

Big Timbers Museum New Hours of Operation

Winter Hours: – Sept 1 to May 31
Tuesday – Saturday 1:00 p.m. to
4:00 p.m.

Summer Hours: - Jun 1 to Aug 31
Tuesday – Saturday - 10:00 a.m.
to 5:00 p.m.

**Closed Sundays, Mondays,
and County Holidays**

Lost A Dog?

The Lamar Animal Shelter now posts lost pet pictures on their Facebook page. Look to see if your pet has been turned in to the Lamar Shelter. The Facebook page name is **Lamar Shelter**.

Volunteers who can donate some time to the care of the shelter animals are appreciated. Contact Stephanie Spitz, Shelter Manager at: **719-336-8769**.

LCC Fitness Center Regular Hours

Monday - Thursday

5am to 7pm

Friday

5am to 6pm

Saturday

8am to 11am

Sunday

Closed

Mind and Body

**Health and Fitness Programs
through out the week at the
Lamar Community Building
with Mary Minor.**

Yoga

**Tuesdays at 5:30am and
Thursdays at 7am**

Toning

Thursdays at 5:30am

Step Aerobics

Monday Evenings at 5:30pm

The Prowers Journal

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Real Estate

House For Sale

511 Willow Valley in Lamar. Four bedroom, two baths and three car garage. Call 688-1785 after 5pm.

Help Wanted

Secretary/Office Manager

Church secretary-office manager. Computer skills, knowledge of office practices and public relations skills are requirements. Please send resume to: Church Secretary, P.O. Box 929, Lamar, CO 81052. Deadline for application is December 15, 2015

RMFU Convention Discusses Urban Agriculture, GMOs and Drones

DENVER, Colo. – Farmers and ranchers attending the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union's annual convention did not shy away from hot topics during policy discussion and adoption. The Nov. 13-14 event drew members from Colorado, New Mexico, and Wyoming.

Increasingly, the changing face of agriculture is including beginning farmers who are younger and focusing more on small-scale production for local markets. The RMFU policy discussions generated spirited debate on definitions of food labels, urban agriculture, genetically-modified foods, and more. The discussions also took on more traditional topics, from federal farm programs to conservation.

Members attending the event adopted two Special Orders of Business. One calls for the Federal Aviation Administration to develop regulations that allow civilian use of small unmanned aerial systems to include operations beyond the visual line of sight. The other special order urges Congress and the Obama Administration to mitigate the impact on small communities that will come from decreasing demand for coal or eliminating coal-fired power plants before they reach the end of their maximum intended operational life.

Farmers Union is a general farm organization whose members represent all aspects of production agriculture, from managing large livestock operations to planting irrigated row crops, and from growing specialty foods for local markets to organizing food distribution cooperatives. As a grassroots organization, all members are welcome to voice their opinions and recommendations regarding policy positions and priorities.

The theme for this year's convention was Persistent Progressives, a nod to more than a century of service to farmers, ranchers, local communities, and member-owned cooperatives. John Freeman, who wrote the just-published 220-page book, "Persistent Progressives, The Rocky Mountain Farmers Union," was a featured speaker at the convention. Freeman noted the farm organization has survived and thrived for more than a century because of the commitment of members across generations and types of operations to make a difference. "The common denominator is a concern for the soil." Members who registered for the convention received first editions of the book.

Recently retired Colorado Supreme Court Justice Gregory Hobbs provided a detailed look at how cultures across history and across the globe learned to farm in weather extremes and especially how to manage water to produce food in arid climates. Justice Hobbs said Colorado's water issues are linked to its legal commitment to deliver two-thirds of its headwaters to 18 downstream states, and because the balance of water available puts the

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agriculture, tourism, and residential communities at odds with each other.

National Farmers Union President Roger Johnson told members that his leading priority is finding a workable solution to keeping Country-of-Origin Labeling as a viable consumer information law for meat products. Johnson said Farmers Union remains opposed to the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade agreement, based on the impact similar past agreements have had on rural America and because the agreement fails to address currency manipulation.

Colorado Commissioner of Agriculture Don Brown welcomed RMFU members to their convention. James Pritchett, executive associate dean at the College of Agriculture Sciences on the Colorado State University campus, updated delegates and guests about the current and future focus of the research and educational priorities of the land grant university.

Other guest speakers included National Farmers Union historian Tom Giessel and Julia Hutchins, CEO of Colorado HealthOp. RMFU presented Hutchins with the 2015 Cooperative Leadership Award. RMFU was instrumental in supporting the Colorado HealthOp from its conception to inception. Hutchins said the consumer-owned health cooperative was financially viable and operated as a true business co-op.

Delegates and members attending the convention were able to tour the new offices of the Colorado Department of Agriculture and GrowHaus, a venture using food production, distribution, and education to build a healthier community in northern Denver.

Community Bulletin Board

Birth Announcements

Pultz/Vazquez - Eric Pultz and Sierra Vazquez of Lamar, Colorado announce the birth of their son, **Riley Ericson Pultz** at Prowers Medical Center at 1:15am on Friday, November 13, 2015 with Sharon Hendricks attending. Riley weighed six pounds and 13 ounces and was 20.5 inches in length at birth. Grandparents are Pat Pultz, Christy Marquez and Clara and Juan Vazquez.

