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Farmer, Branes New PMC Board Members, Ruedeman Elected Chairman

Ron Farmer was sworn in as a new Prowers Medical Center board of director during the hospital's annual board meeting, Wednesday, May 23. Julie Branes was recommended by the board as a replacement for Andy Wyatt, who, following his second place finish on the May 8 board election, declined to accept the position. Chairman Jan Hall addressed the audience, stating that letters of interest had been received by Jay Brooke, Executive Director for High Plains Community Health Center and Vince Yoder, one of the election candidates. Ron Farmer said the addition of Brooke could help to create partnerships between PMC and High Plains, to the advantage of the overall medical community. Candy Ruedeman and Marge Campbell echoed Farmer's sentiments about Brooke, but as Farmer noted, there could be some conflicts of interest with Brooke as a director, while Julie Branes would also be able to bring some new ideas and energy to the board. Director Marge Campbell said that while all the board members saw various levels of merit in Brooke's serving as a director, she and other members believed that he would be most effective in developing new areas of accord and cooperation with PMC by working to that end from outside the director circle. Concluding their discussions, the board decided to nominate Branes to replace Wyatt as a director. She and Farmer were administered their oaths of office by Prowers County Clerk and Recorder, Jana Coen. Farmer noted later in the meeting, that the letter submitted by Brooke stressed that with the new board members and new interim CEO, Craig Loveless, a door was now open that provided an opportunity for forging a new alliance between both medical providers. Loveless also noted that Brooke was one of the first persons to welcome him to the community in his new role, and both chief executives would continue to work to foster a new element of cooperation for health care in the community.

The other new line up among board members was the election of a new Chairman of the Board for the next fiscal year. Candy Ruedeman was elected three votes to two for the position with Ron Farmer receiving the two votes. He was elected Vice Chairman on a unanimous vote. Julie Branes replaced Ruedeman as Secretary-Treasurer, Paula Appel remains Recording Secretary, John Lefferdink was selected as Legal Counsel and The Lamar Ledger remains the Official Notification Publication.

The \$5 million bond issue for the Rehab-Outpatient Clinic, defeated by a wide margin in the May 8 election, is still on the board's radar. Farmer asked John Lefferdink if there were any options for a second election or any other fund-raising alternatives. "We might have to wait for a full two years before the district can consider another election," Lefferdink answered. The board members, and CEO Loveless stated that area residents recognized the need for the development of a clinic, but the manner in which it was presented to the community wasn't clear on how well the money would be applied to a serviceable facility. All agreed the need is still there, but blueprint revisions are essential before it can move forward. Interim CEO Loveless said he has already started considering options, one of which is not quite a grant, but rural health funding programs are available. He said he'll provide updates to the board on his findings.

By a board vote, the contract for Dr. Susanne Levene was not extended. Dr. Levene began her employment with Prowers Medical Center as a General Surgeon in May, 2010. Prior to the vote, board members discussed a temporary extension which would allow the hospital and Dr. Levene to conduct concurrent searches for a replacement and a new medical facility. Director Branes abstained as she stated she was not comfortable casting an uninformed vote on the matter. Dr. Levene's contract will expire on June 30, 2012. The board approved the hiring of a locum physician while a search for her replacement is being conducted.

The board of director's meeting will be covered in two articles. The follow-up article will provide coverage of some of the general housekeeping matters covered in the board's annual meeting agenda and will also cover some of the developments from Wednesday's meeting that should provide a positive impact on the board, hospital staff, other medical providers in the community and area residents regarding the quality of health care the hospital is working to provide. Board members and the meeting audience in general witnessed what may be the turning of a new page for improved communication and cooperation for those connected to Prowers Medical Center. You can find the follow-up meeting article online at theprowersjournal.com with the title "Prowers Medical Center Annual Meeting (part 2)" By Russ Baldwin

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Lamar Light Plant took \$125,260 Equipment Hit from April Tornado

The April 27 tornado in Prowers County caused \$125,260.33 in equipment damage for Lamar Light and Power. The figures were presented by interim Light Plant Superintendent Houssin Hourieh during the May 29 meeting of the Lamar Utilities Board. The City of Lamar's insurance carrier, CIRSA has been given the cost of damages for reimbursement.

The five wind turbines were given a satisfactory clean-bill-of-health by the Light Plant inspection crew during their semi-annual maintenance and inspection. No major malfunctions were reported.

Electricity sales dropped 1.26% for this past April and the number of customers has declined from the base by 114 accounts. This change is reflected on all rate classes, compared to the same time period in 2011.

The executive session to discuss contract negotiations with NMPP was not held. The Light Plant reached an agreement with Nebraska Municipal Power Pool for a four year term for a total cost of \$22,000. The next Lamar Utilities Board meeting will be held June 12, 2012. By Russ Baldwin

It's Always Cool in the Pool!

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Three cases of Pertussis Confirmed for Prowers County

Lamar, CO- Prowers County Public Health officials have received lab confirmation of pertussis in three Prowers County children, an eight year old male, 17 year old female and an infant, over the past two weeks, with the most recent confirmed today, May 22, 2012.

