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CASTLE ROCK CHRONICLE

The Castle Rock Chronicle is a quarterly publication. Issues are published in February, May, August, and November. It is distributed to all residences and landowners of Castle Rock Township. If you know of anyone in the Township who did not receive a copy, please notify the office at 651-460-2221. If you would like a copy, there are copies at the office. Please take note of our advertisers who pay for the publication of the Castle Rock Chronicle. If you are interested in advertising in the Castle Rock Chronicle for the next year, please contact the Clerk for information. We thank the advertisers for supporting the Chronicle. Remember to support them. There is no charge to the Township residents for this newsletter.

MARCH 2009 ELECTION

March 10, 2009 Poll hours10am-8pm

Supervisor D- 3yr Term

Candidate #1 Drea Doffing

Supervisor E- 3yr Term

Candidate #1 Mary Kuhn Candidate #2 Mark Molitor Candidate #3 Gary Pipho

Clerk- 1yr Term

Candidate #1 Jane Bistodeau

Ballot Question

Whether to elect the Town Clerk

Text:

"Shall option B, providing for the appointment of the clerk by the town board, be abandoned for the government of the town?"

(In other words, if you would like the Clerk position to be elected by you, the residents of the Township, Vote Yes. If you want the position to stay appointed by the Board of Supervisors, Vote No)

The successful candidate shall take office for the clerk if option B is abandoned.

ELECTION JUDGES

If anyone is interested in becoming an election judge for the fall election and for the next two years, please contact the Clerk at the Township office regarding training requirements and information necessary to become an election judge.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of Castle Rock Township will be held Tuesday March 10, 2009 at 8:15pm following the election. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. What is voted on at the Annual meeting serves as a guideline for the Board to run the Township. It is an opportunity for the public to become informed and involved in the governing of the Township

PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE

Attention Citizens!

Please watch the Castle Rock Township website, the Cannon Falls Beacon, and the Farmington Independent for an upcoming meeting. It will be open to the public about a Utilities Ordinance, clustering, possible zoning changes, etc. for the Township. You will find it in "Public Notices". We want your input. Once we have a date established, be sure to mark your calendar so you can come.

The Planning Commission

ELECTION

On March 10th, 2009, residents of Castle Rock Township will have the opportunity to elect two supervisors for three year terms and decide the ballot question. The polls will be open from 10:00a.m. to 8:00p.m. at the Town Hall. The Castle Rock Chronicle Committee asked the candidates who are running for these positions to submit a short introduction of themselves, and the committee received the following and the Town Board is not endorsing candidates, nor bears responsibility for the validity or truthfulness of any of these statements.

Candidate for Supervisor D

Drea Doffing, 2255 225th Street W., Farmington, MN 55024

I look forward to serving on the Castle Rock Township Board. With twenty plus years of leadership experience, I bring a variety of skills and insights to the Board of Supervisors.

I have lived in this township for almost 17 years now and would like to:

- Preserve the integrity of Castle Rock Township and the rural atmosphere that we live in.
- Keep citizens informed in the township when concerns arise in regards to our rural living.
- Listen to the people's concerns and apply their concerns to the decisions I make as a Supervisor of the township board.

Candidate for Supervisor E

Mark Molitor, 22465 Blaine Ave, Farmington, MN 55024

I have lived in Castle Rock Township for the last 10 ½ years with my family, wife Lisa of 19 years and my two children Rachel 15 and Seth 14. I work for North Marq in facilities maintenance in Minneapolis. I was raised in rural community in Wisconsin and I feel very fortunate to live in Castle Rock Township. If I was to be elected I would like to see the following things:

- 1. Preserving Agricultural heritage of Castle Rock
- 2. Save taxpayers money through reducing building inspection fees.
- 3. Save taxpayers money by reducing Township attorney fees.
- 4. Increasing percentage of Inspectron fees going to Township instead of Inspector.

Candidate for Supervisor E

Mary Kuhn,1181 270th St., Randolph, MN 55065

Resident of Castle Rock Township for over 30 years

One year of college

Worked retail for many years

Help on family farm and take care of the farm accounts

Avid quilter, making many quilts for Kids in Crisis, preemies in hospitals, quilts for nursing homes, and I was a past guild president.

I have a strong work ethic, sense of fairness, I am willing to listen to both sides before making any decisions, and I want to reduce township expenditures while retaining the integrity of the township.

Candidate for Supervisor E

Gary Pipho, 26845 Chippendale Avenue, Northfield, MN 55057

- Current Town Board Chair
- Former Secretary for Castle Rock Task Force
- Veteran. US Army, 82 Airborne Division (Paratrooper)
- MBA in Strategic Management and a BS in Computer Science.

With over 20 years of leadership experience, from farm labor, military service, and management, I bring a unique set of skills and insights to the Board of Supervisors. Throughout my career I have excelled at pulling people together, gathering ideas, and creating plans to resolve issues and move forward. Together, the other board members and I will continue working diligently to maintain and improve our township. Bottom line: I care about Castle Rock Township. It is a great place to live, and great people live here. I want this to remain true for my family, your family, and for future generations. Thank you and God Bless!

Candidate for Clerk

Jane Bistodeau, 22520 Blaine Avenue, Hampton, MN 55031

I have lived in the Township for 4 years, with my husband Keith of 19 years and our children Connor 12 and Shaylee 11. I worked as Deputy Clerk for Castle Rock Township from January 2006 thru October 2007. I was appointed as Clerk in July 2008 following Maralee Rother's retirement. I am committed to fair enforcement of the Township ordinances and excellent customer service. My business experience, training and education will help me to work with the Township as Clerk effectively and efficiently reducing township expenses.