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MEETINGS

TOWN BOARD: Second Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m., Norwood Community Center. Town of Norwood government meetings, documents, calendar at www.norwoodtown.com.

NORWOOD SCHOOL BOARD: Third Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m., Room 120 at NPS. Agenda at norwoodk12.org/Page/45.

NORWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Second Tuesday of the month, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Lone Cone Library. Visit norwood-colorado.com or the chamber's Facebook page for announcements and events.

NUCLA-NATURITA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Meets third Thursdays at 6:30 p.m., Naturita Visitor Center. Activities and schedule online at nucla-naturita.com or call 865-2530.

ENTERTAINMENT, EDUCATION & EVENTS

NOEL NIGHT: Dec. 1. Noel Night (and Saturday) Bazaar at the old hardware store, Shop Local month begins, Santa and more.

SENIOR COMMUNITY MEALS: Luncheons are Nov. 20, Dec. 4 and Dec.18 at noon at Norwood Community Center. Meals are free; donations accepted, to-go boxes available. For transportation, call 970-765-8336. To get on the reminder list or with questions, call 970-327-4288.

NORWOOD FOOD PANTRY: Distribution is each Friday from 3-6 p.m. at the annex building at the north end of the parking lot at Norwood School. Volunteers are always needed for unloading on Friday mornings. For more information and to volunteer, please call (631)901-3146, or email foodpantrynorwood@gmail.com.

NORWOOD PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT: Board meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Oliver House (1555 Summit St.) and/or via Zoom. More info at norwoodparkandrec.org or the NPRD Facebook page.

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RECREATION

Local couple donates \$53k for Norwood swimming pool

By ELLEN METRICK
Editor

Last week, the Lone Cone Legacy Trust announced that the long-talked-about Norwood swimming pool project had received new funding. With first a recreation task force and then the Norwood Park and Recreation District attempting over the past 20 or more years to get a strong, continuous flow of community support for a recreation center that includes a pool, this new fund is the closest Norwood has been, financially at least, to

actually moving forward.

Thanks to the generosity of a local couple, Lisa Foxwell and Paul Finley, owners of the Many Ponies Outfit horse ranch in Norwood, there is now \$53,000 in seed money to start a fund aimed at getting a pool built here.

"It will take a number of years but we need to get the public interested in it and excited," said

Foxwell. "Every journey starts with a single step."

The swimming pool fund will be administered by the Lone Cone Legacy Trust (LCLT), a community endowment established to support Norwood and Wright's Mesa, in conjunction with the Telluride Foundation. Foxwell serves on the LCLT Board of Directors.

In a separate and earlier ac-

tion in 2007, the Norwood Area Recreation District Task Force began organizing a series of community meetings toward creating a recreation center with a swimming pool. The Norwood Park and Recreation District was eventually formed in 2008, grants were written and monies received, and in a January 2010 article in the Norwood Post, NPRD was inviting the community to help finalize a master plan. It wasn't looking like a pool would happen any time soon, but it was, and is, listed as See **POOL**, Page 4

Lone Cone Legacy Trust will manage the fund



Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at their usual meet-up spot on The Divide Restaurant patio in Norwood on Noel Night, Dec. 1, from 3:30-6 p.m. "Wear warm clothes when you come out for the night's festivities," said Santa. (Courtesy photo)

NOEL NIGHT

Norwood Chamber of Commerce on the 'nice list'

Santa will be checking in with residents on Dec. 1

By ELLEN METRICK
Editor

While Santa keeps plenty busy year-around, it's the time of year to check in with kids the world over to see how they've been doing, and Santa and Mrs. Claus will be visiting Norwood on the Norwood Chamber of Commerce's Noel Night on Dec. 1 this year.

"We're ready to get going," said Santa. "I spend most of my year making sure Mrs. Claus is taken care of, and now I'm making sure everybody else is in good shape. The reindeer are getting extra alfalfa this year, since it's been such a great growing season."

Speaking of reindeer, said Santa, he's tried to have them with

him on Noel Night, but they're usually needing to just rest and eat. They won't be hanging out on the patio at The Divide Restaurant with him this year.

Mrs. Claus will be with him, however, sporting an outfit customized by Katie Alexander, The Coach's Mother who, along with her daughter Madison, helps with the "Nice List" and makes sure that Santa and Mrs. Claus have everything they need on their annual Norwood visit.

Santa invited kids and their parents to visit him and Mrs. Claus from 3:30-6 p.m. on Noel Night to say hello and to receive a gift bag, compliments of Santa and his local sponsors, of which there are several, including: Earth Tech / Tom and

Peggy Meehan, US Bank, Mary and Jim Fourney, Norwood Fire Department, Dr. Ryan Grady, Vince Egan and Leslie Sherlock, Dave and Katie Alexander, Madison and Brian DiPaola, the Joey Truelock Family, Amber Bockrath, San Miguel County Commissioners, Joanne and Jim Evans, The Divide Restaurant, Giggling Goat Farm, The Coach's Mother, Inc. and the Norwood Chamber of Commerce.

