

High School Juniors Win a Summer Trip

Electric Cooperative Youth Tour & Youth Leadership Camp

High school juniors are just 500 words away from a chance to win a once-in-a-lifetime all-expenses paid trip. The first place winner will join over 1,800 students from across the U.S. in Washington D.C. for the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour. The second and third place winners are invited to the Colorado Electric Education Institute's Youth Leadership Camp in the mountains outside of Steamboat Springs. Visit www.mvea.coop/essay-contest for contest qualifications and to complete an entry form. Deadline: November 15, 2018.

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MVEA's scholarship program includes scholarships to accredited colleges, universities, junior or community colleges, as well as a vocational/technical scholarship. NEW IN 2018! A Power Lineman Scholarship for students pursuing a career through a lineman training program, as well as a Power Engineer Scholarship for current college students pursuing a power engineering career. Visit www.mvea.coop/scholarships to learn more. Applications are due by January 15, 2019.

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Above:Three new Monument police officers took the oath of office Aug. 6 to join the force. Their wives joined them for the pinning-on ceremony. From left, Officers Jared Barker, Josh Busa, and Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District Battalion Chief Mike Keough were sworn in by Town of Monument Police Chief Jake Shirk. *Photo by John Howe.*

meeting, town resident Cheri Hysell said she is trying to understand why the board couldn't pass this motion.

During board authorization items at the end of the meeting, Coopman said his objective is to find better code enforcement coverage at a cost of less than \$83 per hour. Mayor Pro-Tem Kelly Elliott asked Smith to look into having Community Preservation Specialists do a month-to-month contract so that there is someone doing code enforcement until the board makes a final decision. Wilson suggested this be a discussion item at a future meeting, with the possibility of posting the part-time job position.

2017 financial audit still in limbo

Smith asked the board to approve the 2017 financial audit that had previously

been postponed. Kyle Logan, the town's auditor, presented his audit during the July 30 special meeting, but the BOT voted to request a 60-day extension. By state law, the town had until July 31 to accept the audit. If not accepted within the new time limit, the town risks having sales and property taxes withheld by the state until the audit is registered. See www.ocn.me/v18n8.htm#mbot-special.

Three trustees voted in favor of accepting the audit, but Clark voted no with no reason given, and Coopman and Bornstein abstained. When Smith asked for an explanation on voting, Bornstein said he was behind in reading all the financial documents and emails.

Smith said she would bring the audit back to every meeting until it was resolved and made clear the audit won't





































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