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Large 2 bedroom apartment, appliances and washer/dryer, off street carport and storage unit. Located at 904 S. 8th St., Lamar - Call 719-931-0006

PUBLIC NOTICE

Applications are currently being accepted by the City of Lamar for an appointment to the City Council for the position currently held by Ron Cook, who has been elected to the Prowers County Board of Commissioners. Interested persons must reside within Ward III of the City of Lamar. Boundaries for Ward III are: All of that sector within the City of Lamar located West of Eighth Street extended South to intersect the South City limits and extended North to intersect Washington Street.

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 2, 2015.

City Closures and Trash Information

All City offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, December 25-26, 2014 in observance of the Christmas holiday. The Lamar Public Library will also be closed Thursday, December 25th, Friday, December 26th and Saturday, December 27th and will reopen Monday, December 29th at 9:00 a.m. The Community Building will be closed on Thursday, December 25 and Friday, December 26, 2014 in observance of the holiday but will reopen on Saturday, December 27th, 2014.

Commercial refuse collection scheduled for Wednesday pickup will be collected on Tuesday, December 23rd and refuse scheduled to be collected on Thursday will be collected on Wednesday, December 24th. Commercial refuse collection scheduled for Friday will remain the same.

Residential refuse collection scheduled for Thursday will be collected on Wednesday, December 24th; this includes the Willow Valley area and the Parkview sub-division. Residential refuse collection scheduled for pickup on Friday, will remain the same. Please have your containers in place by 6:00 a.m.

The City Landfill facility will be open on Wednesday, December 24th but will be closed on Thursday, December 25th in observance of the holiday and will reopen on Friday, December 26th and Saturday, December 27th from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Landfill facility will be CLOSED on Sunday, December 28th. **THE CITY'S FREE WEEKEND AT THE LANDFILL WILL BE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20 AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2014.**

NOTICE - The weekend of December 27 and December 28 is NOT a free weekend at the City Landfill and Transfer Station for City of Lamar residents.

The free weekend at the City Landfill and Transfer Station will be Saturday, December 20th and Sunday December 21st, 2014. There will be a 1 pickup load limit at the Transfer Station per day - all others must go to the City Landfill. E-waste, such as T.V.s, computers, monitors, et cetera are not free.

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To Our Readers/Sponsors

The Prowers Journal will be printed and distributed one day early prior to Christmas and New Year's Eve. Because of limited staff and local business closings, we will have our publication distributed on Tuesdays December 23rd and December 30th. Thank you!

County Holiday Closures

All County Offices will be closed on Thursday, December 25, and Friday, December 26, 2014, in observance of the Christmas Holiday. The Courthouse will also be closed.

All County Offices will be closed on Thursday, January 1, 2015, in observance of the New Year's Holiday. The Courthouse will also be closed.

The Welcome Home Child and Family Development Center will be closed December 25, 2014, - January 2, 2015 and will reopen on January 5, 2015.

Five Loaves Panty Fundraiser

The Five Loaves Pantry located in the old McClave Grocery Store is hosting a shoe drive as a fundraiser. Donate your old shoes for a good cause. The shoes collected are sold at \$.40 per pound to a non-profit that recycles, reuses, or re-purposes the old shoes. The shoes can be any size, shape, type, and condition. If you would like to make a donation, please visit McClave State Bank, Legacy Bank (Wiley), United Methodist Church (Wiley and McClave), Lamar Senior Center, Lamar Community Building, both Seniors Centers in Las Animas and there is also a drop-box at the Lamar Chamber. All the money made will be used to re-stock the food pantry.

Applications Open for Holly Librarian

The Public Library Board is accepting applications for the position of Librarian through January 2, 2015. Job description and application forms are available at the Town Hall. Remit application through USPS: Town of Holly, PO Box 458, Holly, CO 81047 or hand deliver to Town Hall, 100 Tony Garcia Drive.

Food Safety Classes

Food Safety Classes for retail food establishment employees in Baca, Kiowa, and Prowers county starts January 9, 2015 Prowers County, at the Annex in the Mezzanine conference room, Lamar, CO from 2:00-4:30 pm. For registration assistance contact: Seth Odette (719) 336-8721 or Kaye Kasza (719) 456-0764. \$5.00 Registration Fee payable to CSU extension or mailed to PCPHE 1001 South Main Lamar, CO 81052. Registrations must be received 5 days prior to the class date.

Late Obituary

Dolores C. Zamora - July 16, 1913 - December 14, 2014 - Funeral Services are pending at this time for Dolores C. Zamora. She was born in Wagon Mound, New Mexico and was preceded in death by one daughter, Alice Guerrero and by three sons, David, Esias and Ernesto. Additional information will be made available from Valley Memorial Funeral Chapel.

Downtown Lamar Holiday Business Schedules

The Lassie, 212 South Main. 20% off all jewelry on late nights, Dec 17-19 and 22-23 from 5pm to 7:30pm. Closed Sunday.

