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### Race for Hope

Enjoy racing and entertainment for a good cause! The Race for Hope will be September 20th at the Lamar Speedway with a full day of family entertainment including one Metal Mayhem Derby and a full night of Dirt Track Racing. Children 5 and under are free, ages 6-12 are \$10, adults are \$25, and Pit Passes are \$30.

The Lamar Elks Lodge 1319 and the Lamar Racing Club are sponsoring this upcoming race. Race for Hope is a benefit race to help provide services to people with developmental disabilities. The goal is to raise \$10,000 after expenses that will be donated to Laradon.

Laradon is a private, non-profit organization that was founded in 1948 as Colorado's first alternative school for children with disabilities. Laradon has been a State Major Project of the Colorado Elks Association since 1950, which has helped the organization grow to become one of the most comprehensive educational, vocational, residential and therapeutic programs in the country for children and adults with developmental disabilities. Laradon has 11 different programs serving over 550 children and adults with developmental disabilities. For more information, visit [laradon.org](http://laradon.org).

For more information about the event, visit [www.lamarracingclub.com](http://www.lamarracingclub.com) or call Jeff Graves with the Lamar Elks at 719-691-4377 or Kelley Morris with the Lamar Racing Club at 719-336-5414.

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### Yard Sales

#### Garage Sale

**18 Cedar Hills, Lamar** (sale behind Cedar Hills on 6th Street) - Saturday, September 20th from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Clothes, shoes, purses, Christmas items, household goods, and misc.

#### Moving Sale

**206 S. 13th Street, Lamar** - Saturday, September 20th from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Moving sale and yard sale, everything must go! Christmas decorations, furniture, housewares, and clothing, lots of misc.

#### Multi-Family Yard Sale

**1510 S. 8th Street, Lamar** - Saturday, September 20th from 8 a.m. to ? - TV, furniture, small appliances, toys, clothes, and knick knacks.

#### Moving Sale

**1812 County Rd. NN, Wiley** - Saturday, September 20th from 8 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Tools, freezers, clothes, antiques and misc.

### 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

### Help Wanted

#### Direct Support Professional Staff

Southeastern Developmental Services is now hiring Direct Support Professional Staff. You must be compassionate, patient and have an interest in working with people who have a developmental disability. Requirements include a clean background check and valid driver's license. We will provide all training. Please apply in person at 1111 South 4th in Lamar E.O.E.

#### Case Manager Wanted:

Southeastern Developmental Services is hiring until the

position is filled. You must have at least an AA degree with 5 years of Developmental Disabilities related experience, or BA degree preferred. Must have excellent organizational, computer and communication skills. Please apply in person at 1111 South 4th in Lamar E.O.E.

#### Administrative Assistant

Duties include; appointment coordination, event and meeting planning, make travel arrangements, record, monitor expenses, raise monthly invoice, send your resume and salary expectations to: [josod14@gmail.com](mailto:josod14@gmail.com)

### Electricity Thieves "Play" with Fire

Some people are stealing electricity from Lamar Light and Power and their illegal hookups have the potential for danger. Light Plant Superintendent, Houssin Hourieh, told the Lamar Utilities Board, his crews have come upon several instances where people 'jump' an electrical meter to skip out on payments.

Fortunately, it's not a widespread situation, but Hourieh told the board, it's a dangerous practice. "Our meter department detected a couple of system losses," he said, displaying some of the wiring used to divert power connections. He showed some wire connectors and a makeshift power box that had subpar resistance for the amount of current it was carrying. "You can see the arc marks made at the site," he said showing some of the items used.

