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FOR THE RECORD
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PRIMARY ELECTION INFORMATION – DON'T BE AFRAID TO ASK!

- Are you turning 18 on or before June 26 and want to vote in the Primary?
 - You can register to vote in person at the Lincoln County Clerk & Recorder's office during regular business hours as long as you will be 18 by Election Day. We are located in the county courthouse at 103 3rd Avenue in Hugo. You can also register online at www.govotecolorado.com.
- Will you be away from home and concerned you won't get a ballot?
 - Apply for a ballot to be sent to your temporary location before June 4, which is when ballots will be mailed.
 - This also applies to college students who may be moving back to their home county when school is out but after ballots are mailed.
- Do you have a relative who is in the military or is currently an overseas citizen?
 - Ballots will be sent to those voters no later than May 12, so have them designate UOCAVA on their registration record at www.govotecolorado.com and update their address.
- Other election-related questions not listed?
 - Drop by our office during regular business hours or call (719) 743-2444, send us a Facebook message, or contact us via email at clengel@lincolncountyco.us.

UNAFFILIATED VOTERS—KNOW THE RULES!

In 2016, Colorado voters chose to allow unaffiliated electors to automatically receive ballots for any major party holding a primary election. The Clerk's office will mail ballot packets to unaffiliated voters unless they have previously chosen a ballot preference. While an unaffiliated voter may cast a ballot for whichever political party they wish, returning more than one voted ballot or more than one blank ballot will disqualify all ballots, and the voter will not receive credit for voting.

Options:

1. Choose which party's ballot you want to receive in the mail for the next primary election by selecting a party preference at govotecolorado.com or on any paper voter registration form. You will not be registered with that party, nor will you continue to receive that same party's ballots in future primary elections.
2. If you would prefer to receive a packet containing the ballots of all major parties participating, you can take no action or select this option when first registering to vote.
3. Appear in person at any Voter Service and Polling Center in your county and choose the party's ballot you would like to cast.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2018 PRIMARY ELECTION:

Tuesday, May 29, 2018: Last day for voters who are affiliated with a political party to change or withdraw their affiliation if they wish to vote in a different party's primary election.

Monday, June 4 thru Friday, June 8, 2018: Ballots for the Primary Election will be mailed to all eligible voters.

Saturday, June 23, 2018: The County Clerk's office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Residents can return their mail-in ballots, request a replacement ballot, address, or name change, register to vote, or cast a ballot at the county's only Voter Service and Polling Center.

Tuesday, June 26, 2018: Primary Election Day. Ballots must be returned by 7:00 p.m. to count. Postmarks are not accepted.

MOTOR VEHICLE INFORMATION - BE PREPARED! Colorado DRIVES is coming in August!

Be prepared for the new statewide motor vehicle system rollout known as DRIVES, coming August 6. Motor vehicle *and* driver's license offices across the state will be **closed** the first three days of August to install, test, and implement this new system. Don't wait until the last minute to renew your plates, disability placard, or driver's license, title and/or register a new vehicle, or request a duplicate title. **ALL** services, including online services, will be unavailable for several days, so please be proactive and come in early or renew online to avoid a headache, unnecessary stress, or additional fees.

Titling a Vehicle:

Please do not purchase a motor vehicle or trailer from someone who doesn't own it. If the individual you are buying from is not the actual owner, they must get a title in their name first. Vehicles/trailers must have a clear title before they can be sold, and only dealers can make multiple assignments on a title. If you have questions, please contact our office at (719) 743-2444 before completing a transaction.

Documents needed to register a vehicle:

Proof of insurance and ID are still required when registering a vehicle for the first time. Anyone listed on the title can obtain a registration, but at least one owner must be present and provide their ID and proof of insurance. A title is required if it is a new purchase—a bill of sale is not adequate.

Anyone titling/registering a vehicle with an out-of-state title must first have the VIN inspected by law enforcement. The officer will need the title or valid out-of-state registration and the vehicle to verify the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN).

For answers to other questions not listed, please contact us by phone at (719) 743-2444 or by email at clengel@lincolncountyco.us You can also visit the county's webpage: www.lincolncountyco.us for Clerk's office updates and information, follow us on Twitter @Lincoln Clerk, or like us on Facebook: Lincoln County Clerk and Recorder.