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Midway Ranches Road News

By now I hope everyone has seen the improvements in the roadways of our community. Lloyd, (our road maintenance person) has been working hard, as the budget allows, to restore the roads to the good state of repair we have enjoyed until the rains came and made a mess of things.

The Board is in the process of improving Quail Road. We have acquired bids to install culverts and add road base to where Quail Road turns from east / west to south. At the last rainstorm, flooding and washouts severely damaged the roadway. The roadway has been restored to a “usable” state, and further improvements will be made to bring it up to community standards. These improvements will be made as budget allows. Thank you for your patience.

As you all know, our roadways are vulnerable to abuse. Please be aware that our roadway maintenance fees are the sole funding mechanism for maintaining our roadways. You can help maintain minimum cost by keeping your speed to the posted limits. High speeds aid the “wash boarding” of the roadways and thus to the cost of maintenance. Maintaining posted speeds will also extend the well being of your vehicle and safety within the community.

Vote for the Fire District

The Midway Ranches Fire Protection District Committee has been working since May, 2009 to form the much needed Fire District. There will be three ballot issues on the November Ballot:

Issue 5A: A majority vote of “YES” will enable the District Court to legally form the District.

Issue 5B: A majority vote of “YES” will allow the County Tax Assessor to begin collecting taxes to fund the operation of the District. If successful, the current \$7.00 per month fire protection fee will be removed from your monthly water and maintenance fees in April 2011.

Issue 5C: A majority vote of “YES” will allow the District to retain revenues, grants, donations above and beyond the tax base. This will allow the District to make improvements in the Community, such as fire hydrants without additional funds from the property owners.

Below these three ballot questions, you will be able to vote for the five Directors of the Fire District. Two Directors will be elected for a one year term and three Directors will be elected to two year terms (this is a requirement of Colorado State Statutes).

Don't forget to vote for these important issues!

Re-Elect Commissioner Chostner

As you all know, Commissioner Chostner is on the ballot this November. Commissioner Chostner has been a great help in getting the Midway Fire Protection District organized. Commissioner Chostner was asked by the District Committee if he would support the effort to create the Fire District and without fail, he was instrumental in making sure that all departments of local government were aware of the undertaking. Needless to say, without his efforts, the process would have been almost impossible to complete. The District Committee is very grateful for his involvement.

Mr. Chostner has been very busy with the other burdens of running the County in an efficient manner and with the best interest of Puebloans in mind. Most important is his involvement in preserving Fountain Creek, its flows and the wetlands, which will protect Pueblo County from devastating floods. In addition, Commissioner Chostner was a major influence on the Southern Delivery System project insuring the interests of Pueblo County were protected.

There were many other projects that Commissioner Chostner has been involved with, which are too numerous to mention. Commissioner Chostner has pledged his dedication to revitalizing the County government to more efficiently deliver services to the Community.

Please vote this November and re-elect Commissioner Chostner for another term!

Amendments 60, 61 and Proposition 101

This November, voters in Colorado will be asked to vote on these three issues. We hope these issues are defeated by an overwhelming vote of “NO” for the following reasons:

Amendment 60 – This amendment would override the community’s wishes to provide additional resources to improve school districts, fire district, and other entities created for the public good. This amendment revokes voter approved de-TABORing, also called de-Brucing. To date, 76% of Municipalities, 81% of Counties, and 98% of School districts have approved these measures. If Amendment 60 passes, the wishes of these communities will be overridden. Expect schools, police and fire departments to experience from 30% to 50% reduction in funding. This will surely diminish the services provided by these agencies and/or close them down.

Amendment 61 – This amendment would cause government entities to lose the ability to secure loans or offer bonds. The effect of this amendment will cause unemployment reduce the ability for our government to improve facilities to the public. All government entities are affected. Police will be unable to purchase cruisers, fire departments to buy fire trucks and equipment until they saved the money. When tied to amendment 60 that is impossible since any surplus would have to be returned to the taxpayers. This amendment is detrimental to the State and has far reaching implications.

Proposition 101 – This proposition reduces real estate taxes, and abolishes vehicle purchase tax, lease and rental tax, again impacting school and emergency services funding. Together with Amendments 60 and 61 the effect will be catastrophic to Colorado. Proposition 101 will negatively affect the tax base to the tune of \$1.9 billion dollars over 20 years. Never mind the direct effect this proposition will have on Police and Fire Services, you can also forget community recreational services, pools, parks, etc.

Please vote this November and vote against these initiatives. If passed, Colorado will be a place to move away from, not grow and improve quality of life.

School News

October is a busy month at Prairie Heights Elementary. We hope all families will be able to participate in all the fun activities.

October 12th through the 19th there will be a cookbook sale. These are very nice cookbooks priced at \$6.50 each. The school will receive ½ of the price or \$3.25 for each cookbook sold. The proceeds will be used for the Christmas Shoppe. Buy yours at the office of Prairie Heights Elementary.

October 30th is the Harvest Festival at Prairie Heights Elementary. Admission is one can of food or a prepackaged food item. The donations will be used to provide a helping hand to the members of the community who are in need. At the festival there will be the following games / attractions:

1. Cake walk
2. Jail- 25 cents to put someone in jail or bail him or her out
3. Bean bag toss-ghost
4. Golf
5. Magnetic fishing for pre-school children
6. Pie toss-whipped cream- 25 cents to throw a pie at various school employees such as Paul McCarty and Lynette Steinhoff
7. Ring toss
8. Water dunk tank
9. Costume contest



Please come and enjoy the festivities. Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be available at nominal cost (\$1.50).

Donations of food are always welcome. Contact Cathy Salmon-Wolff at (719) 382-5714 or Cynthia Aldecocca at (719) 382-9529.

Hope to see you there!