Hourieh said these cases would be brought to the attention of the police, not just for the loss of revenue, but for the potential danger associated with a jumper system attached to a meter for power diversion. "Some people are taking parts of metering equipment from abandoned houses at night," he explained. "People are taking risks doing something like that. It's not worth it," he told the board, "It's a safety issue and some people could get burned doing this." He said there have been reports in larger cities where thieves have burned themselves trying to cut copper wire from the poles at substations. *By Russ Baldwin*

### Pleasant Height Community Social

The public is invited to the Saturday, September 27 community social at Pleasant Height Church, 25 miles south of Lamar on Highway 287. Bring a potluck or cold soft beverages for the gathering between 1 and 5pm. Call 691-8696 for more information.

### 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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The Lamar Lions are accepting needed items for the Fort Lyon Vet Center in Las Animas. Donate used clothing, furniture, rugs, wall hangings, school supply items, toiletries for men/women. Contact Ken Callison at 688-8782 or Dick Ramsay at 336-9570.

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## Spectacular Events Planned for Saturday's Free Air Show

Early Saturday risers can head out to the Lamar Municipal Airport and enjoy a Smokin' Willie's BBQ breakfast starting at 7:30am with the sound of airplane motors revving up the rpm's. It's the prelude to entertainment displays and air shows for Fly Lamar, an updated and expanded Fly In, planned by the Lamar Airport Board and Chana Reed.

Last year's event combined area planes with several YAK type aircraft which displayed acrobatics in the air. Several model radio controlled planes put on a demonstration for the public and various aircraft were displayed on the tarmac. Peter Page, board chairman, said members decided to rejuvenate the entertainment aspect to draw a larger crowd. "We expect from 15 to 20 YAK aircraft coupled with a professional air show that will put on acrobatic displays." He added, "We have two performers, rowairshows.com and donnelsonairshows.com that will put on their show starting at 11am, as well as a professional announcer who will keep the crowd informed and entertained." Page said the airport will be closed to commercial traffic for the hour the show is underway.

"We'll watch an air tanker fire drop extinguish a pile of burning pallets and a demonstration of commercial air spraying with Danny Tinnies," he explained. One of the highlights will be skydiving demonstrations. "We expect this group will take citizens up for their first skydiving experience, but there will probably be a nominal charge," Page added. Remote control planes will put on demonstrations and a drawing for a radio controlled plane will be held at 11am for entries 18 years and under. You must be present to win.

"Ron Cook has also been helping organize a car show that will feature about 12 to 15 cars and motorcycles and Smokin' Willie will provide a BBQ lunch." Page noted that this past weekend, some residents came out to the airport believing the show was being held. "That was the Air Force. They come out about this same time each year to provide training for their glider pilots," he noted. "One of the things that has helped this year's performance come together is local merchants and sponsorships. "The air show will be an opportunity to see what improvements have been done to the airport, from the new hangars being constructed to the \$700,000 improvements to the runway." He thanked members of the airport board for their work including Deen Reed, Cameron Rogers, Burt Heckman, Richard Wollert and Chana Reed for helping promote the event. *By Russ Baldwin*

## Finance and Maintenance Discussed by Granada Trustees

Granada will host an information session on September 19 for a gathering of elected officials and staff from Granada, Holly and the Prowers County Commissioners. Prowers County Development Incorporated Executive Director, Lance Benninghoff, told the Granada Trustees, Wednesday, September 10, DOLA and OEDIT representatives will provide information on how to qualify for a REDI Grant to help develop business projects in a community. DOLA representative, Lee Merkel and Darci Track from the state Office of Economic Development and International Trade will offer an overview of the rural economic development program, how it works and what types of projects can be funded.

"I believe an ag-oriented project might best benefit Granada, but there is some infrastructure work that's needed in the community and that's one of the areas that a potential business reviews before deciding to locate," said Benninghoff. He said the seminar can provide information for an assessment study of the community's needs. "It's a competitive grant, but as much as \$500,000 can be requested," he told Granada Trustees during their monthly meeting.

The town's need for continued maintenance weighed against budget concerns were discussed. Trustee Shannon Venturi asked board members for suggestions on hiring two full time public works positions. "What if we upgraded our part time employee to a full time position, is that something that we could afford?" she asked.

