

## Monument Board of Trustees candidates' statements

Four Monument Board of Trustee positions are open for re-election. Ballots will be mailed around March 21 and will be due by April 5 to the dropbox inside Monument Town Hall, 645 Beacon Lite Road. (Do not use the dropbox outside Town Hall). Call 884-8014 for information. The Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce will host a Monument candidate forum on Wednesday, March 9 from 6 to 8 p.m. at "Big Red" District 38 Administration Building, 146 Jefferson St., Monument.

### Tim Allen

I was born and raised in Riverton, a small city outside of Salt Lake City, Utah. As a youth, I enjoyed music, scouting (Eagle rank), and many sports. I attended Brigham

Young University and earned a B.S. in Computer Science. While there, I met and married my wonderful wife, Jenny. After graduation, we moved to Houston, Texas, where I started working for Lockheed Martin contracting to NASA at the Johnson Space Center. In 2003, we came to Colorado. Still working for Lockheed Martin, today I lead a team of software developers in building a super-cool space radar named Space Fence.

Jenny and I have five incredible children. We love rock climbing, hiking, biking, basketball, soccer, and ultimate Frisbee.

I'm fiscally conservative and strongly against methadone clinics in our Town of Monument.

### Jeff Bornstein

We are at a very critical place and time with key issues on the horizon. Solutions need to be determined and implemented for our water requirements. A comprehensive plan needs to be written in order to define and protect our community. Transparent communication needs to be established between Town Hall and our residents. It is imperative that our city develop strategies that allow the town to operate in a proactive rather than reactive state. This will require a five-year strategy that is realistic, manageable, and supported by the community.

My actions have always been based solely on the needs of our residents and businesses. I ask that you please vote for me in the upcoming election. I promise no matter how difficult or political the issue, my decisions will always be determined and based on your individual needs along with the best interest of the community

both short and long term.

### Greg Coopman

Over the past year our community has faced many challenges. A methadone dispensary in the heart of downtown. An absurd water rate increase proposed to make up for decades of irresponsibility and neglect. Development and growth proposals that challenge the very reasons many of us chose to call this community home. Our community is growing, and will continue to be challenged. Now, more than ever, it is critical that we have a board in place that is strong and representative of the residents, not just of themselves. Our board must be willing to direct and guide the town's paid staff, not be guided and directed by the paid staff.

Through each of the challenges noted above, I have fought for our community, and will continue to fight for the residents of this entire community once elected as trustee. Protect your community and way of life. Please vote. Facebook.com/greg-coopmanfortrustee

### John Howe

My 10 years in Monument, four as town trustee, have given me an appreciation of the people, the history, the values, and hopes for the future. Never having been directly involved in politics, this experience has been an education as to how government operates so differently than private business. Within the past four years, I have learned much about the likes and dislikes of the community regarding governing decisions made not only by the Board of Trustees but other entities in Monument and the Tri-Lakes.

Yes, we must go forward, which sometimes is painful. I am not one who always likes change but understand the necessity. As is said: "... change is inevitable."

If I am re-elected, I will continue to try to be a voice for the Tri-Lakes community as well as the Town of Monument and do my best to keep the people informed with clarity of decisions affecting all of us.

### Shea Medicott

In the past few months our community has faced many challenges, not the least of which has been the nearly successful placement of a drug treatment facility downtown and a proposed doubling of our water rate. These issues, and those like it, have the potential to directly impact our safety and the future of our beautiful town. I'm running for the board because I wish to protect our community and maintain the quality of life that we have come to expect. I believe that good government should be transparent, fiscally responsible and proactive in its communication with those that it serves. With your support, I hope to bring these qualities and viewpoint to the board this April 5.

### Kevin Sorenson

I am a family-oriented Christian man striving to do my part in society and to provide my family with a safe, beautiful place to live. I want to help Monument remain a town where small businesses thrive and families can expect a high quality of life. I believe in protecting our homes, churches, parks, and schools from influences that would damage the value and reputation of our town.

I expect people to treat each other with respect and fairness, to take responsibility for their actions, and to consider what is best for the entire community, even when this is difficult for individuals. When we do this together, I know that we can make the right decisions, regardless of our different backgrounds and opinions.

