

earlier in the year. After a brief review, the board accepted the April financials and meeting minutes.

Chiefs' reports

Burns announced that Penrose-St. Francis Hospital had honored DWFPD with an appreciation plaque for helping the hospital rank among America's 50 best hospitals. Burns thanked Capt. Sean Pearson for going above and beyond in coordinating the DWFPD and North Group fire trainings. Burns remarked that Pearson adds many hours to his regular duties in keeping the fire professionals of the district and surrounding agencies trained and up-to-date. Burns recognized the generous gift of a treadmill donated by Volunteer Firefighter/EMT George Laugensen.

Burns thanked the staff, volunteers, and vendors who participated in making the May 13 Safety Fair a success. An estimated 350 people attended the fair, and children from Antelope Trails Elementary School were eligible to submit entries in a safety message drawing contest. The winners were: first grade, Charlie (last name unknown); second grade, Abby Lance; third grade, Alyson Fisher; and fourth grade, Keira Armenta. The winning pictures are posted at <https://www.instagram.com/p/BUKwTrgltB/>.

Burns noted events scheduled for May that included a Fire Mitigation Chipping Clean-up Day at the Pleasant View Social Club, the Gleneagle North Home

Owners Association Clean-up Weekend, and the Live Fire Training at the former Gleneagle Golf Course clubhouse. The Gands Development Co. generously donated the clubhouse for the firefighters to hone readiness skills and test equipment. The burn exercise allows firefighters to gain experience in a structure built with less mature lumber and rapidly deteriorating support systems, and filled with present-day furnishings typically made of synthetics and petroleum-based materials. The event was cancelled due to weather. If the live burn is rescheduled, information will be posted at <http://wescottfire.org/gleneagle-golf-club-live-fire-update/>.

Burns ended his report with a request to post the Pinnacle study and the DWFPD Mill Levy Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) documents on the district's website. The board unanimously approved the chief's request.

Assistant Chief Scott Ridings said April 2016 calls totaled 188 and April 2017 calls totaled 260, an increase of 38 percent. DWFPD responded to four fires, three of which were mutual aid responses with Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District (TLMFPD). The chief's Incident Type Report Summary listed 143 calls under Rescue and Emergency Medical Service Incident (126 of which were designated EMS calls, excluding a vehicle accident with injury) and 105

calls under Good Intent Call (102 of which were dispatched and canceled en route). One call was designated as a police matter and the remaining seven were listed under False Alarm and False Call. Ridings stated that the district anticipates an increase in call volume of 10-15 percent in the summer months.

The next Donald Wescott Fire Protection

District Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on June 20 at Station 1, 15415 Gleneagle Drive. Please call (719) 488-8680, a non-emergency number, for more information, or visit www.wescottfire.org. The district is also on Facebook and Twitter.

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