Santa said that the elves want children to remember Skyler Kelly, an elf who said, "When I grow up, I want to be known for giving more than receiving."

Fire engine rides will also start and end in front of The Divide's patio.

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COMMUNITY

WINTER IS A GOOD TIME TO EXPLORE SOMETHING NEW

NPRD's 'Try it Tuesdays' are back

NEWS RELEASE

Starting next week, Norwood Park and Recreation District (NPRD) is excited to offer the Try it Tuesday Winter Series programming, similar to its Summer 2023 Series.

"We are excited to offer this winter series, showcasing fabulous locals like Randy Crawford and his talent for leather work, Art Goodtimes and an explanation/how-to of those coil baskets he's always working on at public events, and a monthly square dancing night with passionate callers from Montrose," said NPRD Board Treasurer Daiva Chesonis.

This past weekend, Chesonis posted the entire Try it Tuesday Winter Series list on the NPRD Facebook page.

"As we jump in, we'll start breaking it out by month, making each Tuesday its own Facebook event so we can gauge interest with those 'Interested' or 'Going' buttons," said Chesonis.

The interest buttons will be helpful to the local specialists who are signed up to facilitate each event. Some will be ordering craft or other materials for their evenings, and it will enable them to gauge numbers.

More detailed information about each Tuesday, like specialist bios, will be forthcoming with each event description.

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Letters

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DEAR EDITOR:

I just returned home, along with other ranching families, from our annual Colorado Farm Bureau Convention in Denver. The convention is a reunion of long-time acquaintances, with education, information and a chance to influence policy from the county level and up. Colorado ranchers and farmers provide us with the most magnificent landscapes in the world and provide us with nourishing food and the fiber to clothe us.

This morning, looking out of my east- or west-facing picture windows, I am once again awed by the beauty that surrounds us. Either direction would make a beautiful piece of art.

All of us that live on Wright's Mesa are truly blessed and I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving!

TERRI LAMERS

NOMINATE A HERO WHO SERVES OUR WESTERN COLORADO COMMUNITY

DEAR EDITOR:

Each year, the American Red Cross of Colorado and Wyoming honors local community members for their extraordinary acts of courage, kindness, dedication

and service to the community. These heroes are then recognized at our annual American Red Cross Rocky Mountains Heroes Soirée on March 16, 2024.

Last year, the Red Cross honored Howard Yazzie, a Diné Vietnam Veteran and a Navajo Elder from the Indigenous Wellbriety program in Cortez with the Life Changing Hero Award.

Recognizing local heroes is a rewarding and moving experience, and having the chance to celebrate those heroes publicly throughout our community and honor their efforts are the highlight of the evening.

We need your help to find these extraordinary individuals.

If you have someone you would like to nominate, please visit redcross.org/colorado.

Hero Nominee Criteria: Nominees must have responded to a situation with an act of courage, extraordinary compassion or life-saving actions.

The events must have occurred in the last 18 months.

The nominee must be from Colorado or Wyoming. The event may have happened elsewhere.

Nominations are due by Dec. 11, 2023.

Thank you!

CHRISTIE CASTER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AMERICAN
RED CROSS OF WESTERN COLORADO

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Outdoors by design

Last Tuesday, the landscape architect firm Design Concepts presented Lone Cone Library's draft master plan for the outdoor space to the community. Walter Nieuwlandt presented the site designs and Laura Fehrenbacher, immigrant affairs advocate for Tri-County Health, interpreted. The schematics are currently displayed in the library lobby. Patrons may make comments on the design through Dec. 1 either in the lobby or during Noel Night. (Photo by Ellen Metrick)

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NEWS IN BRIEF

SAN MIGUEL COUNTY INTERESTED IN WATER?

San Miguel County is accepting letters of interest for appointments to the Southwestern Water Conservation District (SWCD) Board of Directors. The post opened when longtime SWCD board member Jenny Russell resigned.

The SWCD was created by the Colorado General Assembly to protect, conserve, use and develop the water resources of the San Juan and Dolores River Basins for the welfare of all the inhabitants and safeguard for Colorado all waters to which the state is entitled. The Board of Directors is appointed by the County Commissioners in each county that has all, or part, of its boundaries within SWCD's District. These counties include Montrose County, San Miguel County, Hinsdale County, Mineral County, Montezuma County, La Plata County and Archuleta County. Directors are appointed for a three-year term.

Please send letters of interest no later than Dec. 7, 2023, by 5 p.m.

CARBONDALE TEMPORARY SHELTER

Samuel Bernal and Jennifer Brown reported in the Colorado Sun on Nov. 14 that local officials and nonprofit workers in the Carbondale area stepped in to help a group of about 80 Venezuelans who have been sheltering in tents and cars near a bridge over the Roaring Fork River in Carbondale. Housing options in the region are severely limited.

Most of the migrants arrived in Denver over the past few months on buses from the Texas-Mexico border, then, based on word of mouth, bought cheap vehicles or found rides to Carbondale because they heard there was better-paying work in the mountains.

For now, the Venezuelans are keeping warm at night in the Third Street Center, a hub for nonprofits, which so far has set no limit on how many nights it will house the migrants.