Due to the outbreak, Prowers County Public Health and Environment is advising parents to check their child's immunization record to ensure they are up to date with their vaccinations for pertussis. All adults are also advised to obtain the vaccination if they have not had the vaccination. Residents are advised to check with their health care provider or call the health department if they are uncertain about their vaccination status.

Prowers County Public Health and Environment will be offering additional clinic times to ensure that residents, including children and adults, who need vaccination can make an appointment to come in. These clinics are an ongoing effort to prevent the further spread of pertussis in Prowers County and possible spill over to other counties and states. For those adult residents who are eligible vaccination costs of \$8 can be waived. Children will not be denied due to inability to pay.

Prowers County Public Health will be working with schools to assess student immunization coverage rates and identify students with symptoms who require treatment and close contacts at home who may need antibiotics to prevent infection (prophylaxis).

"Vaccination is the best prevention against pertussis," said Director of Public Health, Jackie Brown, RN, MSN "We are continuing to work with the healthcare providers and the community, to prevent the further spread of pertussis. In general, a pertussis outbreak will slow down and eventually stop once immunity, either through vaccination or infection, has been established in the community. Our work focuses on increasing vaccination rates, particularly in adults and adolescents, and preventing transmission to vulnerable populations, where the disease can have devastating results, such as pregnant women, infants, and those with weakened immune systems."

Pertussis is a vaccine-preventable disease that is also known as whooping cough, or the "100 day cough." It is highly contagious and caused by a bacterial infection of the lungs. People with suspected or confirmed diagnosis of pertussis should stay out of work, school, or childcare until they have been on antibiotics for at least five days.

For more information you can call Prowers County Public Health and Environment at 336-8721 or you can visit www.prowerscounty.net. The CDC website is www.cdc.gov.

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Lamar Council Authorizes Letter of Support for ARPA, New Van for Library

Lamar Mayor, Roger Stagner, signed a letter of support as requested by the City of La Junta, asking the City of Trinidad, an ARPA member, to reconsider its lawsuit against Arkansas River Power Authority. The letter also asks that efforts be made by ARPA and member cities, to find mutually acceptable solutions to the Lamar Repowering Project at this time. The Lamar City Council approved a motion authorizing Mayor Stagner's signature on the letter, which was forwarded to those mayor's whose cities are serviced by the regional power supplier. The next city for consideration is Holly. Trinidad officials have recommended the plant be 'shuttered' and an alternative power source be used as well as other measures taken to reduce unnecessary overhead. ARPA officials have been working with the boiler manufacturer, seeking a range of repairs which will bring the coal plant back on line at optimum power and emissions efficiency. Stagner signed the letter and it was forwarded for consideration.

Former Lamar City Councilman, PJ Wilson received a plaque of recognition for his past service on the council by Mayor Stagner. Wilson, who has been working with the Lamar Police Department, noted that Officer CJ Filbeck and Chief McCrea have been in Kansas, looking at a possible replacement for K9 Joey, who will go into retirement once another dual purpose dog has been found. Wilson said there are six candidate dogs, all with great potential. Once one has been selected, it will go through a bonding process with Filbeck and spend another six weeks in drug identification training. A new K9 costs about \$12,000 and Wilson said to date, the department has \$5,000 for the purchase. He mentioned that Joey's counterpart, Wiley, scored a hit over the holiday weekend on about 27 ounces of cocaine.

"The word has gotten around about Lamar for bus drug searches," he said. "Dealers from Texas to Kansas to Denver have now learned that when a commercial transportation bus stops in town, one of our drug dogs will usually be there to give it a going over," he remarked. Over the past several months, two commercial bus companies have had sporadic searches and several drug hits have occurred.

In various community news notes, it was noted that with the June primary four weeks away, Voices of Southeast Colorado will host a Prowers County Candidate Forum at the dance room of the Lamar Community Building from 7pm to 9pm on May 31. The annual Relay for Life, to benefit the American Cancer Society, will be held this weekend, June 2 and 3, at Savage Stadium. The city council's informal monthly breakfast meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 6, from 7am to 8am at Taco Johns, South Main, Lamar.

Phase 2 of the Lamar Airport Apron Project will be re-bid. One bid was received on May 16 for \$1,663,065. The engineer's estimate was \$453,420. Mayor Roger Stagner introduced Chris Sandoval, the City's new Water and Wastewater Engineer who has replaced Doug Montgomery. Sandoval is familiar with the Southeast Colorado area, having lived and worked in Rocky Ford. Mayor Stagner noted that Lamar Librarian Debbie Reynolds took possession of a bookmobile van, recently purchased to replace the former vehicle which was no longer serviceable. Though smaller than the former vehicle, the van will be sufficient to transport reading materials throughout the county.

PCDI Executive Director, Lisa Nolder, provided an update on her activities for the Lamar City Council during their Tuesday meeting, May 29. Nolder reviewed the four point goals and mission statement for PCDI which was revised in 2010. She said she will represent Prowers County and Southeast Colorado at the annual AWEA Conference in June in Atlanta, GA this year. The national wind energy gathering provides an opportunity for wind and renewable energy providers to meet with state and local representatives with the goal of attracting a business opportunity to an area. Nolder said that while wind turbine developers are taking a 'wait and see' approach on the outcome of wind production tax credits in Washington, there are still opportunities for creating jobs through a parts and support service industry. Oil and gas development is still viable in Southeast Colorado and Nolder told the council she has shown the Big R Warehouse to various businesses that could either lease or purchase the property once prolonged oil drilling begins in the area. The property is now being listed through Randle Realty in Lamar. The agriculture industry was also mentioned as having job growth potential, not through direct farming, but with the possibility of ag product refiners locating in Prowers County as a potential processing site.