Magallanes/Estrada - Angelica Magallanes and Cristian Estrada of Holly, Colorado announce the birth of their son, Angel Uriel Estrada at Prowers Medical Center at 7:18pm on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 with Sharon Hendricks attending. Angel weighed eight pounds and eight ounces and was 20.5 inches in length at birth. Grandparents are Nancy and Jose Magallanes and Eva Balderrama and Juan Estrada.

Havenstein - Brett and Angie Havenstein of Lamar, Colorado announce the birth of their daughter **Joanna Rose** at Prowers Medical Center at 7:36am on November 1, 2015 with Dr. Korkis and Sharon Hendricks attending. Joanna weighed six pounds and 8.2 ounces and was 19 inches in length at birth. The couple has one child at home, Claire. Grandparents are Norm and Kay Arends and Rob and Nancy Havenstein.

Dear Editor, From Imagination Library

Prowers Area Imagination Library is an organization that mails a free age appropriate book to children 0-5 years of age each month until their 5th birthday. This program is a daughter program of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library that started in 1995. We aim to excite children about books and reading with the long term goal of increasing and improving literacy across the county. We are currently providing books to children who live in Prowers County and McClave.

Through community contributions Prowers Area Imagination Library was launched in May 2015. We would like to give a big thank you to our current contributors. The following businesses, clubs and individuals have provided enough funds to support 220 children for their first 2 years of enrollment!

THANK YOU Lamar Rotary Club, 4Rivers Equipment, Walmart, Ibredrola Renewables – Twin Butte Wind Farm, SDS, Doug & Linda Harbour, Melita Cramblet, Friends of the Library, One Main Financial, Walker State Farm Insurance, Community State Bank, Valley National Bank, Kim Engsborg, Fellowship Credit Union, Beta Sigma Phi Chapter, Brase Insurance, Colorado East Bank, Carere State Farm Insurance, Harbour Photography, Guar-

anty Abstract, J&N Shoes, Frontier Bank, Kay Hommedieu, Mauch Farms, Linda Wilger & Lamar Civic Federal Credit Union.

We are always seeking more supporters so that we can offer this opportunity to more families in our area. Imagine how wonderful it would be if every child had a love for books and reading by the time they entered Kindergarten! With the help of our community we strive to make this a reality in our area.

Please visit us on Facebook at Prowers Area Imagination Library for more information.
Nikki Walker and Amy Karr: Prowers Area Imagination Library

Food Drive

The collection of items for the Sparrow House Ministries Food Pantry is taking place now through November 23rd. They are most in need of chicken broth, box stuffing, canned green beans, corn, soups, instant mashed potatoes, flour and sugar. Please drop off any items you can spare at Veyna Chiropractic and Wellness located at 313 South 5th Street, Suite 3 in Lamar. All donations are appreciated.

5 Loaves Pantry Holiday Distribution Schedule

The 5 Loaves Pantry Holiday Distribution Schedule will be the following Wednesdays: December 2nd & 16th from 4:30pm-5:30 pm. In January they will return to the 2nd & 4th Wednesday's from 4:30pm to 5:30pm.

Recent Obituary

Earl Raymond Durga, Jr - *January 27, 1958 – November 16, 2015* - Funeral services for Earl Raymond Durga, Jr. will be held Friday, November 20, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Las Animas, Colorado with Pastor David Scalfrie officiating. Interment will follow at the Bent/Las Animas Cemetery, military committal rites will be provided by VFW Post #2411 and American Legion District #1 Post #6. Memorial contributions may be made to Arkansas Valley Hospice, directly or in care of Horber Funeral Chapel P.O. Box 431 Las Animas, CO 81054.

Lamar Elks Lodge Hosts Veteran's Appreciate Dinner

Gary LaCost, Exalted Ruler of the Lamar Elks Lodge, #1319 in Lamar, said over 100 persons came out for the Friday night prime rib dinner, honoring local veterans who received a free dinner. Oscar Riley noted that 34 veterans were served.

PER Jared Crabtree was presented with an Espirit de Corps award of excellence for his work with the Lamar Elks, and especially area veterans.

Another award of appreciation was given to family members of the late Ernie Eddleman for his generous land donation made to the Elks in the 1960s. Accepting the award was David Tzilkowski and his wife, Jillane Hixson and her brother Ron Hixson. *By Russ Baldwin*

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Come and celebrate Lamar's 1st annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday December 4th at Living Covenant Fellowship at 110 W. Lee Ave., Lamar, CO. Featuring: Music, Hot Drinks, goodies, and a 20 foot Rockefeller Tree. Sponsored by: Michael Beard & hosted by: Living Covenant Fellowship.

Free Legal Clinic at Your Lamar Public Library

A free legal clinic for parties who have no attorney, will be featured from 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM on the FIRST MONDAY of each month at the Lamar Public Library at 102 E. Parmenter St., Lamar, CO 81052. By computer link, volunteer attorneys will answer questions, help fill out forms, and explain the process and procedure for all areas of civil litigation, including family law, property law, probate law, collections, appeals, landlord-tenant law, small claims, veterans issues, and civil protection orders. Walk-ins are welcome, and everyone will be helped on a first-come, first-served basis. Upcoming dated is December 7, 2015.E

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