

Installation of Centennial Park Drive gate to protect Mound House Wild Horses

After many months of deliberation as to how to help keep the Mound House wild horses off of U.S. 50 East in Mound House, a gate was recently installed on Centennial Park Drive on the way to Eagle Valley Golf Club and Clear Creek Archery Range.

The Wild Horses have been traveling down that road in their attempt to cross U.S. 50 East to get to water and because people have been feeding them close to the highway.

In late 2010, a group consisting of wild horse advocates, state and county personnel painted a 'cattle guard' on the road to see if it would help to stop the horses from getting out on the highway. Unfortunately, it didn't work and the wild ones kept on crossing.

But, with the continued joint efforts of Dorothy Nysten, one of the Directors of Wild Horse Preservation League, Lyon County Parks and Recreation officials, Scott Fahrenbruch, Director of Operations and Ann Bollinger, Carson City Parks and Recreation Natural Resource Specialist, a 12-foot single-swing bar gate made out of welded 2" tubular steel was erected in March 2011. Once completed, Bollinger and Fahrenbruch wrapped red fluorescent ribbon around the bars of the gate and placed signs on either side of it reading 'Wild Horse Gate – Please close behind you.'

It has been a joint effort with final approval of the Department of Agriculture and Lyon County City engineers giving their ok of the type of gate to be used. Clear Creek Bowmen also supported approval of the placing of the gate and have put in their newsletter an article advising people coming in and out of both the golf club and archery range to be sure to close the gate when entering and leaving the area.