Beverly Middleton, representing SECED, Southeast Colorado Enterprise Development, was re-appointed by the city council to a five year term on the Lamar Community Resource and Senior Center Advisory Board. Middleton's term expires December, 2016. The council also approved re-appointing John Conyers to a five year term on the Airport Advisory Board. Conyer's term will expire in February, 2017.

In other action, it was noted by that Lamar Partnership, Incorporated, will receive \$8,300 from DoLA, the State Department of Local Affairs, to pay for consulting services in order complete the city's downtown branding project. The target date for the project is July 1, 2012.

Mayor Stagner noted that weed control efforts in a section of Riverside Cemetery met with failure. Roundup was used around gravestones in an effort to keep weed trimmers from marring the markers, but the result was not what anyone wanted. Stagner said city crews will go back to manually trimming the weeds in the future. *By Russ Baldwin*

Upcoming Events

- Saturday, June 2** - Annual Relay for Life • Lamar Parks & Rec, Rocky Skills Challenge • Granada Pride Committee, Supper/Dance @ Camp Amache
- Sunday, June 3** - National Cancer Survivor's Day
- Monday, June 4** - First Monday of Month, Noon Sirens Test
- Wednesday, June 6** - 7-8am, Lamar Council Monthly Breakfast, Taco Johns • Noon, Holly Commercial Club • Holly Trustees Board Meeting • Lamar Elks, Wednesday Night Feed, Brats & Kraut

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The annual Lamar Relay for Life is set for this weekend at Savage Stadium, June 2 and 3. Organizers hope to raise \$85,000 for this year, surpassing last year's mark of \$81,274.23. The 2010 goal was \$68,000. A series of different year-long fund-raisers were also scheduled since the first 2012 organizational meeting this past January.

Teams will converge on Merrill Brush Field this Saturday to set up tents, receive final instructions and go over last minute details which includes recognizing Cancer Survivors in their annual circle around the field and honoring friends and relatives who passed away from cancer to date this year and in previous years.

The Relay for Life is always a fun event as well, in years past, featuring a release of balloons, movies, food, music and contests such as best decorated tent or teams that raise the most funds. The annual event concludes early Sunday morning.

Relay for Life Schedule of Events Saturday June 2nd

6:00 pm - Opening Ceremony
6:30 pm - Survivor Banquet
7:45 pm - Disney Parade
8:00 pm - Leah Austin's Dance Group Performs
9:00 pm - Luminaria Ceremony
10:15 pm - Zumba by Curves
10:45 pm - Mr. Relay Runway Show
11:00 pm - 12:00 am Mr. Relay Contest
11:30 pm 12:15 am - Treasure Hunt and Hula Hoop contest
12:15 am - Fight Back Ceremony
12:30 am - Water Balloon Volleyball
1:30 to 2:00 am - Crowning of Mr. Relay
2:15 am - Kool Aid Pong
3:00 am - Cake Walk
4:00 am - Memory Lap
5:45 am - Final Lap of the 2012 Relay for Life
6:00 am - Closing Ceremony



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Garage Sale

801 S. 13th (in alley), Lamar - Friday, June 1 from 2:00pm to 6:00pm and Saturday, June 2 from 9:00am to 6:00pm - Clothes, shoes, odds and ends, dishes, a lot more.

3 Family Yard Sale

1706 Co. Rd RR, Wiley (go 2 miles north of Wiley C Store, turn west on RR road, go 1/4 mile) - Friday, June 1 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm and Saturday, June 2 from 8:00am to 5:00pm - First house on south side of road) Household, tools, misc.

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Yard Sale

700 1/2 South 8th, Lamar (south side of football stadium) - Saturday, May 2 from 8:00am to ??? - Lamps and lots of misc. shades, lots of advertising items, lots of baskets, (older) radios, some collectible records, a working record player, and old oak school table, misc. collectibles and antiques - knick knacks, collectible music items and books.

Indoor Sale

1807 South 11th, Lamar - Thursday Afternoon, May 31 from 2:00pm to 7:00pm - Sheets (3/\$1.00) - clothing, toys, knick knacks, household items, purses and much more. All proceeds will be used to buy goods for the Mary and Martha food pantry. Life Center Church - Mary and Martha Ministries across from the high school. Enter through south door.

Huge Moving Sale

3108 Memorial Drive, Lamar - Saturday, June 2nd - 7:00am - ?? - Lots of household items, holiday items, computer desk/chair, exercise bike and much much more!

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July 3rd Benefit

Country Acres, south of Lamar, will host a night of music, **6pm, Tuesday, July 3**, to raise funds for **The Remember Foundation**. Dance to the John Cary Band & Brethren Flow, joined by Jay Gruber. Enjoy a summer BBQ while bidding on various silent auction items. Proceeds will benefit area Alzheimer's patients. **You must be at least 21 to attend.** Call Holly Burton at 719-688-4196 or Shawna Smith at 719-691-8021 for details.