SOUTHEAST COLORADO HOG, WILD

The University of Georgia Center for Invasive Species and Ecosystem Health has been tracking

feral hog sightings with their Early Detection and Distribution Mapping System (EDDMapS). Feral hogs were spotted in three Colorado counties. Four reports were from Baca County, one from Las Animas County and one from Mesa County.

Colorado shares borders with states where wild boar populations are more established. Boars may roam in from those neighboring states, but it is rare, as Colorado Parks and Wildlife works to keep these populations in check.

Wild hogs are one of the most destructive invasive animal species in the U.S. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, hogs cause approximately \$2.5 billion in agricultural damages each year.

The animal's range has expanded more westward and northward over time. States like California, Hawaii, and Michigan have fairly large feral hog populations.

WASHINGTON, DC GRATEFUL FOR BOOKS

The 2024 Grateful American Book Prize is now accepting submissions for non-fiction, fiction, or biographies suitable for seventh to ninth graders, published between Aug. 1, 2023, and July 31, 2024.

"Over the past several decades schools have gradually de-emphasized history in the classroom with the result that kids today do not know who George Washington and Benjamin Franklin were," said David Bruce Smith, Cofounder of the prize. "At the behest of, and in collaboration with the late Dr. Bruce Cole, the former Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, we established the prize as an incentive for authors and publishers to focus on history for young readers. As Dr. Cole said, 'We are a country of historical amnesiacs,' and perhaps historical 'page turners' for kids may be just what the doctor ordered."

The Prize comes with a \$13,000 cash award in commemoration of the 13 original Colonies, a lifetime membership at the New York Historical Society, and a medallion created by Smith's mother, the renowned artist, Clarice Smith.

Honorable Mention recipients receive a cash award of \$500 each, and the medallion.



Serving those who have served

Older by far than anyone in the room, the Marine Corps turned 248 this month. A dwindling group of local Marine Corps members celebrated the birthday on Nov. 10, at The Divide Restaurant with a cake donated by Mesa Rose Kitchen + Grocery. Clockwise, from one o'clock: Bob Hardman, Shirley and Bill Littlejohn, Josh Johnson, Vivian Groathouse, George Steele and Vince Egan. (Courtesy photo)

AGRICULTURE

Removing barriers, making space for next generation farmers

By ERIC GALATAS
Colorado News Connection

As Congress drafts the next Farm Bill, the National Young Farmers Coalition calls on lawmakers to tackle climate disruptions and racial equity by investing in the next generation of the nation's food producers.

Erin Foster West, water director for the coalition, said in addition to the high cost of land, new farmers in Colorado and across the nation find it difficult to access federal conservation funding. She said that young farmers are ready to get to work.

"Young farmers are already including conservation, climate mitigation and climate adaptation into their farms and ranches,"

West said. "Eighty-three percent of young farmers say that one of their farm's primary purposes is to engage in conservation."

Agriculture contributes 10% of the nation's climate pollution, but farms are also in a unique position to make change.

The coalition hopes to right some of the wrongs experienced by farmers of color, who have historically faced discriminatory practices, many of which removed them from their land.

They also urge Congress to extend funding for community-led farmland access, retention, and transition projects. West said current policies can help farmers access funding, with some adjustments.

"Change an existing program

called the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) that is run by the U.S. Department of Agriculture," West said. "Make that so it could work better for small farms. There are some biases in that program; most of the funding goes to larger farms."

If Congress does not invest in removing barriers and making space for new farmers, West said that Americans will increasingly rely on food imports, sometimes from unstable regions. The nation's food security could be at risk when today's farmers retire.

"The average age of farmers is about 60 right now," West said. "It is a workforce that is aging, and there's not a workforce that is ready to step in."

HOME SAFETY

Tips for winter generator usage

NEWS RELEASE

When electricity goes out due to snow and ice, a generator can keep power flowing to a home or business, and the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI), an international trade association representing manufacturers and suppliers of outdoor power equipment and related machines, reminds home and business owners to keep safety in mind when using generators.

"Not having power when you need it is frustrating, so a generator can provide emergency backup power at a reasonable cost," says Kris Kiser, President and CEO of OPEI. "It's important to follow all manufacturer's instructions, and never place a genera-

tor in your garage or inside your home or building. It should be a safe distance from the structure and not near an air intake."

Equipment should be in good working order before starting and using it. It's best to check before a storm hits. Owners manuals are online, allowing owners to read all manufacturer's instructions.

Battery-operated carbon monoxide detectors should be installed in homes and businesses.

Fuel should be fresh and of the type recommended by the generator manufacturer. It is illegal to use any fuel with more than 10% ethanol in outdoor power equipment. For more information on proper fueling for outdoor power equipment, visit www.LookBeforeYouPump.com.

Generators should be kept dry

with a vented cover.

Generators should be cool when fuel is added.

Charge and use battery-powered generators/inverters properly. Recharge only with the charger specified by the manufacturer.

