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SCSO gives update in 2017 case of missing LaBarge woman

SUBLETTE COUNTY – New developments have occurred in the missing person case of Vanessa “Nessy” Sue Orren, which began in January 2017, according to the Sublette County Sheriff’s Office.

The sheriff’s office first received the report that Orren, 61, of La Barge was missing. An investigation for her has been ongoing ever since as the sheriff’s office entered her information into both the National Crime Information Center and National Missing and Unidentified Persons System as a missing person.

Recently, Sublette County detectives obtained a search warrant to search the property belonging to Darrell “Pete” Petry for any evidence relating to Orren’s disappearance. That search warrant was executed on June 19, according to information provided by the sheriff’s office, with assistance from NecroSearch, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming Game and Fish, Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office and the Wyoming Highway Patrol.

During the multi-day execution of that search warrant, Petry left the property and was found deceased on June 22 by deputies in the Sublette County Sheriff’s Office and Wyoming Highway Patrol. An investigation into his death is being investigated by the sheriff’s office. The sheriff’s office determined Petry’s death to be self-inflicted and no foul play is suspected.

All entities continue searching for Orren and her case is ongoing.

Those with any information related to Orren’s disappearance is requested to contact the Sublette County Sheriff’s Office Detective Division at 307-367-4378.

Firing out the gates



BRADY OLTMANS PHOTO

Elan Smith competes in the senior bareback riding division during the Chuckwagon Days Youth Rodeo at the Sublette County Fairgrounds on July 3. That event started the Fourth of July festivities around Big Piney and Marbleton, and marked a checkpoint in the Sublette County rodeo season.

SCRHCD starts dissolving *Dr. Fitzsimmons’ resignation accepted*

By Robert Galbreath, rgalbreath@subletteexaminer.com

PINEDALE – In 30 days the Sublette County Rural Health Care District, in existence since 1987, will officially dissolve.

The full board voted to begin the dissolution process at a special meeting held via Zoom on Wednesday, June 30.

Chairman Mike Pompy opened the session with a request for a motion to accept a resolution as represented that the SCRHCD had determined it was “in the best interest of the inhabitants of Sublette County” for the SCRHCD to “be dissolved and liquidated.” The resolution is required by Wyoming State statute.

The five trustees – Lynn Bernard, Sam Bixler, Kari DeWitt, Pompy and Marti Seipp – all voted in favor of the motion.

Next, the board voted to approve a document called “findings of fact for dissolution,” also necessary under state statute. The findings of fact lists and describes any property acquired for delinquent taxes along with the estimated cost of dissolution and

outstanding bonds coupons or indebtedness.

The motion to adopt the findings of fact passed unanimously.

The trustees then unanimously voted to approve the district’s plan to transfer and convey all assets, obligations, responsibilities, duties and policies to the Sublette County Hospital District.

Both SCRHCD and Hospital District boards passed motions during regular meetings on June 16 for the Hospital District to accept the SCRHCD’s obligations, responsibilities, duties and policies starting July 1, the beginning of the fiscal year.

The board also voted to adopt a final resolution to initiate dissolution proceedings for the SCRHCD as required by statute to dissolve in 30 days. The board will continue to exist in name only for the duration of that time.

The board’s attorney, Rachel Weksler, confirmed that the dissolution papers were signed by chairman Mike Pompy and filed

with the Sublette County clerk on Thursday, July 1.

SCRHCD trustees will present the formal dissolution papers to the Board of Sublette County Commissioners for its final approval at the commissioners’ next meeting on July 6, Weksler added.

Pompy thanked Weksler and the trustees for their support and work over the last few months during an unprecedented process.

The SCRHCD board took one final action before adjourning. Following a brief executive session to discuss personnel, the trustees voted to accept the resignation of Dr. Brendan Fitzsimmons and the terms of his confidential separation agreement with the SCRHCD.

“The SCRHCD greatly appreciates Dr. Fitzsimmons’ commitment to his patients for approximately and his dedication to the Sublette County community,” the board wrote in a statement. “We wish him the best of luck with his future endeavors.”

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