Lamar Community College Contributes \$32.471 Million to Local Communities

(Lamar, Colorado, May 22, 2012) Dr. Nancy McCallin, president of the Colorado Community College System (CCCS) recently released a study detailing the economic impact CCCS's 13 colleges have on their local communities and on the state as a whole. This study documents the vital role community colleges play in the economic future of Colorado and in the lives of the 162,000 students they enroll. Highlights of the study found that the statewide, total economic impact of the 13 colleges in the Colorado Community College System is \$3.01 billion annually.

This number represents the increased income that students earn, as a result of the education they receive from a community college and the enhanced output of businesses because of the highly trained workforce from the Colorado Community College System. In addition, for every dollar students invest in their education within the Colorado Community College System, on average, they see an increase of \$3.10 in their working careers. On an annual basis, after adjusting for inflation, students receive an 11% rate of return on the money they invested in their community college education. State and local governments will see, on average in today's dollars, a rate of return of 5.9%, as a result of their investment in the 13 colleges in the Colorado Community College System.

At Lamar Community College, the total economic impact is estimated to be \$32.471 million. On average every dollar that LCC students invest can result in an increase of \$3.70 in their working careers. On an annual basis, after adjusting for inflation, students receive a rate of return of 13.1% on the money they invested in their community college education. State and local governments see, on average in today's dollars, a rate of return of 6.3%.

"The results of this study clearly demonstrate the value of community colleges to the students, the taxpayers, and businesses in Colorado. As our students earn their higher education, they become more employable, they are paid better, and can then afford to invest in the kinds of products and services to improve their lives," said McCallin. "Additionally, businesses benefit by having higher skilled employees, thus enabling them to grow, hire more employees, and strengthen the economy. "We are pleased that the results of the study show that community colleges are a wise investment of taxpayer and student money because the return is substantial," she added. "There is the added benefit of community colleges offering educational opportunities for individuals who otherwise might not have them because of our affordability, accessibility, and flexibility."

"This study is different in that it attempts to measure the extended economic impact beyond direct spending in our local economy and includes the added value to our students' lives," commented LCC President John Marrin. "The college's mission is 'to enrich lives through learning.' This study illustrates how an investment in one's education benefits students and their families in real and tangible terms. In turn, our graduates' contributions to our area productivity expand our economy and enrich our communities."

The study was done by Economic Modeling Specialists, Inc. (EMSI). EMSI is a professional service firm that provides economic consulting to colleges. Since 2000, EMSI has produced over 1,100 economic impact studies for many of the community colleges in the U.S. CCCS comprises the state's largest system of higher education, serving more than 162,000 students annually. It oversees career and academic programs in the 13 state community colleges and career and technical programs in more than 160 school districts and six other post-secondary institutions. CCCS colleges include Arapahoe Community College, Colorado Northwestern Community College, Community College of Aurora, Community College of Denver, Front Range Community College, Lamar Community College, Morgan Community College, Northeastern Junior College, Otero Junior College, Pikes Peak Community College, Pueblo Community College, Red Rocks Community College, and Trinidad State Junior College.

SOS Center Hours

The Lamar Community Resource and Senior Center hours of operation are: Monday – Friday from 8am to 5pm; Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6pm to 9pm and the Saturday night dance is from 7pm to 10pm. Call 719-336-4072 for information.

Eagles Lodge Donates to New K9 for LPD

The Lamar Police Department came \$400 closer to the purchase price on a replacement K9 for Joey, the department's first dog, brought on duty about five years ago. The general cost of a new dog runs about \$12,000 and the council has earmarked some of those funds, and as in previous years, local donations are helping the department to reach its goal. The replacement costs will be lower than the initial price the department paid years ago, as the K9 patrol car needed special outfitting to accommodate a dog riding in the backseat, and officers carry an automatic release device for their cage if it's needed on patrol.

The \$400 donation was made by the Lamar Eagles Auxiliary and Aerie members this past Wednesday evening, May 23. Lamar Police Chief Gary McCrea informed the city council of the need for a new K9 as Joey is displaying hip dysplasia and her days on active duty are short-termed. "Joey has been doing double-duty as a narcotics and a patrol dog, so she has really fulfilled all expectations," said McCrea. Over the past several months, the LPD has used the K9 patrol to sniff out narcotics on the commercial bus lines passing through Lamar. The results have been successful with numerous scores for those transporting drugs by bus, and a surprise as well, once they see a patrol car pull up to the bus and see Joey hop out and head for the luggage compartment.

McCrea said he and Joey's handler, Officer Filbeck, are planning to travel to Kansas shortly to meet her replacement. Filbeck will train with the new K9 and will keep Joey through her retirement years. "She and my white lab have gotten along, and now they may have a little more time to spend in the park together now that she'll be retired," he said. Filbeck may need to learn another new language for his K9 duties. Joey, a German Shepherd, was raised and trained to respond to commands in a Czechoslovakian dialect. It's not certain right now what language the new K9 was trained with. *By Russ Baldwin*

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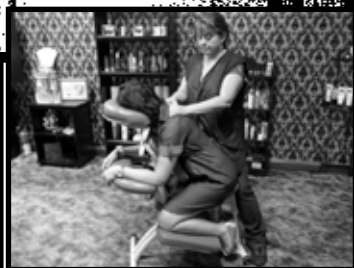
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Healing Hands Massage Therapy



Healing Hands Massage Therapy, at 201 South 4th on the corner of East Olive Street and located in the business complex of, "It's All About You," is this week's Prowers Journal, Business of the Week.

