$500 would be required to replace the defective meter. Fortunately, the customer called the town office and inquired about a meter change requiring payment and found that the meter in question was not scheduled for replacement, and that the Town does not charge customers for meter changes. The call was a scam attempt. Holly electric customers are charged a one-time, nonrefundable meter fee when an account is established. Beyond that, meter changes are made at no cost to the customer.

As a reminder, utility customers should never give out credit card or other financial information to any caller representing themselves as an employee with the utility. Although utility payments by a credit card are accepted by telephone, the customer must generate the call – town employees do not call customers for the purpose of seeking payment by credit card.

In 2009, the Board of Trustees approved Ordinance No. 470 which allows for annual increases in water and sewer rate tariffs through 2019.

For the upcoming year 2014, the water rate per base 3,000 gallons is: In Town \$19.94, a \$0.64 increase; Out of Town \$25.77, an \$0.82 increase. Each additional 1,000 gallons remains at \$2.50.

Residential sewer rates for year 2014 are: In Town \$7.98, a \$0.26 increase; Out of Town \$10.31, a \$0.33 increase.

The annual rate increases are necessary to ensure the Town's capability to maintain a capital improvements plan for the water and sewer departments.

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.