

**Position Open  
for Wiley Drainage  
District Board**

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 Wiley Drainage District to fill one (1) position on the Wiley 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 [ctyadm-in@prowerscounty.net](mailto:ctyadm-in@prowerscounty.net). Letters should be received by 5:00 p.m. on May 30, 2014.

**Summer Reading Programs**

Participate in the Middle School Master Minds and the High School Nerd Herd Summer Reading Programs and "Spark a Reaction" and let off some steam this summer at the Lamar Public Library

It's all about science this summer @ Lamar Public Library Registration began Tuesday, May 27th! **All programs are free!**

**Drug/Alcohol Addition  
Support Group**

Confidential and free group support for those suffering from drug or alcohol addiction is available Wednesdays from 6pm to 8pm at the Rodeway Cow Palace Inn. If you or a loved one has a drug or alcohol problem and you need advice, information or support, attend a Wednesday meeting and discover the options that are open to you. Meetings are facilitated by Cindy Vigil.

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**Real Estate**

**For Rent**

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**Apartment for Rent**

2 Bedroom apartment in a four plex. New paint and carpet. Rent plus deposit and electricity. Sorry no pets. Storage unit. Laundry room with coin operated washer and dryer. Call 719-619-2680 for appointment.

**For Rent**

2 bedroom house, large fenced backyard, central heat & air, W/D hook-up – Call 719-688-7957

**Help Wanted**

**Community Response Team Coordinator**

Domestic Safety Resource Center is hiring a part-time position (15 hours per week) for a Coordinated Community Response Team Coordinator (CCRT). The Coordinated Community Response Team Coordinator (CCRT) is responsible for all aspects of CCRT coordination and management providing leadership and facilitation of CCRT meetings to develop or enhance the domestic violence response of core community responders, also participation in developing and/or enhancing the law enforcement, criminal justice, and advocacy of battered women. Please submit resume to Domestic Safety Resource Center at 1001 S. Main St., Ste 112 or PO Box 953 Lamar, CO 81052. Position open until filled; Domestic Safety Resource Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer. EOE

**Curator Assistant**

Prowers County has a vacancy at Big Timbers Museum for a part-time seasonal Curator Assistant. Applications and Job Description are available on the Prowers County Website: [www.prowerscounty.net](http://www.prowerscounty.net); or may be picked up at the Prowers County Administration Office, 301 South Main St., #215, Lamar, CO. Deadline to return applications to the Administration Office is 5:00 p.m. on May 30, 2014. EOE

**Housekeeping**

Part-time housekeeper for the Main Building at High Plains Community Health Center. Housekeeping experience is preferred. Applicant must have a HS diploma and be able to work non-traditional hours. Physical requirements include ability to lift at least 50 pounds, climb a ladder, stamina to maintain physical activity for over several hours, and ability to stretch and bend. EOE

**Administrative / Office Position**

Must be proficient with computers, able to use and understand various software, have superb written and spoken English, ability to interact well with the public, quick to adapt to changes, detail oriented, and organized. Agricultural and mapping knowledge desired, but not required. This is a full-time temporary position (M-F, 8-5), lasting up to 9 months with possibility of becoming permanent. High School Diploma or GED equivalent required. Applicant must be available for one week of training in Denver plus occasional overnight travel. Fax resume to 719-336-3034 or deliver to State Land Board Office at 700 South Main Street in Lamar, CO. Apply no later than 4pm on June 4, 2014

**Office Manager**

Min. 2 yr. Clerical Expr • Min. 1 yr. MS Word, Outlook, Excel • Customer Service A Must • Insurance Knowledge Preferred • Contact Lamar Workforce Center at 405 E. Olive Lamar, CO. 719-336-2256

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**LCC Basketball Day Camps**

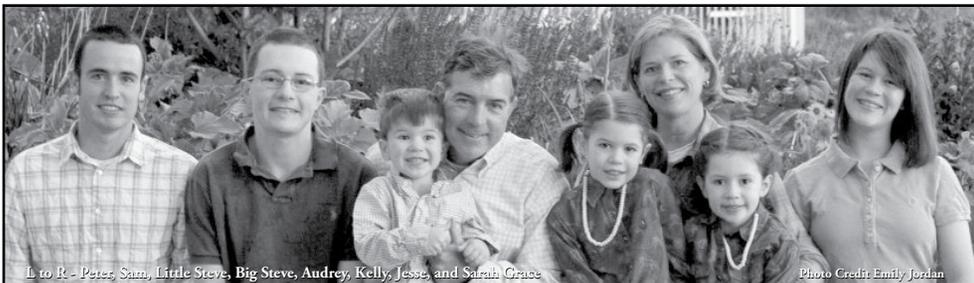
LCC's summer camps are quickly approaching. Monday, June 30th-Wednesday, July 2nd both Men's and Women's Basketball will host their annual Boys and Girls Day Camps. The morning session (9am-12pm) is reserved for 1st – 5th grades. The afternoon session (2pm-5pm) is reserved for 6th – 12th grades. For more information please contact Adam Schwartz at 719.336.1676 or Tom Sutherland at 719.336.1680.