Business owner, Sherry Walls, LMT, LMMT, LST, has been in the field of massage therapy and related areas for over thirty-five years. Sherry trained in reflexology, kinesiology & aromatherapy, and developed her skills in different modalities of healing until moving on to her current practice as a Licensed Massage Therapist (LMT), Licensed Medical Massage Therapist (LMMT) & Licensed Stone Therapist (LST). Sherry also is certified in Reiki Energy Healing.

Trained as a Massage Therapist at the American Institute of Clinical Massage in Post Falls, Idaho, Sherry then worked at the Highlands Day Spa in Post Falls - an elite Spa located in the inland northwest region. Returning to Colorado in 2008, she practiced massage therapy at The Springs Resort & Spa in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. Sherry was born in Elkhart, Kansas and raised in Lamar where she graduated from Lamar Community College. She returned to Lamar in 2009 to open her business of Healing Hands Massage Therapy and begin her own private practice.

Since returning to Lamar, Sherry is actively involved in several local charitable organizations. She is on the Board of Directors for the newly organized Remember Foundation, a foundation to support area families of Alzheimer's patients, a member of the Lamar Chamber of Commerce Honkers and assisting with the fundraising events of the South Eastern Colorado Cancer Initiative (SECCI) and a member of the Lamar Eagles Auxiliary. Supporting the health and wellness of our community is a value that Sherry lives by.

The location for Healing Hands Massage Therapy was thoughtfully chosen due to the multitude of services provided at "It's All About You." Services in the complex consist of Reflexology (Butterfly Essentials), Chiropractic (Jon Anderson), Therapeutic Exercise Center

(Amazing You), Hair and Nail Salon (Deja Vu), skin care rejuvenation (All About Skin), personalized home and body products (Makes Scents), and nutritional counseling (Mark Morrison). The building also houses a hot tub and sauna by appointment.

At Healing Hands you will experience personalized attention. Services provided by Sherry at Healing Hands Massage Therapy include relaxation massage, injury related rehabilitation massage therapies, pregnancy massage and other personalized needs. The knowledge of kinesiology, nutrition, reiki, hot & cold stone (hydrotherapy) each are combined to balance your body, mind & spirit.

Sherry regularly travels to Juniper Village and private homes to care for her clients that are home bound or cannot otherwise come to her for services. She also has a clientele of local athletes to work on sports related traumas for a faster return to optimal performance for athletes. Sherry enjoys the versatility of being a massage therapist and working with a great diversity of clientele. "Everyone is unique and different because their needs are unique and different."

When you come to Healing Hands, you can expect to be welcomed by a warm smile, open arms and certainly warm hands. Hours of operation for Healing Hands Massage Therapy are Monday through Saturday at the convenience of clients. Evening hours are available by appointment only. Sherry schedules her own appointments, you may need to leave a message or send a text to 719-688-5099.

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Lamar Police Make Holiday Drug Bust

Press Release—Lamar Police Department - On Saturday, May 26, 2012 at approximately 2:45 P.M., officers from the Lamar Police Department observed a silver Tahoe in the 200 block of East Park Street.

Officers recognized the driver as Paul Carrillo, 26, of Pueblo, Colorado from previous contacts. Officers were advised Carrillo's driver's license was revoked as a habitual traffic offender. Officers attempted to contact Carrillo and were advised he went into a residence.

Officers secured the vehicle and the residence that Paul Carrillo entered. Officers located suspected cocaine and other drugs in the vehicle. The vehicle was towed until a search warrant could be applied for. Officers secured the house for approximately an hour until Paul came out of the house and officers arrested Paul Carrillo. Paul Carrillo was taken into custody and held on a \$50,000 bond.

On Tuesday, May 29, 2012 officers obtained and executed the search warrant for the vehicle. Officers located a total amount of 27.4 grams of suspected cocaine, 57 unknown pills, and a small amount of suspected marijuana. Estimated street value of the narcotics is \$1,500.

Memorial Day Observed at Fairmount Cemetery

"A man's country is not a certain area of land, of mountains, rivers, and woods, but it is a principle and patriotism is loyalty to that principle." George William Curtis

Memorial Day was quietly observed this past Monday by the Honor Guard from the St. George S. Creaghe Jr. Post #3261 at Fairmount Cemetery. An observance was held at the Veteran's section of the cemetery to honor and remember those Lamar area residents who passed away through war or military action, in the service of their country.

With only a handful of residents on hand, the honor guard, led by VFW member Alfred Adame, performed the traditional 21 gun salute. Later that day, the honor guard would perform identical services in Las Animas and at the Ft. Lyon National Cemetery.

