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In response to many requests for fire mitigation in-

spections, Truty said the district would dedicate two days a month to inspections.

Office Manager Jennifer Martin said the district expressed thanks for donations to its first responders. The Church at Woodmoor gave \$100, Papa Murphy's donated \$452, and Harland and Nancy Teskey, local residents, gave \$200.

Martin said the district also thanked the Tri-Lakes Women's Club for donating three rowing machines for fire personnel use.

*Donald Wescott Fire Protection District, July 16*

## Wildfire mitigation work continues

*By Lisa Hatfield*

On July 16, Donald Wescott Fire Protection District board members moved ahead in the process to request a mill levy increase from voters, approved the 2012 audit results, and learned about continuing fuel mitigation efforts in the district. Tanner Finnicum was sworn in as a new full member volunteer.

The absence of Chairman Scott Campbell was excused, and Director Harland Baker chaired the meeting.

### District to request mill levy ballot issue

The Wescott board voted unanimously to approve Resolution 2013-002, authorizing the district to ask the county to include a measure on the November ballot asking Wescott voters to approve an increase in the property tax levy from 7 mills to 11 mills. The wording of the ballot question has not yet been determined.

The next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 28, in the Administration Center at 166 Second St. in Monument. For further information regarding this meeting, contact Martin at 719-484-0911.

*Bernard Minetti may be contacted at [bernardminetti@ocn.me](mailto:bernardminetti@ocn.me).*

Administrative Assistant Cheryl Marshall was unanimously approved as the designated election official.

### Chief's report

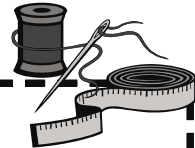
"The phone is ringing off the hook" for fuel mitigation inspection requests for residents, Chief Vinny Burns said. Residents along several streets in Wescott have requested use of the district's chipper to help them deal with the slash from fuel mitigation in their neighborhoods. Wescott volunteers bring the chipper and give a safety briefing to residents who then do the manual labor.

Assistant Chief Scott Ridings explained that Wescott has a 20-year mitigation plan in progress, including the extension of the shaded fuel break that runs through the center of the district. He hopes to find more funds to extend it west of Highway 83 and at the south end of Fox Run Park.

The district is applying for more grant money for

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