Install a transfer switch, or plug in appliances directly to the generator. If an extension cord is required, it should be in three-pronged, in good shape, heavy-duty, designed for outdoor use and be rated (in watts or amps) at least equal to the sum of the connected appliance loads.

Do not use the generator to "backfeed" power into a home electrical system. Utility workers and neighbors served by the same transformer could be injured. Backfeeding can damage electronics or start an electrical fire.

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Norwood swimming pool

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 one of three long-term goals in that master plan.

In early 2010, NPRD's immediate goal was to have community members look over the draft plan. John Mansfield, then board secretary, said, "Everyone wants a swimming pool. It's just not in the cards right now, financially."

The article went on to say, "And, instead of putting all the energy into a project that may take 10 or 20 years, the board is looking at what there is a current need for and that is affordable, like new, regulation baseball fields."

At the time, a community survey showed that a ball field was one of the top desired projects and that 44% of the kindergarten through eighth-grade youth in Norwood were enrolled in softball or baseball programs.

The new fields were created

in 2011 and new lighting was installed in 2012 for a project total of \$573,176, and NPRD checked off one of their five short-term goals in the approved master plan. The ball field was funded by NPRD's mill levy, Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) grant monies, Norwood School, and in-kind donations from local contractors.

Current NPRD Board President Liza Tanguay said that NPRD will be updating its master plan in 2024, with the assistance of Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) and CU Denver. Community surveys will commence after the holidays, said Tanguay, and added that the update has been delayed due to personnel/student availability shortages at CU Denver, but is now back on track, based on the board's most recent communication with CU Denver's Colorado Center for

Community Development.

"I hope that the fresh interest in a local swimming pool will spark action and energize Wright's Mesa people to take part in the NPRD Master Plan process. A pool is still on the radar," said Tanguay.

"The LCLT board intends to work with NPRD and the Telluride Foundation on this," said LCLT board member George Lewis. "The exact mechanics of how to move forward are to be determined."

In their press release about the new fund last week, LCLT wrote that members of the public who wish to donate to the pool project may send checks, marked with "swimming pool fund" in the memo line, to the Lone Cone Legacy Trust at P.O. Box 565, Norwood, CO 81423. All the money will be invested so that it can appreciate in value over time.

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Norwood Noel Night

NOEL NIGHT, from page 1

Noel Night revelers can expect to enjoy shopping at the holiday bazaar on both Noel Night and on Saturday, Dec. 2, at the old Ace Hardware building. Nearly 40 local vendors will be displaying their goods, including handmade candles, jewelry, blankets, leather goods, hats, local produce and meats, Christmas Decorations, photographs and more, plus kids' cookie decorating and family crafts upstairs and a Native America display. Doors will be open 4-8 p.m. on Friday and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Of course, it's not Noel Night without a light parade, and that

begins at 6:15 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 1. The parade line-up begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Norwood Community Center.

Wandering around in the cold makes for hungry revelers, and food will be available not only at the usual restaurants but also Norwood Ace Hardware, where there will be a bonfire in the parking lot and free burgers to all who make purchases during Noel Night from 3-6 p.m. Additionally, the chili cook-off event, at the pocket park on the corner of Lucerne Street and Grand Avenue, will offer a selection of flavors again this year. Participants can register and drop off their entries from 3:30-5 p.m.

The tasting is at 5 p.m.

Hay bale rides will be running between the pocket park and Ace Hardware from 3-6 p.m.

For those who want to sit in one place for a while, Norwood Park and Recreation District will host activities and a free movie at The Livery from 8-10:30 p.m.

Noel Night is also the beginning of Shop Local Month. Shoppers collect points by spending over \$40 at a time at participating local businesses. The winner will receive a Blackstone griddle.

And, as ever, Santa said, "Remind the kids to be good, be nice. It's not hard to be nice to people. And wear warm clothes."

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'Try it Tuesdays'

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The Winter Try it Tuesday Series will run from Nov. 28, 2023 through April 23, 2024.

The series begins with a square dancing event led by Montrose square dance callers Elaine Bartholomew and Mike Lee. Square dancing will be on the last Tuesday of each month, excepting December, during the series.

Some Tuesdays are still available for community members who have a passion or talent to share. It could be anything from calf roping to quilt making, from snow sculpture to dancing or drawing. Tuesday dates waiting for facilitators are: Jan. 2 and 9, March 12 and 19, April 9 and 16. Those interested in leading an evening of crafting, how-to or an

outdoor recreation opportunity may email their ideas to play@norwoodparkandrec.org.

Some of the more popular Summer 2023 Try it Tuesday sessions were Birding with George Steele, Olive Oil Tasting with Jenny Russell, Roping with Kendal Oakleaf Smith, Discgolf with Ashley and Americo, and casual open drumming sessions.

If the evening session is a craft or hands-on instruction, there may be a \$5 to \$10 materials fee. That information will be listed on the Facebook event page.

"The easiest practice, if you're just showing up at The Livery any random Tuesday, is to have a fiver or ten-spot in your pocket for the donation jar," said Chesonis.