Memorial Day has its origins in ceremonies honoring fallen Union

soldiers from the Civil War. The observances later expanded following WW1 to include all men and women who died during war or military action in the service of their country. It was formerly observed on the 30th of May, regardless of the day of the week, but later was altered to its present form on the final Monday in May. *By Russ Baldwin*

Bovine Trichomoniasis Update for Colorado

LAKEWOOD, Colorado - The Colorado Department of Agriculture reminds cattle owners to test their herd for Bovine Trichomoniasis.

As of 5/23/2012, there are currently five positive trich locations in five Colorado counties: Las Animas, Montezuma, Otero, Weld, and Yuma.

So far this year, there have been 10 trich cases in eight counties: Conejos, Kit Carson, La Plata, Las Animas, Montezuma, Pueblo, Weld and Yuma.

A map detailing trichomoniasis sample submissions by county and the prevalence for trichomoniasis-positive counties can be found at www.colorado.gov/ag.

"Testing and monitoring herds for trichomoniasis is the best method of controlling this infection," said State Veterinarian, Dr. Keith Roehr. "Cattle owners should talk to their veterinarian to determine the best management practices for their herd."

"Trich" is a costly, yet preventable, infection that can affect dairy and beef cattle. If bulls become infected, the percentage of open cows can increase from 5 to 30 percent.

Trich is a venereal disease of cattle caused by *Trichomonas foetus* (T. Foetus). The T. foetus infection causes fertility problems, such as early embryonic death or abortion of the calf, and is asymptomatic in bulls.

Colorado trich regulations require all non-virgin bulls changing ownership or being transported into Colorado be tested for T. foetus unless the animal is going to slaughter. Bulls on public land grazing permits or with grazing associations must also be tested prior to turnout.

Several diagnostic laboratories across the state offer trich testing; samples must be taken by an accredited veterinarian. For testing questions call CDA Animal Industry Division at (303) 239-4161.

July 3rd Benefit

Country Acres, south of Lamar, will host a night of music, **6pm, Tuesday, July 3**, to raise funds for **The Remember Foundation**. Dance to the John Cary Band & Brethren Flow, joined by Jay Gruber. Enjoy a summer BBQ while bidding on various silent auction items. Proceeds will benefit area Alzheimer's patients. **You must be at least 21 to attend.** Call Holly Burton at 719-688-4196 or Shawna Smith at 719-691-8021 for details.

New Summer Hours

New summer hours at the **Wellness Center** began on Monday April 30th and will go until August 18th. Regular school year hours will resume on August 20th.

Sunday - Closed

Monday - Thursday - 5:00am to 1:00pm & 4:00pm to 7:30pm

Friday - 5:00am to 1:00pm

Saturday - 8:00am to 1:00pm

It's Always Cool in the Pool!


Cool off this summer at the Lamar Municipal Pool. The Prowers Journal and Lamar Recreation Department has a deal for you. **Sign up for the email News Alerts from The Prowers Journal**, and if your entry is selected, you win a pass for 40 trips to the Lamar Municipal Pool this summer. That's a **\$100 value**.

Just register your email address at theprowersjournal@gmail.com. That's all it takes. Your email is kept private and you receive all the latest breaking news stories for Prowers County from The Prowers Journal. The deadline for your sign up is 5pm, Monday, June 4, 2012. When we draw your name, you'll be contacted to pick up your certificate, grab your bathing suit and get ready for a summer of fun at the Lamar Municipal Pool!

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Scholarship Winners Announced

Winners of the 2012 Daniel Kasza Memorial Scholarships were recently announced. Two scholarships were given to McClave School graduates, and one scholarship was awarded to a District VI 4-H member.

McClave High School graduating senior Brittney Kemp received a \$500 scholarship, as did McClave alumnus Natasha Idler. Kemp will be attending Colorado State University Fort Collins, majoring in Biochemistry. An honor student, she was co-vicepresident of her class. Her goal is to combine her love of children and passion for science by pursuing a pediatrics or pediatric occupational therapy degree.

Idler was a 2010 McClave graduate, and graduated from Lamar Community College in 2011. For the past year, she has been working full-time to earn money to attend Pueblo Community College to become a Dental Hygienist. She is an active volunteer with the local nursing home and at her church.

The Daniel Kasza Memorial 4-H Scholarship was awarded to Briana Huff of Swink High School. A fourteen-year 4-H member, Huff has been a strong role model and mentor for youth in Otero County. She will be attending Otero Junior College. The 4-H scholarship was open to graduating seniors who were 4-H members in Baca, Bent, Crowley, Cheyenne, Kiowa, Otero and Prowers counties.

The scholarships are given in memory of Daniel Kasza through many generous donations. A McClave High School graduate, Kasza was a student at Ft Lewis College at the time of his death in June 2009. These scholarships were given to the 4-H and McClave communities because of their influence on Kasza.

Wanted!

Volunteer Drivers for the Meals on Wheels Program for Sage Services in Prowers County. For more information, call 336-7115.

Lamar Places 3rd in 3A

The Lamar Savage Baseball Team finished their season at 19-6 with a 4 to 2 loss to Eaton this past Saturday, May 26. The Savages won two games in the consolation bracket to get back into the race for the showdown they wanted with Brush for the championship. Lamar defeated the Beetdiggers on Friday, 13 to 3, and downed Olathe 9 to 6 and Weld Central 10 to 0 last week to remain in the tournament.

