

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)

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

(Two 3-year terms expiring February 1, 2017)

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

(One 5-year term expiring February 1, 2019)

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

(One 5-year term expiring February 1, 2019)

AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

(One 5-year term expiring February 1, 2019)

TREE BOARD

(Two 3-year terms expiring March 1, 2017)

WATER ADVISORY BOARD

(One 5-year term expiring February 1, 2019)

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, January 17, 2014 or until position filled.

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Help Wanted

Maintenance Staff Wanted:

Southeastern Developmental Services is hiring until the position is filled. You must have the ability to work independently and have experience with, but not limited to: laying flooring, electrical work, plumbing and basic vehicle maintenance. Able to provide proof of experience with references, and a clear driving record. Please apply in person at 1111 South 4th in Lamar. E.O.E.

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, January 17, 2014. 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

Professional Office Location

313 South Fifth Street Lamar, CO; Suites Two and Three 800 sq. Feet - All newly remodeled; Utilities Included; Call Lori 336-7000

House for Rent

515 E Parmenter - 2 bedroom one bath. \$500/mo plus utilities - 705 S Main - 2 bedroom one bath, full basement \$550/mo plus utilities - Call 691-9245

Miscellaneous

Wanted - Mic Stand & Mixer

Used straight mic stand in good condition and a 4 or 6 channel audio mixer. Call 688-7720

Ipad Class

In case you missed the first one, I am teaching another beginning iPad class on Monday, January 13th at 9:30 am at The Brew. The first class enjoyed it so much that they are coming back next week to carry on where we left off! Call or email to register, space is limited to 5! Lori 719-688-7889

Big Timbers Museum Program

Big Timbers Museum program will be Thursday January 16th at 7PM. It will be a story telling time about the pioneer women of our area who traveled by covered wagon.

One of our local re-enactor story tellers will explain some of the challenges those early pioneer women experienced as they traveled the Santa Fe Trail in our Big Timbers region of the trail. Other story tellers will tell some experiences of the pioneer women in the Prowers County area during the homestead era.

You can also be a part of the program. Do you have a story of a pioneer woman from this area? You can either share it yourself, or have one of our storytellers tell it for you. Call Chuck Bowen at 336-5082 so we can make your story part of the program.

A kiosk, or information panel, is going to be placed at the museum telling about the Madonna of the Trail statue which is located at the Lamar Welcome Center. Several of these stories will be chosen to go on the kiosk.

Judy Walden and Jeanne Fenter-Snyder who are responsible for placing these kiosks will also share about the overall plan and the time line of this project. Don't miss this program.

Classified Ads - Published by Robinson Printing, Inc. - January 8, 2014

The Prowers Journal Classified Ads

...are a great way to advertise
...bring attention to your retail business

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...we can accept scripted ads up to Tuesday afternoon for Wednesday print

...we can accept online ads anytime

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Friends of the Library Meeting

The annual general membership meeting of members of the Friends of the Lamar Public Library will be held on Jan. 15th, 5:00 pm at the Lamar Library. All members and those interested in being a member are urged to attend. We will have a brief review of the 2013 accomplishments and look forward to 2014. Election of officers and directors will be held as well. The nominating committee has a full slate of great candidates for you to elect. All ideas and concerns will be welcome.

CDA Adopts Industrial Hemp Rule

LAKEWOOD, Colo. – The Colorado Department of Agriculture has adopted the first industrial hemp rules in the state's history; the rule became effective December 30, 2013. Producers can begin to register with CDA's industrial hemp program on March 1, 2014.

"These rules are the first step to allow Colorado producers to legally grow industrial hemp," said Colorado Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture Ron Carleton.

Producers must register with CDA by May 1, 2014, if they would like to grow industrial hemp during the 2014 growing season. The annual registration fee for commercial production of industrial hemp will be \$200 plus \$1.00/acre. The annual registration fee for production of industrial hemp for research and development will be \$100 plus \$5/acre. All registrations will be valid for one year from date of issuance.

All registrants are subject to sampling of their industrial hemp crop to verify that the THC concentration does not exceed 0.3 percent on dry weight basis; up to 33 percent of the registrants will be inspected each year. During the inspection, the registrant or authorized representative must provide the Department's inspector with complete and unrestricted access to all industrial hemp plants and seeds whether growing or harvested, all land, buildings and other structures used for the cultivation and storage of industrial hemp, and all documents and records pertaining to the registrant's industrial hemp growing business.

The rules were developed in response to the recent passing of Amendment 64 and legislation enacted by the Colorado General Assembly. SB13-241 delegates to the Department the responsibility for establishing a registration and inspection program.

"The General Assembly, with SB13-241, has made it clear that cultivation, for either commercial or research and development purposes, is not authorized unless the prospective grower first registers with the Department," stated Carleton.

The entire rule and additional information on industrial hemp can be found by visiting www.colorado.gov/ag/dpi and click on "industrial hemp."

Local Law Officials Warn of Krokodil, Corrosive Drug Sold as Heroin

Concerns about the use of heroin in the Lamar community are bad enough, but the Lamar Police Department has sources that indicate a more deadly drug being sold as heroin, Krokodil, is now being introduced to the area. It's being manufactured similar to methamphetamine and Krokodil uses codeine as an ingredient, but it's mixed with several corrosive chemicals which can make it deadly to users in as short a time as two years. It's not a good way to go.

