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MEETINGS

Town of Norwood government meetings, documents, calendar at norwoodtown.com

ENTERTAINMENT, EDUCATION & EVENTS

NATIVE PLANT CLASSES: June 23 and July 28, \$20, call Colorado State University Extension Office at 327-4393 or email marw@sanmiguelcountyco.gov

MEET THE MUSTANGS: June 23, San Miguel Basin Fairgrounds, with Mustang Maddy and her mustangs and zebra, visit www.mustangfevertour.com for tickets

FAIR AND RODEO: July 15-23, San Miguel Basin Fairgrounds

FARM & CRAFT MARKET: Saturdays through Sept. 30, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Pocket Park

FRESH FOOD HUB: Free yoga Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7-8 p.m.; Saturdays, 8-9 a.m.; and Sundays, 4:30 to 5:45 p.m.

NORWOOD PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT: Free open gym activities, see NPRD Facebook page for schedule

TRI-COUNTY HEALTH NETWORK: Help with health insurance, Medicaid and CHP+ available. Call 708-7096 for more information.

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LOG CABIN MUSEUM: open Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. or by

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Town's new truck

Norwood's Town Trustee Kerry Welch stands in celebration with Mayor Kieffer Parrino, Trustee Candy Meehan and Public Works Director Tim Lippert. The town received its new plow truck last week. Lippert said the truck will make maintenance more efficient in Norwood. (Photo by Regan Tuttle)

GOVERNMENT

Norwood officials approve lot sizes

Also, new plow truck delivered to town

By REGAN TUTTLE
Editor

At the Town of Norwood's monthly meeting June 14, Town Planner Cindy Chapin recommended that the right to develop lots in the Homestead subdivision continue. The lots there are 5,000 square feet.

Chapin said Homestead lots were inadvertently set below the 7,500-square-foot minimum several years ago. Trustees agreed to continue the exception for construction on the lots. They said it was preferable to preventing development there.

Chapin said the town attorney, Herb McHarg, also had reviewed the recommendation. In the end, trustees approved an extension of development of the nonconforming lots.

Trustees also approved the special-use permit for alcohol sales at the Livery's live music events on June 30 and Aug. 11. Arts, Community & Education board member Liza Tanguay said the upcoming concerts would end before midnight.

Town Administrator Patti Grafmyer said the town has received a signed contract from the state Department of Local Affairs for funding of the raw water project. SGM water engineers came to Norwood last Thursday for a site visit.

Grafmyer said that the town is discussing with San Miguel County officials the option of sharing the trenching for raw water to include fiber cable for broadband internet lines.

"The county wants to anchor

to institutions for broadband," she said. "The clinic, school, library, Summit Street, the county building too. We need to sit down with them and talk to their engineer about depth."

Grafmyer said County Administrator Lynn Black would like to come to Norwood to speak to trustees about collaboration for the project. At this point, Grafmyer said she's not sure which entity — the town or county — will pay for the broadband conduit.

The U.S. Forest Service has announced public meetings for their revision plans in July. Those meetings will be held in Telluride and Ouray, and Grafmyer said Norwood's town trustees also were invited to attend

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NUCLA

STUDENTS COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION OF WHEEL-CHAIR RAMP

Kids are happy to help their community

SPECIAL TO THE POST

After putting in a combined total of over 100 volunteer hours, Nucla High School students Cheyenne Joseph, Taryn Sicksels, Caitlyn Littlejohn and Faith Morgan screwed in the last balusters, secured the asphalt floor coating and stabilized the concrete walkway of the wheelchair ramp they spent their Fridays and Saturdays building for the past two months.

The students are volunteers for Tri-County Health Network's Bridging Generations Project, which is building ramps for West End community members with limited mobility. The project got its start after a concerned TCHNetwork employee brought to TCHNetwork's attention that there were many individuals who would greatly benefit from wheelchair ramps in the West End. Those individuals could not obtain ramps due to financial limitations; each ramp costs upwards of \$1,000 just for supplies.

The Nucla volunteers said they were happy to dedicate their time and energy into providing mobility support for their neighbor, so the woman could maintain her independence.

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COMMUNITY

'Build a Better World'

Library in summer swing for kids, adults

By REGAN TUTTLE
Editor

Summer programming at the Lone Cone Library is in full swing, and library representatives hope that children and adults will consider participating in the new schedule.

Every summer, the state issues a theme for public libraries to celebrate, and this year it's "Build a Better World." Library program coordinator Johanna Owen said she and library staff have chosen materials and activities that relate to the statewide theme.

Owen said the library is proud to present various classes on

food, art, crafts, science and more.

"All programs are free," she said. "The goal is to provide educational programs to the community for free as we see as being relevant to their interests."

She said she's especially excited about the July 13 event, a collaboration with the Norwood Dark Sky Community.

