years and it is now time for a change. His intent is to stay on the TLMFPD board as president until his eventual move out of state and plans to renounce his board position with plenty

of notice.

Shirk invites the public to his official Retirement Party at The Secret Window, 47 Third St., Monument, on July 13 from 4-6 p.m.

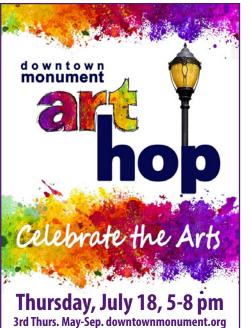


Town of Monument annexation of Station 1

Truty informed the board that the proposed Station 1 remodel has run into easement issues with setback requirements requiring approval from the Board of El Paso County Commissioners. It is possible that the proposal could be denied, putting the whole remodeling plan in jeopardy.

Monument Town Manager Mike Foreman has suggested that Station 1 be annexed into the town and, after consulting with the TLMFPD attorney, it appears there are no reasons not to pursue annexation. Tharnish added that typically when the town looks into annexation, it must be for the benefit of the town.

The town is looking at annexation to include fire departments and water districts—a new "public zoning"



Above: On June 20, the Town of Monument announced that Police Chief Jake Shirk will be retiring after fourteen years of service to the town. At the TLMFPD meeting June 26, Shirk, who is the TLMFPD board president, said he intends to remain on the board until he moves out of state. *Photo provided by Town of Monument.*

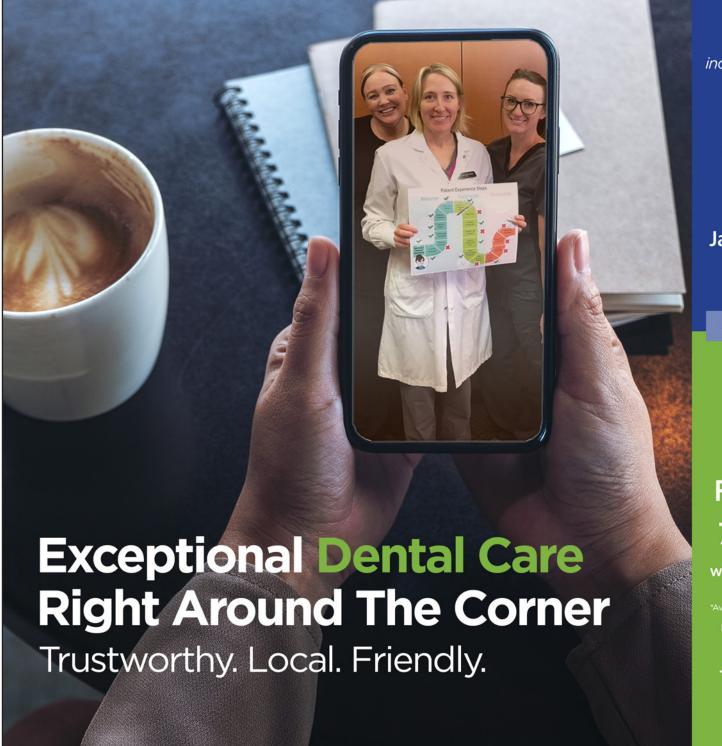
designation could be advantageous in the future for this station. Fees would likely be waived since the town does not usually charge a nonprofit organization. A motion to approve the request for annexation of the Fire Station 1 property into the Town of Monument was approved by the board, 6-0.

Recognition

Truty announced that Monument's Centurion Lodge 195 Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Colorado has recognized Lt. Chris Keough as Firefighter of the Year for 2019 for his outstanding efforts during the March blizzard.

Mutual aid

Donald Wescott Fire Protection District will continue to respond to south-side calls in Monument and has agreed to waive charges on the first call per week.



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