Gospel Concert at First Baptist Church

YoYo Collins will present a gospel concert at the First Baptist Church of Holly on Friday, **June 1, 2012 starting at 7pm**. YoYo was involved in a diving accident in 1977, which broke his neck and severed his spinal cord, leaving him paralyzed from the collar bone down, or a quadriplegic. That hasn't stopped him from serving the Lord in ministry. Since 1980 he has traveled to many states, singing at church conventions and conferences.

Everyone is invited to hear YoYo share his music and message. A Love Offering will be received for Mr. Collins. For further information contact First Baptist Church at **537-6553** or hollyfbc@yahoo.com.

School is Out!

Graduation ceremonies have been held up and down the Arkansas Valley, and that means The Prowers Journal Home Room page is done for the season.

Thanks go out to our page sponsor for the season, DW Waste Management and Heaven's Best Carpet Cleaning. The Home Room page features news, upcoming school events, scores and schedules through the school year. We hope it was informative and useful to you and your family.

The Prowers Journal Home Room Page will be back at the start of the new school year in mid August.

Support the Alba Family

As a result of the recent tornadoes that hit in our area, Randy Alba's family lost their home east of Lamar. The home was totally destroyed and they were also left without the majority of their personal belongings. In an effort to help them rebuild from this loss, a fund has been set up at Community State Bank in their name for those who would like to make donations.

Concert Coming!

The Blackwood Brothers Quartet in Concert on **June 9th @ 6:00 pm** @ Lamar Christian Church in Lamar, Colorado. They advertise themselves as "The best-known name in Gospel Music!" and they hail from Memphis, Tennessee. It should be a great concert!

Lodging Tax Panel Applications

If your organization plans events that bring tourists and visitors to Prowers County, you may be eligible for funding from the Prowers County Lodging Tax Panel.

The panel allocates funding to help organizations develop marketing plans to publicize their activities. Funding is generated from a lodging tax levied for motels, hotels and bed and breakfast homes in Prowers County. Your group may qualify for marketing funds.

Contact Carla Scranton at 719-336-2384, the Prowers County Development Incorporated offices in Lamar for more information and an application form. The Lodging Tax Panel meets the third Tuesday of every month at 4pm at the PCDI offices at Main and East Olive Streets in Lamar.

Law Enforcement

Case#: 12L-05336 Officer: G. Ibarra Date: Mon May 21 2012 MEDIA RELEASE:

Officers took a report of a suspicious incident in reference to a red light camera violation from Littleton, CO in the 100 blk of N. 6th St. Officers informed the subject how to have the matter handled.

Case#: 12L-05337 Officer: Inman Date: Mon May 21 2012 MEDIA RELEASE:

Officers responded to the 700 blk. of S. Mullen St. for a report of drug paraphernalia found in an apartment. The paraphernalia was found during the eviction process. Officer collected the paraphernalia and placed it into evidence.

Case#: 12L-05339 Officer: Inman Date: Mon May 21 2012 MEDIA RELEASE:

Officers responded to the 400 blk. of N. 4th St. for a report of juveniles shooting air soft guns. Officer issued the responsible juvenile a summons.

Case#: 12L-05380 Officer: Inman Date: Tue May 22 MDT 2012 MEDIA RELEASE:

Officers responded to the 400 blk. of Kendall Dr. for a report of a subject calling a business and threatening them. Officers contacted the subject and informed her to make no attempt to contact the business any longer.

Case#: 12L-05344 Officer: J Jenkins Date: Mon May 21, 2012 MEDIA RELEASE:

Officers responded to the 600 block of North Main Street for a report of possible prostitution. The officer contacted the subjects who stated they were looking for a cell phone and gas money.

Case#: 12L-05352 Officer: M. Harris Date: Tue May 22, 2012 MEDIA RELEASE:

Officers responded to the 400 block of W. Parmenter for a fight in progress. Upon arrival officers contacted the parties involved. The parties were advised to separate for the night, no one was charged.

12P-1452 Alarm 09:48:47 05/22/12 S Zordel ACT

While at the Wiley School, Senior Deputy Zordel was advised of a fire alarm going off. School Principal found that a balloon had popped in front of the sensor which had caused the alarm to activate.

12P-1455 Traffic Hazard 18:01:44 05/22/12 Shawn Stone OHS

Deputy responded to the 28000 block of County Road 3 on a report of an anhydrous tank that had rolled over. Upon arrival Deputy found no damage and no leakage from the tank. The tank was lifted back up and the Rp pulled the tank home.

Case#: 12L-05381 Officer: Inman Date: Tue May 22 2012 MEDIA RELEASE:

Officers responded to the 1300 N. Main St. for a report of a male subject needing help because he was diabetic. Officers located the subject and medical responded to the scene.

Case#: 12L-05382 Officer: G. Ibarra Date: Tue May 22 2012 MEDIA RELEASE:

Officers responded to the 700 blk of S. Main St. on a report of a subject possibly doing drugs. Officers determined the subject was hand rolling a tobacco cigarette.

Case#: 12L-05389 Officer: Inman Date: Tue May 22 2012 MEDIA RELEASE:

Officers arrested Malina Jur, age 30, in the 500 blk. of N. 1st St. on an active arrest warrant for four counts of burglary. Malina Jur is being held at the Prowers County Jail on a \$30,000 bond.