For example, Dec. 5 will be

Christmas gift tags with Mande Shirely. On December 12, Art Goodtimes will lead a basket weaving session. And, on Dec. 19, volunteers who wish to see the Norwood ice skating rink last through the coldest part of the winter will be able to learn how to help maintain the ice to keep skating safe and fun.

"It's winter, a good time for Try It Tuesdays — a time to gather, move, learn — it's perfect for long cold nights when the warmth of your own community is like a cup of hot chocolate," said Chesonis.

More information may be found on Facebook at Norwood Park and Recreation District, or at The Livery, where the list of Try it Tuesday Winter Series sessions is posted next to the front door.

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REQUEST FOR CONSTRUCTION BID SAN MIGUEL COUNTY - APPLEBAUGH BRIDGE SMG55p-0.20-27A
CDOT Project Number: BR0 C500-008
Project Code: 21437

Advertisement Date: November 6, 2023
Question Deadline: November 17, 2023, 5:00pm
County Responses: November 27, 2023 by 5:00pm
Submittal Deadline: December 4, 2023 by 4:00 pm

San Miguel County, hereinafter referred to as the Local Agency, is requesting Construction Bids from Contractors to remove and reconstruct the historic Applebaugh Bridge, which crosses the San Miguel River as a part of Juniper Village Drive and is approximately 1-mile Southeast of Placerville, CO.

The project is jointly funded by the Placerville Village HOA, San Miguel County, Colorado Counties Incorporated, and Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and considered a Local Agency project.

The project scope includes the installation of Stormwater BMPs, Clearing and Grubbing, Foundation Excavation, Pile Drilling and Driving, Foundation Pouring, Utility Relocation Prep, Stream Protection, Bridge Super Structure Setting and Construction, Realignment of Juniper Village Drive, Installation of Guardrail and Signage, and Final Stabilization & Cleanup.

The Contractor will need to comply with all requirements in the Construction Plans, CDOT 2023 Construction Specifications, Standard Special Provisions, and Project Special Provisions included in the Contract Documents.

This project will be overseen by San Miguel County on behalf of CDOT.

The Contractor may start the project at their convenience, but not later than May 1st, 2024, and shall have 90 working days to complete the project from the issuance of the "Notice to Proceed".
Estimated completion date is on/about August 30th, 2024.

Only written questions will be accepted and shall be directed to Ryan Righetti at: ryanr@sanmiguelcountyco.gov

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The San Miguel County Board of Commissioners (BOCC) has been asked to consider a Land Use Code (LUC) amendment to Section 5-23 Air Quality. The proposed amendment was initiated by county Planning staff. A complete copy of the proposed amendment can be accessed on the Planning Department page of the County website at www.sanmiguelcountyco.gov. The proposed LUC amendment requires Two-step CPC review and recommendation and Board of County Commissioners review pursuant to Land Use Code Section 3-601 D. Land Use Code Amendments. This is the second step of a Two-step process.

A Public Hearing on the above proposal will be held by the San Miguel County Board of Commissioners at 10:00 AM on thereafter December 6, 2023, at 333 W Colorado Ave Room #201 Telluride 81435. This meeting will be held in person and online. To provide comment or ask questions regarding the proposal, please join the meeting at <https://zoom.us/join>, Meeting ID: 965 12885206, Password 534277; Audio only: Dial 1-301-715-8592 or 1-253-215-8782 (long distance rates may apply).

Written comments may not receive complete consideration if not received by November 30, 2023. Send written comments to: San Miguel County Planning Department, P.O. Box 548, Telluride, CO 81435, or email to planning@sanmiguelcountyco.gov. For more information on this proposed amendment, please call the Planning Department at (970) 728-3083.

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All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to

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FOOD

Safe cooking practices make for a healthy holiday

NEWS RELEASE

On America's biggest food holiday, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) wants to remind consumers to avoid habits that increase the risk of harmful bacteria in their Thanksgiving meal.

"Unsafe handling and undercooking your turkey can cause foodborne illness," said USDA Under Secretary for Food Safety Dr. Emilio Esteban. "To ensure your Thanksgiving meal is wholesome and memorable without the illness, follow the four steps to food safety: clean, separate, cook and chill, and avoid risky food handling habits that go against USDA guidelines."

Here are seven dangerous habits USDA would like consumers to drop:

#1 Not washing your hands or kitchen surfaces before, during and after food prep: Handwashing is the first step to avoiding foodborne illness. Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water before, during and after handling food. Clean and sanitize any surfaces that have touched raw turkey and its juices and will later touch food, such as kitchen counters, sinks, stoves, tabletops, etc.

#2 Using the same cutting boards and utensils for raw and ready-to-eat foods: Avoid cross-contamination by using separate cutting boards — one for raw meat and poultry and another for ready-to-eat foods like fruits and vegetables that will be served raw.

#3 Defrosting your turkey on the kitchen counter: Leaving any frozen package of meat or poultry for more than two hours on the counter at room temperature is dangerous.

Refrigerator Thawing: When thawing in a fridge, allow roughly 24 hours for every four to five pounds of turkey. After thawing, a turkey is safe in a refrigerator for one to two days.