John McMillan, the full time supervisor said, "We have some OSHA safety issues, as I can't go up in the bucket truck alone to do tree trimming or some electrical work. Someone has to be on the ground with me." Granada finances have been tight, especially in the past several years, to the point that some earlier discussion on disbanding the police department

to save money was optioned. Though not completely off the table, the idea hasn't been dismissed. Several residents suggested adding a match fee for the landfill use to help keep the department in Granada, or just assessing all the residents an equal amount to make up for a budget shortfall. Mayor DeForest will contact Holly Mayor Brad Simon to see if Holly would want to discuss ideas for combining both communities under one police force. Holly has been discussing either renewing police coverage for another year with the Prowers County Sheriff's Office, or financing its own police department.

Combined utility fees for Granada water and electrical services came to \$56,127 last month. The town receives a franchise fee for electrical sales. There have been three applicants for the part time maintenance position and the board decided to have McMillan conduct the employment interviews.

The Trustees voted to approve the CIRSA insurance premiums for 2015, at \$17,009 for Liability and \$7,548 for Health. A list needs to be compiled of persons who volunteer for community-oriented projects to provide them with insurance coverage. A request from the American Legion to hold a beer garden in the park at some future point was rejected. There are no qualifying businesses in town that have the appropriate liquor license to umbrella the event with a permit. More effort will be made to post operating hours at the town landfill and to have it staffed when it is open. The Trustees ratified two earlier votes to permit Debra Choat to bring in a storage building and for Madonia Aguirre to be in a mobile home. There was sufficient funding in the budget to allow Police Chief Dougherty to spend \$2,961 as the town's share of matching funds to purchase new software for integrated communications with the Lamar Police Department, Sheriff's Department and the county communications center. *By Russ Baldwin*

## Lamar Businesses Investing with City on Camino de Santa Fe Construction

Construction work continues on Camino de Santa Fe to East Highway 50, or at least as close as the City of Lamar crews can without actually connecting. The street has always been 200 feet short of Highway 50 ever since it was built. It lies between Dollar General and Walmart and the city has wanted to make it a working road for several years.

City Administrator, John Sutherland, told the city council during their last meeting, September 8, the dirt has been graded, curbs are laid in and City Public Works Director, Pat Mason's work crew, plans to asphalt the roadway. Sutherland said adjacent business owners have indicated a willingness to help finance the construction costs as they believe the completed street will help their businesses grow. In light of their verbal agreement, Sutherland has had a development agreement drawn up. "We've had a verbal willingness expressed by some property owners willing to do this if the city could build the street," he explained. A property owner can contribute \$15,000 now and another \$15,000 once the city has successfully completed the project and the road becomes usable.

Part of the contract includes Wal-Mart's agreement to grant the city access to its property to complete the project, the city's ability to secure an access permit from CDOT for Camino de Santa Fe to US Highway 50, the city will maintain street construction specifications as well with CDOT's requirements for a Transportation Access Permit.

Sutherland expressed some discontent with CDOT's reluctance to help the project go forward, "We're tired of going through with the 62 pre-conditions CDOT has set up before the city gets the access permit and we intend to force the issue." He said both Wal-Mart and Dollar General have expressed their intent to help fund the project, as well as the empty store attached to the southern side of the Dollar General Building. Sutherland said, "That hasn't been leased out yet, but we would have a separate agreement for them at the same price." He added that Wal-Mart will probably move ahead as he believes the store may have plans for developing the empty stretch of land on the north edge of the parking lot. Several years ago, that stretch of property had a Wal-Mart gas station.

Sutherland said the city is essentially going solo on the project which will end just short of the highway. Mayor Roger Stagner wrote a letter to Governor Hickenlooper recently, asking for some form of intervention or assistance with CDOT, but the city hasn't had a reply. Sutherland added that the city's price tag would be half the estimated price provided by CDOT for the project. *By Russ Baldwin*