"It destroys tissue when it's injected into the body, and if you mainline it into a vein the long-term effects will see your body eaten away from the inside out," explained Detective Dave Reid during a press conference for local media this past Tuesday, January 7. Some of the ingredients include gasoline, iodine, red phosphorous from match striker plates, codeine and several other corrosive products. Reid continued, "Part of our fear is that it could be sold as being Black Tar Heroin when it's really something more deadly, about 8 to 10 times more powerful than morphine." He continued, "You get an intense, but short high, about 1 ½ hours, but the real pain comes from a severe withdrawal when heavy-duty pain killers are required to treat a patient."

Lamar Police Chief Gary McCrea added that national reports show that Krokodil is low-priced compared to heroin, about \$8 per hit compared to \$25-30 for Black Tar. He said the use is more frequent because of the short time high. The corrosive compounds begin to break down body tissue to the point of open bleeding through needle penetration. He stated, "This stuff was developed in Russia around 2003 and its increasing home manufacture was noted in 2010." Reid added that studies from Russia indicate the long-term user's body develops gangrene, phlebitis or blood-clotting and green scaly skin, hence it being called Krokodil. "Amputation for habitual users can become common, whether they inject the drug into a vein or tissue. Those who survive the drug develop speech problems, erratic body movement or just appear dazed. It takes a lot longer to withdraw from Krokodil compared to heroin."

"It's not manufactured in a powder that has to be heated to use," explained McCrea. "What you produce is a kind of sludge material that looks like Black Tar Heroin. It can be manufactured locally, but the codeine or base-product desomorphine has to come from outside the community."

The Chief added that it's probably imported with most other hard drugs along a north/south corridor from Mexico into the U.S. "It's more likely that someone takes a trip to the Front Range, buys their drugs and comes back to town and sells it to their friends who are users. They may step on the product to dilute it enough to make a profit for them, and who knows that kind of chemicals they're using to do that," he offered.

"We want to be able to eliminate heroin in the community, and we need the general public and parents to be aware we've got this other serious drug moving into Lamar. We just had an overdose at the hospital this past weekend. It's here and we need to get people aware," McCrea said. He said the first report the department received was from a man in a local store who was bleeding profusely from a venous injection and the police were told he was using Krokodil, but there was no official confirmation. The Chief did say there have been more recent reports of its use, but still, nothing on an official level. He explained that the person was part of a shoplifting ring that had hit three stores in Lamar that day.

McCrea said this recent development will be discussed next week during the meeting of the local Drug Task Force, created several months ago due to the influx of heroin into Lamar. "We're planning an information campaign at the local schools, but I wanted to contact the media about this instead of waiting a week," he explained. McCrea also said he's contacted local higher authorities about resurrecting the department's drug unit or have a couple of officers assigned to work specifically on drugs. The County and City developed an information tip line several months ago for the general public to call and leave information. McCrea said it hasn't gotten a lot of use, but the callers remain anonymous and simply record their information which is listened to later. That number is available at 719-336-1435. *By Russ Baldwin*

Salazar Addresses Colorado Agriculture & Weather Challenges

What's the weather going to be like today? For most of us the answer may mean putting on a jacket, grabbing an umbrella, or bundling up the kids for the school bus stop. But for a farmer and rancher, the answer can have a significant impact on their very economic well-being.

2013 showed just how weather can affect agriculture. The year began with a continuation of the severe drought of 2012. Below average snowpack in the mountains pointed to another dry year. A series of April snow storms dumped heavy snow in the high country, elevating snow pack averages in the central and northern mountains. This brought renewed hope for many producers as the late storms added water to reservoirs, rivers, and irrigation ditches.

While snow brought some relief, a late freeze in Western Colorado damaged fruit and vegetable crops. Many growers of Palisade peaches suffered significant losses, reducing yields and the number of peaches available in retail stores and farm stands.

Conditions in Southeast Colorado continued to deteriorate, with hot, dry winds whipping up dust-bowl like conditions. And in South Fork, a raging wildfire created problems for cattlemen who had moved their cattle into summer pastures threatened by the fast moving fire.

In early August, a violent hail storm smashed hundreds of acres of vegetable crops in parts of Northern Colorado. Everything from lettuce, cabbage, squash, and green beans were destroyed, and corn stalks were stripped bare by the hail.

Finally, Mother Nature unleashed a historical torrent of rain in early September that resulted in thousands of acres of submerged crop land along the South Platte River and its tributaries. Farmers and ranchers are still struggling with crop losses, damage to irrigation ditches, silt, and debris.

Colorado agriculture faced many weather challenges in 2013. But our state's farmers and ranchers are a resilient bunch. They understand that weather can be unpredictable, and that conditions can drastically change from week to week. Yet, they do the job they love and believe they are meant to do. Their determination in the face of adversity not only puts food on our tables, but results in economic opportunities for our state, as well.

For example, in 2013 agricultural exports will reach close to \$2 billion, doubling the \$1 billion in exports recorded in 2009. More and more of Colorado's agricultural products are finding profitable markets in over 110 countries across the globe. And while net farm income will fall below what had been projected for the year, it will still be, at \$1.58 billion, the third highest in our state's history.

Already, we are seeing beneficial snows falling in the mountains, fueling optimism that this will be a good snow pack year. Producers are looking towards 2014 with high hopes and expectations about the weather and growing conditions. Farmers and ranchers may not always like the weather forecast, but they adapt and keep on doing what they do best – producing the food, fuel and fiber important to our state's economy. *By John Salazar, Commissioner of Agriculture*