Cold Water Thawing: When thawing in a cold-water bath, allow 30 minutes per pound and submerge the turkey in its original wrapping to avoid cross-contamination. Change the water every half hour until the turkey is thawed. Cook immediately after thawing.

#4 Cooking your turkey overnight at a low temperature: It is

not safe to cook any meat or poultry in an oven set lower than 325 F. Cook your turkey at 325 F or above and ensure all parts of the turkey reach a safe internal temperature of 165 F.

#5 Relying only on a pop-up temperature indicator: While the pop-up timers found in many turkeys tend to be fairly accurate, they only check the internal temperature in one spot when we recommend three. Always use a food thermometer to ensure your turkey has reached a safe internal temperature of 165 F in the thickest part of the breast, the innermost part of the wing, and the innermost part of the thigh.

#6 Stuffing your turkey the night before: USDA recommends against stuffing your turkey ahead of time, since this often leads to bacteria growth. If you plan to stuff your turkey, follow these steps:

Prepare the wet and dry ingredients for the stuffing separately from each other and refrigerate until ready to use.

Stuff the turkey loosely — about 3/4 cup of stuffing per pound. Immediately place the stuffed, raw turkey in an oven set no lower than 325 F.

A stuffed turkey will take 50% longer to cook. Once it has finished cooking, place a food thermometer in the center of the stuffing to ensure it has reached a safe internal temperature of 165 F.

#7 Keeping leftovers for more than a week: Store leftovers in small shallow containers and put them in the refrigerator. Thanksgiving leftovers are safe to eat for up to four days when stored in the refrigerator. In the freezer, leftovers are safely frozen indefinitely but will keep the best quality for two to six months.

For more food safety information, call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854), email MPHHotline@usda.gov or chat live at ask.usda.gov from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday. On Thanksgiving Day, the Hotline will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Eastern Time.

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PICKLEBALL: Mondays and Wednesdays indoors at Norwood School APR at 7 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays at 9 a.m. indoors or at the outdoor courts, depending on weather. School events have priority. Email Ted Mueller at norwoodted@aol.com to join the email list and stay updated.

NORWOOD ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Meetings are Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m., Saturdays at 9 a.m., in the conference room of the Uncompahgre Medical Center, right side of building as you enter, at 1350 Aspen St. in Norwood. Call 970-310-1703 with questions.

STORIES & POEMS: A Talking Gourd program at Lone Cone Library featuring guest writers, poets, performers and a gourd circle. Meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Bring a story, poem or song of your own or another's to share. For more information, please visit www.tellurideinstitute.org/talking-gourds, text Art Goodtimes at 970-729-0220 or email shroompa@gmail.com.

FREE LEGAL AID: Second Wednesday of every month; for parties without an attorney; call Nucla or Naturita public libraries to sign up.

LONE CONE LEGACY TRUST: Board meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m. at Lone Cone Library. More information at loneconelegacy.org.

NORWOOD DARK SKY ADVOCATES: Keeping the stars bright by reducing light pollution with smart lighting; promoting astronomy through astronomical opportunities. Visit Norwood Colorado Dark Sky Advocates on Facebook, or contact Ellen Metrick, metrick@gmail.com, for more information. Next board meeting TBA. Next event: Watch for info on Geminid meteor shower party at Lone Cone Library, Dec. 14, 6-8 p.m.

TRUE NORTH YOUTH PROGRAM: Ongoing: Resume building, essay editing, academic, college and career support for Norwood High School students on Thursdays, 1-3 p.m. at the Norwood High School Tech Building. Open office hours 9-3 Tuesdays, 9-1 on Thursdays. Info at www.truenorthyouthprogram.org.

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

UNCOMPAHGRE MEDICAL CENTER: Board meets on fourth Wednesday of each month. Health Insurance, Medicaid, CACP Assistance, call Cindy or Sarah at 327-4233.

WRIGHT'S MESA HISTORICAL SOCIETY and LOG CABIN MUSEUM: "Celebrating Pioneers" book is available for purchase. Museum is open Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., June 1 - Sept. 30, or by appointment. Call Barbara Youngblood at (970) 327-4400 or Patti Ryan at 970-844-7028. More information on Wright's Mesa Historical Society Facebook page.

LONE CONE LIBRARY: Open to the public. Now offering programs for all ages. Ongoing programs: Fridays, Storytime for Littles 10:30-11:15 a.m., Library Club for K-5 12:15-1:45 p.m.; Tuesdays, STEAM for K-5 3:45-5:30p.m. For a complete listing please visit loneconelibrary.org and click calendar for a full list of programs and events. Information also available on Lone Cone Library Facebook page or by email at staff@loneconelibrary.org.

NATURITA COMMUNITY LIBRARY: For library information, hours and other youth programs, call 970-787-2270 or visit the Naturita Community Library Facebook page.

MEDICAL SHUTTLE: Medical shuttle available for all. Sponsored by the Tri-County Health Network and operated by All Points Transit. Shuttle to Montrose and Grand Junction for medical and dental appointments is \$5. All other appointments/errands, \$10. The only requirement is that riders have a scheduled appointment. Visit tchnetwork.org/regional-medical-shuttle/ more info or call All Points Transit at 970-249-0128 to reserve a seat.

