Herman Schranz: Colleen Whitlow is best choice for Mead mayor

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On Nov. 6, Mead voters will have an opportunity to elect a new mayor. I encourage all registered voters to vote; those that are not registered, I urge you to register and vote.

One of the candidates is Colleen Whitlow. As the previous mayor pro-tem of Mead, I am endorsing Whitlow. I have served with Colleen for the past four years and have observed her commitment to the success and advancement of our town. Our town is beginning to experience growth and all the challenges that come with managing that growth. The board needs to move through the next four years with a concise strategic plan. Working closely with town staff and developers and following the direction of the new Comprehensive Plan, the next board will be creating new opportunities. This will require a leader committed to the plan and the town, and Colleen Whitlow is that leader. Managing growth while maintaining a small town atmosphere is instrumental, and Colleen understands that goal.

Colleen's dedication for the town is evidenced by her involvement in all aspects of town improvement. She is:

- •The current director at Denver Regional Council of Governments.
- •A cofounder of Mead's Farmers Market
- •A committee member of the Downtown Revitalization Committee
- •A key contributor and participant to town-sponsored events such as 9Health Fair and the Community Day/Sugarbeet Festival.

She also held positions at the Mead Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Carbon Valley VFW, and Mountain View Fire Rescue. Colleen has also shown her commitment to our country serving in our armed forces, and as a veteran is involved in veteran affairs, especially for the veterans in Mead. While some people might look at this as too much involvement, I look at it as her diverse knowledge of the current environment and her ability to use this knowledge for the benefit of Mead.

A vote for Colleen Whitlow is a vote for Mead.

Herman Schranz

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