Case#: 12L-05390 Officer: G. Ibarra Date: Tue May 22 MDT 2012 MEDIA RELEASE:

Officers responded to the 700 blk of S. 4th St. on a report of found property. Officers placed a bicycle in storage until an owner can be located.

Case#: 12L-05387 Officer: Inman Date: Tue May 22 2012 MEDIA RELEASE:

Officers received a report of a stolen bicycle in the 300 blk. of S. 7th St. The approximate worth of the bicycle is \$150.00.

Case#: 12L-05383 Officer: Inman Date: Tue May 22 2012 MEDIA RELEASE:

Officers received a report of a stolen bicycle in the 500 blk. of S. 9th St. The approximate cost of the stolen bicycle is \$160.00.

Case#: 12L-05356 Officer: M. Harris Date: Tue May 22 2012 MEDIA RELEASE:

Officers responded to the 700 block of S. Mullen St. for a report of a stolen bicycle. Officers received a description of the bicycle and this matter is under investigation.

Case#:12L-05408 Officer:Kenny Davis Date: 05/23/2012 MEDIA RELEASE:

Code enforcement officer responded to the 500 Block of S 11th St. concerning a stray Rooster. The bird was tranquilized and taken to the shelter.

Case#:12L-05418 Officer:T Cope Date:Wed May 23 2012MEDIA RELEASE:

Officers arrested Kenneth Kaufman-Magallanez, 23 of Lamar, for obstructing a peace officer and resisting arrest. Kenneth is held at Prowers County Jail on a \$750 bond.

Case#: 12L-05424 Officer: G. Ibarra Date: Wed May 23 2012 MEDIA RELEASE:

Officers took a report of a child playing in the neighbors backyards without permission in the 500 blk of S. 11th St. Officers contacted the childrens parent and informed them of the situation.

Case#: 12L-05425 Officer: J. Inman Date: Wed May 23 MDT 2012 MEDIA RELEASE:

Officers responded to the 800 blk of Willow Valley on a report of a Rp afraid of the upcoming storm. Officers spoke with the Rp during the storm. Officers cleared without incident.

12P-1461 Aircraft Problem 18:06:53 05/23/12 Shawn Stone OHS

Deputy dispatched to the Lamar Airport on a report of an overdue aircraft. Upon arrival Deputy found the aircraft was at the airport and the pilot had forgotten to call in.

12P-1474 Juvenile Problem 14:37:15 05/24/12 R Rodriguez OHS

Deputy Rodriguez was advised of small children playing in the street around the Buffalo Canal and 1st Ave in Holly. The kids were given a safety lesson why it was dangerous to play in the street and around the canal.

Case#:12L-05447 Officer:Kenny Davis Date: 05/24/2012 MEDIA RELEASE:

Code enforcement officer responded to 401 Kendall Dr; Prowers Medical Center concerning a dog bite incident. The owner of the pit was issued a summons LMC#7-6-760 vicious dog prohibited and LMC#7-6-720 running at large.

Case#: 12L-05467 Officer: Pierce Date: Fri May 25 2012 MEDIA RELEASE:

Officers were dispatched to the 600 block of East Maple on a report of a person in a yard. Officers checked the area but found no evidence on anyone being in the yard.

Case#: 12L-05465 Officer: Inman Date: Thu May 24 23:56:19 MDT 2012 MEDIA RELEASE:

Officers responded to the 600 blk. of E. Maple St. for a report of a suspicious person looking into windows. Officers searched the area and were unable to locate the suspect.

12P-1495 Domestic Violence 23:44:28 05/26/12 M Palacios CAA

Deputy Palacios responded to the 7000 blk of Hwy 196 on a report of a rolling domestic violence. Deputy Palacios contacted the parties involved. Eric Herrera was arrested for Domestic Violence and Criminal Mischief less than a \$1000.00. Herrera was transported and being held at the Prowers County Jail.

12P-1497 DUI 05:34:57 05/27/12 M Palacios CAA

Deputy Palacios responded to the 7000 blk of Hwy 196 on a report of a rolling Domestic Violence. Upon arrival Deputy talked to both parties involved in the incident Sarah Herrera was arrest for DWAI. Herrera was transported and is being held at the Prowers County Jail on a \$750.00 bond.

12P-1501 civil complaint 20:37:37 05/28/12 Shawn Stone OHS

Deputy was asked to call an Rp in reference to a civil matter. Rp advised she lent her child's father a television and other property but now the father would not return the property. Rp advised the male subject put the stuff on the curb and she wanted a civil standby. Deputy referred the Rp to call LPD.

See the full report daily online at: theprowersjournal.com

Media Release-Correction-Prowers County Sheriff's Office

On May 17, 2012 the Prowers County Sheriff's Office incorrectly released a report that Thomas Bateman, 30, of Prowers County was in to register as a sex offender.

This information was incorrect. Mr. Bateman is not a sex offender and was registered as part of an interstate compact agreement as a criminal offender but not a sex offender.

The Prowers County Sheriff's Office was entirely at fault for this error and wishes to apologize for any inconvenience it may have caused.