DAILY SHUTTLE: The Galloping Goose. Call 728-5700 or visit telluride-co.gov/index.aspx?NID=254.

SMART: Full schedule may be found online at <https://smarttelluride.colorado.gov/norwood-schedule>.

Expanded Telluride and Norwood service, Monday-Friday, SMART offers the following services: Telluride to Norwood at 9:45 a.m.; Norwood to Telluride at 11:00 a.m.; Telluride to Norwood at 11:30 p.m.

The Nucla/Naturita-Norwood bus will also make a quick stop at the Lawson Hill Park & Ride to allow people who work in the Lawson Hill commercial area to catch a ride to and from Norwood without needing to call ahead or ride into Telluride to pick up the Norwood bus. The Nucla/Naturita bus will be leaving Nucla and stops along the way five minutes earlier. The Down Valley bus will also be stopping at the Lawson Hill Park & Ride.

SAN MIGUEL/WEST MONTROSE COUNTIES COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION: For registration and info for all classes and events, including 4-H, call 970-327-4393, visit <http://sanmiguel.extension.colostate.edu> or email maryw@sanmiguelcountyco.gov.

MONTROSE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL SUPPORT GROUPS: For information or transportation arrangements, call 252-2996.

ECOACTION PARTNERS: For more information email heather@ecoactionpartners.org, visit ecoactionpartners.org or call 728-1340.

UTE TRAIL STUDY CLUB: meets at the Redvale Community Center at noon on the second Wednesday of every month except July and August. Email uteclub@gmail.com for more information.

CHALK BOARD, continued

OBITUARY

Debra Lyn Williams

February 15, 1956 – November 8, 2023

Debra Lyn Williams was born on Feb. 15, 1956, and passed away on Nov. 8, 2023, at the age of 67 at HopeWest Hospice Care among family and friends in Grand Junction, Colorado.

Debra was born to Wesley Cornforth and Donna (Campbell) (Cornforth) Richards in Gunnison, Colorado. She grew up in rural Southwestern Colorado in the Nucla, Naturita and Norwood area. Debra was a very energetic, outgoing, athletic, friendly and involved young girl. She went to state competition in 4-H for several years with her sewing. Deb also took part in band, track, cheer, and was Grand Worthy Matron and Worthy Advisor for Rainbow Girls and a member of Silver Star Chapter 40 of the Eastern Star.

Debra married James Williams of Redvale on March 2, 1974, and they lived in Norwood for a short time before moving to Crawford and then Grand Junction. Deb

started working in the medical field where she earned an associate degree in computer accounting. Later, she worked as an office manager for a printing firm. After their children were born, Debra spent lots of time with baseball, wrestling, track, soccer, band, fishing and boating. Debra always had a beautiful, ornery smile.

In 1988, the family moved to Winnemucca, Nevada and Deb worked as office manager for Schmueser & Associates, Inc. They relocated to Rifle in 2001 and in 2012 moved to Loma, Colorado.

Debra is survived by her husband, James Williams; her stepmother, Coy Cornforth; and her two children Brock (Moriah) Williams of Loma, and Alexa (Matthew) Bryan of Charlottesville, Virginia. Debra was the oldest of six children: Deanna (Richard) Rambo, Brian Cornforth (deceased), Cindy (Tim) Arrasmith, Ty (Theresa) Cornforth, and Gwyn Goebel. Debra has seven

grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Deb was preceded in death by her parents Wesley Cornforth and Donna Richards, and her brother, Brian Cornforth.

A service will be held for Debra in Grand Junction at Browns Funeral Home, 904 North Seventh Street, at 1 p.m. on Dec. 14, 2023, with refreshments to follow at the Masonic Center at 2400 Consistory Court in Grand Junction.

Interment will be at the Norwood Cemetery at 1 p.m. on Dec. 16, 2023, with refreshment to follow at the Redvale Community Center.

In lieu of sending flowers, the family invites community members to make a donation in Deb's honor to: the Redvale Community Building, P.O. Box 66, Redvale, CO 81431; the Ute Trail Study Club, P.O. Box 63, Redvale, CO 81431, or HopeWest Hospice of Grand Junction at <https://www.hopewestco.org/donate/>.

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NORWOOD COMMUNITY GARDEN: Located at the corner of Summit and Mesa streets (west of the U.S. Forest Service building). Visit on Facebook or email PJ Ryan at pj81423@yahoo.com.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF THE SAN JUANS: Call 970.252.9303 for information or volunteer opportunities, and visit buildinglives.org. Accepting donations of house-hold

items and construction materials, Tuesday-Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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WRIGHT STUFF COMMUNITY FOUNDATION: Offering early childhood programs through Prime Time Early Learning Center and after-school and summer programs for school-

aged kids through EXPLORE! For more information, visit wrightstufffoundation.org or primetimeearlylearningcenter.com.