We, the citizens of Monument, are the town's greatest resource, and I know we can succeed together at making Monument a better place!

### Becki Tooley

Monument is the heart and soul of the Tri-Lakes region, in my opinion. I believe the role of trustee is to be an advocate for our families and to facilitate Monument town improvements that support those families. There are several issues facing our region that I hear about from local businesses and constituents, but the top two issues are water and the improvement of parks and open space. The timing is right to come together as a community to implement a plan to address these issues.

The role of trustee should be to bring all the local municipalities, residents, and businesses together to reach our common goals. I humbly ask for your vote so that I can work hard for you to set those action items, continue to keep an active dialogue with all parties and nurture our community for future generations. Thank you.

### Don Wilson

I was raised in Littleton and am a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. My wife, son, and I moved to Monument about two years ago. Immediately, we fell in love with our friendly neighbors, the special events, and the small town feel.

As I experience and learn more about the town, I have taken a great interest in the politics of Monument. I am running for town trustee to make a difference. I want the residents of Monument to have a say in what is going on in their town. I want them to be informed while things are happening, not after the fact. When things have to be changed immediately and drastically overnight it is costly and painful to the community. I feel the public should be able to have options and answers, without having to search for the questions first. ■

### Palmer Lake Town Council, Feb. 11

## New fire chief and police chief sworn in

By James Howald

The Palmer Lake Town Council met on Feb. 11 and cancelled their second meeting, originally scheduled for Feb. 25.

The Town Council swore in new chiefs for the fire and police departments, updated a pair of ordinances, reviewed the budget reserves, and heard presentations from County Commissioner Sallie Clark and Deputy Chief of Operations for Emergency Management R.C. Smith.

### Brent Newton and Jason Vanderpool take oaths of office

Brent Newton was sworn in as the town's new fire chief, and Jason Vanderpool was sworn in as the town's new police chief. Vanderpool served as the town's acting police chief for a year before becoming the police chief, according to Deputy Clerk Bob Radosevich.

### Chicken discussion continues

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## Now Open! 2016 MVEA BOARD NOMINATIONS

Mountain View Electric Association, Inc.'s (MVEA) 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting is being held on June 2, 2016, at Falcon High School in Falcon. At this meeting two directors will be elected to MVEA's Board of Directors from the following districts:

**District 3:** Elbert and surrounding areas to include a portion of the Black Forest (Incumbent Errol Hertneky)

**District 5:** Ellicott, Fountain, Falcon and surrounding areas (Incumbent Bud Paddock)

The procedure for Director Elections & Member Voting is available on MVEA's website at [www.mvea.coop/community/annual-meeting](http://www.mvea.coop/community/annual-meeting).

If you are interested in being a candidate, please contact a member of the nominating committee, see committee members below. A candidate must be a MVEA member and reside in the district where there is a vacancy. For additional candidate requirements: visit [www.mvea.coop/community/annual-meeting](http://www.mvea.coop/community/annual-meeting), click on "By-laws," and go to "Article III, Section 2." Before applying, please contact either MVEA office at 719-775-2861 or 719-495-2283 to verify your district.

A member may also petition for nomination. Petitions and procedures are available at the Limon Headquarters, 1655 5th St., Limon; or at the Falcon Operations Center, 11140 E. Woodmen Rd, Falcon, or online at [www.mvea.coop/community/annual-meeting](http://www.mvea.coop/community/annual-meeting). Petitions must be signed by 15 members of MVEA and returned to either MVEA office by 5:30 p.m., Monday, April 18, 2016. A candidate questionnaire must be completed for either nomination by the committee or nomination by petition. This questionnaire can be found on MVEA's website or you may pick one up at either office. If you have questions, please contact a member of the nominating committee. Candidate questionnaires must be received by the nominating committee by 5:30 p.m., Thursday, March 31, 2016 for the committee's consideration. If you are petitioning for nomination, the candidate application must be submitted to either MVEA office with your petition no later than 5:30 p.m., Monday, April 18, 2016.

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