

## **Dogs and Livestock Running Loose:**

A strong reminder for those who continue to violate our Protective Covenants as well as Colorado Statutes and County Laws by continuously allowing dogs and livestock to run loose: Dogs and livestock MUST be kept on your own property - MRPOA Covenants, Section 5: "...All animals MUST BE FENCED IN AND UNDER CONTROL at all times." Those who are troubled by dogs running loose are advised to call Pueblo County Animal Control (phone number on page 2 of this newsletter). They are very prompt at responding to these calls and will take the dogs away and citation the owners. ALSO REMEMBER that according to CO State Statute 35-43-126: "Any dog found running, worrying, or injuring sheep, cattle, or other livestock may be killed, and the owner or harborer of such dog shall be liable for all damages done by it. Authorization to kill contains no limitations with respect to vicious dogs or any stipulation that an effort first be made to drive them away by warning shots or otherwise, or that they may be killed only after damage is done." In other words, if stray dogs enter a property owner's property, the property owner is not required to warn dogs or wait and see if they are dangerous before killing them That it would come to this is very sad for the animals just because their owners are irresponsible.

Residents who are troubled by livestock running loose are advised to pin the animals up and call Brand Inspector, Kenny Burke (phone on page 2). The animals may then be hauled away with Mr. Burke's assistance, and the owners required to make restitution if need be and/or pay to get their animals back. The Pueblo County Sheriffs Dept. should be called regarding horses/livestock running loose in the roads. They will respond as this is a public safety issue.

**Prairie Heights Elementary:** 719-382-1260 March 31-April 3 Spring Book Fair

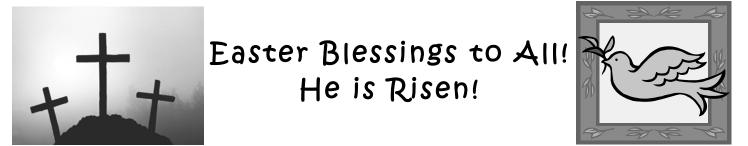
**Resolutions** will continue to be mailed out until everyone has been heard from. In the event that anyone has misplaced the one sent in the mail, you may go to www.MidwayRanches.com—click the yellow Resolution button from the menu on the left side of the page and follow the directions for sending it in.

## **Fire Protection News:** Fire Dept. 719-683-FIRE

As most of us are aware, Midway Ranches does not have a contract with any fire dept. for fire protection. As it is now, Pueblo can say they only respond to grass fires, and not respond to a house fire. The same goes for Hanover. We are attempting to remedy this and we are exploring our options. Mr. Aldecocea has graciously volunteered to, and has met with Pueblo County Officials and Hanover Fire District to see what our options are. One option is to create a fire district which will allow us to contract with Hanover for protection. This would be the ultimate solution with the Hanover facility so close on Indian Village Heights. In the coming months we may have to circulate a petition on this matter. Hanover needs volunteers from our area: those interested may call Hanover Volunteer Fire Dept. Fire protection will not be free, nothing in life is, but it will be at a minimal cost. Those costs may be reduced or eliminated by lower insurance premiums. If we all work together, we can make Midway Ranches a much safer place to live.

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**Did You Know?** Achy muscles from a bout of the flu, or perhaps you worked out a little harder than you had planned? Mix 1 tablespoon of horseradish in 1 cup of olive oil. Let the mixture sit for 30 minutes, then apply it as a massage oil for instant relief for aching muscles.

Get Rid of Ants: Put small piles of cornmeal where you see ants. They eat it, take it 'home', can't digest it, so it kills them. It may take a week or so, especially if it rains, but it works and you don't have the worry about pets or small children being harmed. (Wish I would have known this last summer.)

 $\odot$  "Somebody has said there are only 2 kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."  $\odot$ 

## **HELPFUL CONTACTS AND PHONE NUMBERS:**

ICE-IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT:1-866-347-2423 http://www.ice.gov

CRIME STOPPERS: 719-544-7867

PUEBLO COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT.: 719-583-6250

KENNY BURKE, BRAND INSPECTOR: 719-382-5016

DENVER BRAND INSPECTOR HQ: 1-800-886-7683

PUEBLO ANIMAL SERVICES: Domestic Animal Control-719-544-3005

-ONLINE-www.puebloanimalservices.com

**PUEBLO REGIONAL BUILDING, JD POTTER:**719-543-0002, online permit searcheshttp://www.prbd.com, enter address

**PUEBLO CTY. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT, MERV TERRILL:** Illegal land-use-living in campers/shacks, junk vehicles, 719-583-6100

**PUEBLO COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.:** Dumping/burying trash, etc.-719-583-4300 Environmental Health: Raw sewage, etc. 719-583-4323, online - www.pueblohealthdept.org

Community Newsletter is also uploaded to www.MidwayRanches.com by Melissa Mathies (The site

fulfills the State Legal Requirement for POAs and only costs us \$50/year)

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