BRIGHT FUTURES: Free information and referrals; Find licensed childcare providers in the counties of San Miguel, Ouray, Montrose (including West Montrose), Delta, Gunnison and Hinsdale counties. Call for early childcare resource and referral 1-877-728-5613.

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YOUTH AGRICULTURE

FFA National Convention

By **BRYLEA BUTLER**
Student contributor to the Post

During the first days of November, the Norwood FFA Chapter traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana, to attend the 96th Annual National FFA Convention and Expo for competitive events, tours, workshops and networking. FFA is all about practicing leadership, improving career skills, and personal growth.

Those in attendance were Brenna Morlang, Mikah Wareham, Grace Harris, Kannon Sherman, Bryce Trosper, Shay Snyder and Brylea Butler. While the group was both in Indiana and traveling there was much to learn.

While traveling through the airport, students were learning how to stay together in large areas, how to plan ahead and much more. While at the conference, students practiced budgeting and working in large groups, and learned about future opportunities.

"The FFA mission is to help students improve their career and life skills. The convention supported this mission and the students could learn from this activity," said Norwood FFA advisor Ms. Catherine Kolbet. "They were able to attend the career expo, allowing them to see how agriculture could

help them be successful in the future. The convention also allowed students to lead in large groups with many people."

The career expo gathered many businesses and colleges that were connected to agriculture. The expo allowed students to explore the possibilities that agriculture could offer them.

"At the conference, 66,000 kids being involved in FFA is much larger than in Norwood and it's incredible how many like-minded people there are," said junior Brenna Morlang.

The change from small town Norwood to Indianapolis was a learning experience like no other.

"The speaker we listened to was very motivational and gave great messages on how to be more confident in yourself," said freshman Shay Snyder.

Overall, the convention was an amazing experience and students learned much from it. Along with the convention they also toured much of the area. The Norwood group visited the Indianapolis motor speedway and learned much of the history of the track. The museum of the speedway had many older race cars and a movie that taught about the history of the track and the competition.

The Norwood FFA chapter also attended a workout at Churchill Downs. They were allowed to drive through the stables of Churchill Downs. The group also went to an observation area where they watched the horses warm up around the arena. They also attended a horse race at Churchill Downs and learned about how the races were done and about the horses themselves.

On the same day, they also visited the Louisville Slugger Museum and factory where they toured the factory and learned about the process of making a bat. They also learned that the Louisville Slugger factory focuses on conserving the resources they use to make the bats and have a very rigorous test to see if the trees are acceptable for use.

Finally, they toured the Fair Oaks Farms where they learned about how dairy cattle were raised and how they were milked while on the farm. There were also many different technological advancements in the dairy industry that they learned about.

This trip was very informative and improved many life skills for the Norwood FFA Chapter.

For more information on this and future FFA conventions, please visit <https://convention.ffa.org>.



Recognition for leadership

Norwood's Darcy Bray earned a San Juan Basin League All-Conference Honorable Mention award for this year's volleyball season. (Courtesy photo)

ART

Area teens sculpt their future

Youth Sculpture's first home to be Volunteer Park, Nucla



Youth Sculpture Build students welded giant flowers for the sculpture they designed. (Courtesy photo)



Students worked to place their welded flowers next to a wooden mushroom for the Youth Sculpture Build project in October. (Courtesy photo)

NEWS RELEASE

The Rocky Mountain Arts Youth Community Sculpture Build is nearly finished and planning for a grand installation ceremony is underway.

The Town of Nucla Board of Trustees unanimously voted to approve the placing of the sculpture in Volunteer Park at their Nov. 8 meeting. The enthusiastic board members included Mayor Pro Tem Paula Brown, David Johnson, Pen-

ni Philbrick, Ailene Smith, Pam Curtiss, and Tim Pierce. Susan Rice, former manager of the Naturita Community Library, was in attendance to support the project.

ABOUT THE YOUTH-CREATED SCULPTURE

Rocky Mountain Arts produced a youth community sculpture build this past October with the help of professional artists, architects and builders. Students that participated from Nu-

cla were Akyma Rarlston, Alexa Caruso, Braxton Quigley, Ileeia Squires, Jonah Richardson, KaeKae Weimar, Mylee Rain, Paxtin Caruso and Xaden Caruso. Participants learned a variety of sculpture building techniques as well as how to use welding and wood building tools safely. The students came up with the concept behind the sculpture, which is a mushroom and columbine flowers towering over all at 12 feet tall by 12 feet wide. The

sculpture title is Schroomzillah.

The program was free to teens and Rocky Mountain Arts provided all building materials, food and transportation for workshop days.

The sculpture installation date has yet to be set as items such as water proofing and signage creation by H & H Signs need to be completed. Anyone wishing to be invited to the grand unveiling event should email erin@rockymountainarts.org.

FUNDING

The entire project was made possible through grants from The National Endowment for the Arts, San Miguel County Commission for Community Assistance, Arts and Special Events (CCAASE), Sessions Family Foundation, Alpine Bank and New York Community Trust.

For more details about the Youth Community Sculpture Build, please visit

<https://rockymountainarts.org/youth-october-sculpture-build/>