### Lodging Panel Helps Fund 'Hotter than Hell' Music Jam

Members of the Prowers Lodging Tax Panel approved \$3,500 for a new event for downtown Lamar this July, called the "Hotter than Hell" music jam, sponsored by Lamar Partnership Inc. The funds will be used for advertising and contract fees for some of the musical entertainment. The original request was for \$5,390 to cover most of those expenses. Shawna Hodge and Rose Ann Yates explained that the music line up will feature mostly classic rock, but will include a mix of Latin and Blues music as well. Yates said the event will be held along East Beech Street in Lamar and vendors and art displays will also be featured. Shawna Hodge, Lamar's Main Street Coordinator and Executive Director of LPI, said the city and the Colorado Main Street Community organization requires creation of an event that would benefit the local business climate among Main Street retailers.

Local music groups, JUDI and Little Wing will be coupled with the headliner group, Soul Sacrifice, out of Denver. Other bands will perform between Noon and 10pm on the day of the event, set for July 19. A beer garden will be set up along the Enchanted Forest and sponsorships are being offered to help offset the costs to host the event. Coors and Budweiser are two of the national businesses that have been contacted at this point. As this will be a first time event, the number of overnight visitors who would be renting motel rooms in Lamar is unknown. That is the criteria by which funds are donated by the Lodging Panel, but it is understood that first time events cannot offer any history for overnight stays.

Panel members are still concerned with funding annual events that show a low return on investment through low motel numbers. They have also expressed an on-going hope that some new projects or events could be developed which will attract visitors to Prowers County from outside the area. The other area of concern continues to focus on the lack of ability to track which motel owners might be delinquent in their quarterly tax payments in the county. The Panel's funds are derived from a 2% lodging tax on any motel room rented in Prowers County.



L to R - Peter, Sam, Little Steve, Big Steve, Audrey, Kelly, Jesse, and Sarah Grace

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The taxes are collected and mailed quarterly to the state, which in turn, sends the Panel's funds to the county to be used through the year. Panel members say there is too much lag time between payments to the state and return payments to the county, sometimes by as much as two months and with no general indication of accuracy on the amounts, balanced against the payments sent by motel owners to the state. Some checks have been for \$18,000 while others have been for \$4.76. The annual payments average around \$70,000 to \$80,000 a year with the fourth quarter payments arriving in March or April of the following year. While the Panel has never run short of funds on the books, and are developing a contingency fund, they've expressed irritation at the lack of timely accounting on the part of the state.

Panel member, Brad Semmens, related how he managed to directly address the Panel's concerns to Governor Hickenlooper while he was a guest for a talk radio show on KOA out of Denver. Semmens explained the Panel's predicament, which is identical to several other similar groups in five counties in the state. Semmens shared an email he received from Donna Stepan, a Local Government Liaison who included statutes from the State Department of Revenue for lodging tax panels. As it turns out, the state takes a 3 1/3% fee for administering each county's lodging funds, information that was new to some local panel members. One area open to them would be to hire an auditor to determine if proper payments were made to the state by motel owners. One legislative remedy being considered would be to remove the state from the equation and have the county as the only administrator of the funding. That would have to be presented before state legislators for a vote of approval. *By Russ Baldwin*

### Italian Weather Channel Filming Our Storms

Snow plows pushing mounds of hail around Denver, immense storm cells twisting in the skies, half inch hail and 74 mph winds just a day ago north of Lamar...it must be spring on the High Plains.

Several days of back-to-back rain become noticeable when there hasn't been a drop for weeks on end. We take notice and it becomes the topic of conversation at the local coffee shop, but people from around the world take note of our weather and climate as well.

A storm chasing team from Italy has been in the region, traveling south from Denver to Amarillo, and made Lamar their overnight stay this past Thursday, May 22. Several of their vehicles were outfitted with protected instrumentation on the roof of their SUV's. We noticed them at a local motel on North Main Street as we drove by and spotted them packing Friday morning and stopped for a chat not knowing their origins.

As we have our 24 hour Weather Channel, so does Italy, and some of their crew will travel to this section of tornado alley to study our climate and intense weather conditions. "We rarely have weather like this in Italy because of the configuration of the land and the mountains," we were told by team member Andrea Clamps, who has been organizing these trips since 2004. Members of the crew will spend two weeks in the mid west, half at their own expense and the other half paid by their channel. The license plates for some of their vehicles read like a travel guide with Connecticut, Texas, Ontario and Louisiana giving an indication of where they started from in this country for their journey through the midwest.

You can go to the Italian weather website at <http://www.3bmeteo.com/tornadotour> and get a taste of how our weather is viewed from across the Atlantic Ocean. *By Russ Baldwin*