Brady Barkemeyer, a Norwood High School graduate who is now attending the Univer-

sity of Colorado, will discuss his study in aerospace. After his presentation, all are welcome to participate in a potluck dinner and a viewing of the night sky via telescope observation.

Owen said other fun activities are scheduled throughout the summer, including pie-making with Betty Greager.

The early literacy group for kids in preschool through first grade will have a weekly story time followed by an outdoor ac-

tivity, one that includes movement and tactile learning. That happens on Thursdays from 9-11 a.m.

Owen said library staffers are hoping that parents will inspire their children to pick up books this summer and continue to read. Summer reading, she said, is very important for kids.

"For students, it's crucial in preventing the 'summer slide' and keeping up with reading level," she said.

The tweens (kids in second through sixth grades) are invited to meet on Fridays from 10 a.m.-noon. Teens (in seventh through

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Lot sizes

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the meetings if they wished. Additionally, a grant-writing seminar for the State Historical Fund is scheduled to take place in Norwood at the Livery. Grafmyer and Barbara Youngblood, president of the Wright's Mesa Historical Society, will attend the event. According to Grafmyer, the seminar could be beneficial to support historical structures within the town of Norwood.

Grafmyer said she wanted all trustees to understand the work that has been put into Norwood's Pocket Park, at the corner of Grand Avenue and Lucerne Street. She said Mary Olson donated more than 20 hours and has been accompanied by Town Clerk Gretchen Wells and Pam Cossey, who also each donated 20 hours. Grafmyer said keeping track of the work completed in the park is necessary. At some point, the town will need to pay for those hours.



Town Planner Cindy Chapin addresses town trustees regarding the Homestead subdivision lots. Trustees approved construction on the lots, even though they fall short of official minimum sizes. (Photo by Regan Tuttle)

Public Works Director Tim Lippert showcased the town's new plow truck at the June meeting. Lippert traveled to Denver last week to bring back the new vehicle that was purchased with trustees' approval earlier this spring. Lippert said the county is planning for chip-sealing of roads this year. Last year, weather prevented the work, and he said officials are now working

on an earlier start date for chip-sealing.

Weed spraying, he said, is off to a late start, but is now taking place.

Also at the monthly meeting for June, Town Marshal Mike Wilkerson said Norwood's law enforcement department has seen 149 incidents so far this year. He said the incidents include a variety of cases.

Library

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12th grades) meet on Wednesdays from 1-2 p.m.

The Lone Cone Library also hopes to create discussions within the adult community. Adults are invited to meet at the library on Thursdays from 6-8 p.m.

For all four age groups, an incentive program exists; all readers are encouraged to log their hours in order to receive end-of-the-season prizes. Children will receive a book for reading a certain number of hours, and adults will receive an Amazon gift card.

Additionally, the library will award grand prizes to the top readers in each grade level in the tween division. Those prizes are an Amazon Fire tablet, a 3Doodler (a 3D pen) or a waterproof action camera.

Summer reading began on the last day of school. It will end July 21.

Owen said donations are still

needed for some of the kids' programs. She said library staff are looking for reusable materials, like bags, tinsel, old decorations, cardboard boxes and other items. To reach Owen, call the Lone Cone Library at 327-4833.

She said the library is busier than usual since summer started. Young people who are not currently in school and especially travelers who are visiting or passing through Norwood are taking advantage of its resources.

Ramp

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Kids were also given the opportunity to expand learning opportunities outside of the conventional classroom setting. In fact, students were able to receive classroom credit in a variety of subjects for volunteering.

NHS principal Clint Wytulka has supported the project from the start. He said that all students learn differently and having opportunities for students to learn outside of the traditional classroom are essential for students to succeed.

Mike Epright, West End Public Schools Superintendent, is a strong advocate of the unique learning opportunities that such service projects provide.

"Involving students in community service projects develops behaviors in commitment, builds positive self-worth, provides hours of teamwork and collaboration and ultimately crafts a well-rounded student that excels in the classroom," he said. "Great things happen when good people do good things."

Retired aerospace engineer



Nucla High School students worked in collaboration with Len Spina, the school and Tri-County Health Network to compete construction of a wheelchair ramp for one local citizen. (Courtesy image)

Len Spina, who is also an active member of the West End Public Schools Board of Directors, donated his time, effort and tools to play a critical role in the building of the ramp. Spina started helping the Nucla students months ago, taking measurements at the recipient's home and creating the blueprint for the ramp.

Spina picked up supplies donated to TCHNetwork from Home Depot stores in Grand Junction and Montrose. He also offered up his home to be the initial construction site. Additionally, Spina shared his

knowledge of woodworking and his desire to give back to his community with the Nucla volunteers.

Tri-County Health Network is starting construction of a second ramp in June with the help of the True North Youth Program. Officials said they hope to continue to provide this service. Anyone who would like to donate to the wheelchair ramp cause or volunteer should contact Katie Mackay at 970-708-7096 or email vista.develop@tchnetwork.org.