

learning that accommodates students' diverse learning styles. I've heard taxpayers who believe they have no say in education decisions. I aim to regain residents' trust and support for the district.

Matthew Clawson

- Background: BS-Brigham Young University, JD-University of Denver, MBA-University of Colorado; partner in a local law firm. Member of LPSD 38

school board (appointed 8/2015), four children in the district since 2010. Former president and executive vice president of Pikes Peak Boy Scouts of America Council overseeing about 10,000 youths and 4,000 adult volunteers; United Way and the Boys/Girls Clubs of America. Colorado native and second generation school board member.

- Top issues: Colorado education budget is a long-term

issue between lawmakers and school districts. The D-38 board/superintendent must focus on the highest student achievement with available resources. Funds need to be focused on our teachers/classrooms that are the key to a quality education for our children. Children should be the focus of all district policies, decisions, and programs. ■

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Monument BOT Sept. 21 (Cont. from page 1)

Steven Dawes regarding the lawsuit filed against the town and all the members of the Board of Trustees and Board of Adjustment both as officials and as individuals. See related Sept. 8 Board of Trustees article on page 11. When the public meeting resumed at 8:42 p.m., the trustees did not make any announcements about their discussion.

Trustees Kelly Elliott and Jeff Smith left the meeting after the executive session.

Illegal drug operation: five arrests made, four stolen autos recovered

Shirk reported on multiple incidents involving the Monument Police Department recently and commented that over the last few months, Monument has seen a significant increase in crime that is more violent and involves armed drug dealers.

He thanked citizens for reporting several incidents of suspicious behavior about a home on Fourth Street. He

said because of investigations into those citizen reports between Aug. 31 and Sept. 12, five people were arrested for violations related to the possession and distribution of narcotics, weapons violations, and possession of stolen property, including four stolen vehicles. A search warrant of the property revealed a large quantity of methamphetamine, multiple types of other illegal drugs including marijuana, heroin, mushrooms, cocaine, various prescription drugs packed for illegal distribution, stolen license plates, and various firearms.

In a separate incident on Sept. 3, Shirk said that multiple .40-caliber shots were fired at Limbach Park around midnight and police investigated thoroughly. Shirk expressed regret that one potential witness who saw the shooting and people in the area that night did not contact police with information that might have made the difference in the outcome of that case. "If you see something, call us!" Shirk said.

Other recent incidents included:

- Aug. 26: Felony menacing at Monument Lake. Two adults and one juvenile were arrested.
- Aug. 30: Traffic stop for a broken taillight resulted in the arrest of a man for outstanding warrants and possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute heroin and methamphetamine.
- Sept. 5: An unconscious female in the bathroom of King Soopers was determined to have overdosed on narcotics and had a felony warrant out for her arrest.
- Sept. 12: Officers arrested one male for felony menacing with a handgun at the skate park on Beacon Lite Road.

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