

a dedicated school resource officer. He also received a check for \$200.

Stephens read a proclamation naming the new Monument Park space, an apple orchard beside the Santa Fe Trail near Third Street, as the DeLos T. Barnhart Orchard. Barnhart moved to Monument in 1898 as a railroad section foreman and lived here for over 40 years. He was instrumental in building the town's first dependable well and water distribution system after two daughters nearly died from typhoid fever. Town Gardener Cassie Olgren said the apple trees were paid for by a grant from Colorado Tree Coalition.

Median panhandling safety discussion

During its July 16 meeting, the BOT heard public comments from residents Barb and David Betzler, who asked the board to consider the issue of panhandling in the town. Specifically, they were concerned over the safety of panhandlers in town medians, as well as the safety of motorists driving next to them. At tonight's meeting, the board directed Corley to draft an ordinance, and Coopman suggested using a recent similar ordinance enacted

by the City of Colorado Springs as a guide. The board consensus was to put the draft ordinance work in Corley's hands for presentation at a future meeting.

The board went into executive session to discuss the purchase or acquisition of any real property. When they returned to regular session, Coopman instructed Corley to draft an ordinance for the sale of right-of-way property in accordance with El Paso County's appraisal. Trustee Bornstein was absent, so the motion was approved 4-1.

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Monument Academy is a charter school established in 1996 and is located at 1150 Village Ridge Pt. Monument CO, 80132



Monument Academy

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

School Nurse Janice Latendresse, MSN, RN, NCSN

Nurse Janice is in her 7th year as MA's school nurse. She holds a master's degree and is part of the 3% of nationally board certified school nurses in Colorado.

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In 2017, Nurse Janice trained all 116 8th grade students to become certified in American Heart Association CPR/AED.

She is adjunct faculty at UCCS in the College of Nursing in the summer months.

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