

Hiring search for town clerk debated

Town Manager Chris Lowe said that the town began accepting applications for a new town clerk on Feb. 15. “We received and reviewed 47 applications prior to conducting interviews. The top six candidates were invited to interview with a panel that consisted of city clerks from Castle Rock, Fountain, and Foxfield. The top three candidates from that round of interviews were invited back to a second round of interviews with a panel that consisted of Mayor Pro Tem Wilson, Trustee Elliott, and myself.”

He said the candidate that performed the best throughout the selection process was Laura Hogan, who is currently the town’s code enforcement officer and deputy clerk.

Trustee Greg Coopman initiated a 40-minute discussion regarding the “agreeable way to proceed on narrowing down the search for the town clerk.” He said, in part, “This board did not have the opportunity to participate in establishing what we wanted the hiring criteria and guidelines, process, procedure, etc., to look like.... This was not labeled as the final step in the process.... This board was not in the loop.”

Trustee Dennis Murphy said he did not like how the process had worked either, although he had not spoken up about it at the March 6 meeting. Bornstein said he was embarrassed about the whole situation, “This is why I didn’t want to come to this meeting tonight.”

Wilson, Elliott, and Kaiser all offered countering viewpoints on the intention of the discussion from the March 6 meeting.

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Residents Nancy Swearengen and Maggie Williamson voiced support for the process and berated some of the board for “micromanaging” the staff. Town Treasurer Pamela Smith said it was the same process that had been used for at least 12 years and, “It would be a miscarriage of justice ... to not appoint a town clerk tonight.”

New town clerk appointed

Bornstein made a motion to appoint Hogan to be the new town clerk. The motion was seconded by most of the trustees simultaneously and approved unanimously. Kaiser congratulated Hogan on her appointment, and the audience cheered.



Fuel Church is hosting a special activity for kids on Easter, April 16. While the adults are enjoying a meaningful Easter service, the children will be engaging in a multi-sensory walk through the Easter morning journey including games, activities, crafts, and an interactive drama.

5:00 pm—Free donuts and coffee
5:30 pm-7:15 pm—Easter program

New Location:
Fuel Church, 5805 Mark Dabling Blvd, Suite 120, COS 80919
www.fuelchurch.org



Hogan will be sworn in at the April 3 meeting by a notary or a municipal judge.

Commercial groups will be allowed at Monument Lake

Public Works Director Tom Tharnish pre-

sented an ordinance Amending Section 12.28 of Monument municipal code relative to park and recreation areas, saying that there have been numerous requests for commercial use of the lake from paddle board rental companies to summer

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HALL of FAME
NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS

Lewis-Palmer School District #38 is now accepting nominations from the community for inductees to the 2017 Hall of Fame. Anyone may nominate a person who has made significant, ongoing contributions to the excellence of District 38 schools. The awards seek to honor former teachers, support staff, administrators, volunteers, elected officials, and community members. Application forms and information about how recipients are chosen are posted on the District website at www.lewispalmer.org under the Community Tab.

Deadline: April 28, 2017



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Upcoming
Events

- April 7:** 7-8 Grades: No Classes
- April 10 and April 12:** Community Open House-Long Term Planning
- April 14:** pK-12 Grades: No Classes
- April 14:** Lewis-Palmer High School Prom
- April 20-22:** Lewis-Palmer High School Theatre Production “The Giver”
- April 20:** Monthly Board of Education Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- April 22:** Palmer Ridge High School Prom

Teacher Spotlight: Georgia McCabe



Georgia McCabe teaches fourth grade at Bear Creek Elementary School. She has taught in Lewis-Palmer School District for 22 years and has been in education for 37 years. Georgia earned her elementary education and special education degree from Dowling College in New York. Her husband’s career has taken their family to California (Redondo Beach), Williams AFB in Arizona, Space Command at the Air Force Academy, Penn State, and now, back to Colorado.

Georgia’s classroom activities reflect her sense of fun. She’s perfected the Minion Mutant Munchkin Monkeys, her petrified cupcake collection, McCabe Mondays, and provided “extra homework” for her students. This extra homework consists of taking care of mom – helping with chores and administering backrubs. McCabe Mondays involve treats for random acts of kindness. The students in the Math Club also get special attention determining how many lights and stars cover their teacher’s Christmas Tree Hair.

Georgia’s humor was encouraged at an early age. She refers to herself as lucky #7. She grew up with six sisters and three brothers, some of whom still reside in her Idaho hometown. Her mother showed a sense of humor when naming her girls: Georgia’s maiden name is Brown. Once, Georgia made a collect call, and the operator didn’t believe that Georgia Brown was calling her sister Molly Brown.

As Georgia nears retirement, she thinks her new career might involve the circus.