Brew Unto Others, 119 South Main. Open Mon/Wed 6:30am-6pm, Tues/Thurs 6:30am-8:30pm, Fri 6:30am-10pm. Sat 8am-1pm, Sun 5:15pm-6:15pm. Gift Certificates Available.

Something Different Something New, 113 West Elm, Mon-Thurs 9am-5pm, Sat 10am-2pm. Gift Certificates Available.

J & N Shoes, 100 South Main, Mon-Sat 9am-5:30pm, Sun 1pm-5pm. Winter Clearance Sale Underway.

Main Street Shoppe, 106 South Main, Mon-Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 1pm-5pm. Gift Certificates Available.

The Flower Boutique, 216 South Main, Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 9am-12pm. Yankee Candle Coupons!

Abba Eye Care, 1500 South Main. Specials Available

Bettiann's, 112 South Main. Mon-Sat 9am-8pm, Sun 1pm-5pm. Christmas Eve 9am-4pm. Daily Specials.

High Plains Snow Goose Festival Announces Keynote Entertainer!

The Lamar Chamber of Commerce, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Kiowa County Economic Development and Canyons and Plains are excited to host Jim Pfitzer as the speaker, entertainer and guide for the 13th Annual High Plains Snow Goose & Heritage History Festival that will be held February 20-22, 2015 in Lamar, Colorado.

Jim Pfitzer is best known for his nature-based personal tales ranging from too-close-for-comfort black bear encounters, to the significance of sweet tea in southern society. His work has been called "avant-garde and old-fashioned at the same time." His latest work, Aldo Leopold – A Standard of Change www.astandardofchange.com, takes Jim out of his usual role as storyteller, casting him for the first time as playwright and actor. A Standard of Change explores the influences and challenges that led Aldo Leopold to penning some of the most important essays in his book, A Sand County Almanac. Get acquainted with Jim and visit www.astandardofchange.com.

The three-day festival offers a variety of programs, field trips, and seminars that celebrate birding, watchable wildlife and historical heritage in Southeastern Colorado. Tour Two Buttes Reservoir, John Martin Reservoir, and Picture and Carrizo Canyons, south of Lamar. You can even have breakfast with the Raptors!

"This festival is an opportunity for the folks who live in Southeast Colorado to be a tourist in their own community! We love to show off our region, but it's not only for the visitors, "Pat Palmer, History Buff and Coordinator of the event, said. "In addition to bird watching, people can tour beautiful historical sites, sample authentic Dutch Oven cooking, listen to the magnificent native American flute and guitar music of Lex Nichols and take a wagon ride", Palmer added.

Participants can watch approximately 30,000 geese take off from local reservoirs and fly to their feeding grounds. Flocks numbering in the tens of thousands make for an impressive sight. Hundreds of bird species migrate through Southeastern Colorado each year, but the migration of snow geese is by far the most dramatic.

Event registration is free, however field trips range from \$10 to \$50, depending on the length of the program and if meals are provided. Numerous programs are also offered at no charge.

Stay up to date by visiting our Facebook page. Just search for High Plains Snow Goose Festival. For more information about the High Plains Snow Goose & Heritage History Festival go to www.highplainssnowgoose.com.

Commissioners Set 2015 Budget, Approve Pay Hikes

The Prowers County Commissioners approved the 2015 budget this past Thursday, December 11. Expenditures for twelve different areas amounted to \$21,240,438, including \$6,731,413 for the General Fund, \$4,081,000 for the Department of Human Services, Road and Bridge Fund at \$2,690,356 and \$3,227,407 for Sales and Use Tax Fund. The commissioners had considered a temporary four mill decrease in the annual mill levy, following a \$3,000,000 windfall settlement earlier this year. However, the mill levy will remain unchanged at 27.17 for all taxable property in Prowers County for 2015. There was a drop in total taxable assessed valuation of \$125,676 from last year, from \$122,901,471 down to \$121,644,714.

Some improvements and upgrades to various county holdings have been included in the new budget, as outlined in the annual commissioner's message regarding expenses and revenues for 2015. Additional restroom upgrades will be funded for the fairgrounds and shower facilities will be added at a cost of \$234,800. An upgraded courthouse phone system has been funded at a cost of \$22,000. The county will spend \$61,500 for new roofs at the WPA buildings on East Maple Street. The parking lots at the courthouse and annex will be resurfaced for \$60,000 and water pipes at the annex will be replaced for \$24,020.

The commissioners approved pay raises for county employees. Effective in 2015, all county employees earning \$16.99 per hour and less will receive a fifty cent per hour pay raise. All employees earning \$17 and more per hour will receive a 3% pay increase which translates to a minimum of fifty-one cents per hour at the \$17 level. The entire county budget is available on the Prowers County website. *By Russ Baldwin*