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Boulder Symphony Fundraiser raises roof at the Tebo Garage

By LEONARD SITONGIA

The Boulder Symphony held its largest fundraiser of the year surrounded by the Stephen Tebo Car Collection at Tebo Garage in southwest Longmont on Friday, Aug. 12. Guests enjoyed food, drinks, and fine music by members of the Symphony, while touring the Tebo collection of rare, historic and unique automobiles.

A Bruce Springsteen autographed guitar was among the many generous donations available for bidding in both silent and auctioneer-led live auctions.

Niwot's Tony Santelli, a Boulder Symphony board member, was among the guests. The Boulder Symphony was origi-



Photo by Leonard Sitongia

Vocalist Carol Calkins was the Guest Artist with the Boulder Symphony

nally known as the Niwot Timberline Symphony, but with the addition of Devin Hughes as its conductor and Santelli on its

board in 1993, it was reincarnated as the Boulder Symphony. Getting the Tebo Car Collection for the fundraising venue

was a significant achievement. "We are very fortunate to have it, thank our lucky stars, this is a very important fundraiser," Santelli said.

Stephen Tebo, a commercial property owner and developer from Boulder, has been very supportive of communities and non-profit organizations, including the Boulder Symphony. Several fundraisers a year are held in the garage housing his collection. After collecting coins and Western Art, Tebo began collecting cars around 2000. Since then, his collection has grown to almost 350 vehicles, including a number of unique and desirable collectible cars.

Niwot resident Jim Jones, one of a handful of volunteer

drivers who maintains the cars in good running condition, gave a tour of the most historic automobiles. Jones explained that the goal is to drive every car once every ninety days. The most valuable and historic cars are driven by the head mechanic. "I've driven the majority of the other cars here," Jones explained. He explained that there is quite a bit of work and documentation involved in every drive.

The Symphony musicians performed in small groups throughout the garage as guests toured the car collection. The event culminated when all of the musicians gathered together and were joined by guest artist,

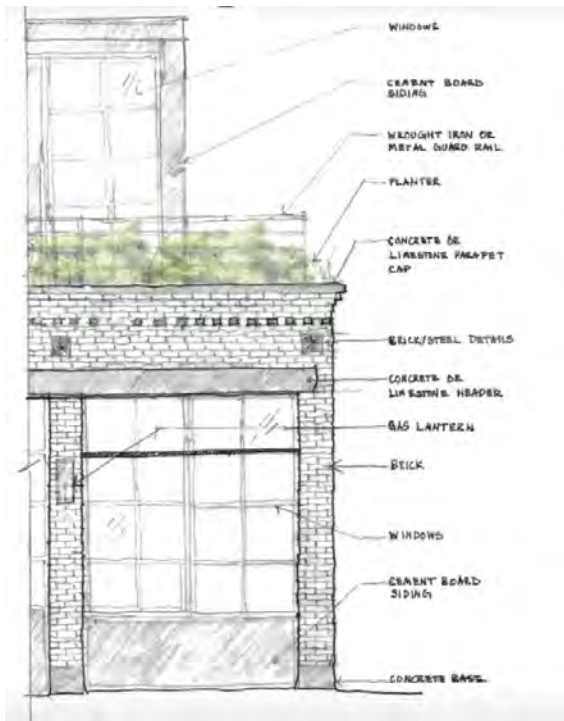
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Niwot Design Review Committee Community Meeting: Niles Family Dentistry

By LEIGH SUSKIN

On Wednesday, August 10, the Niwot Design Review Committee held a virtual public meeting to review the proposed deconstruction of the current structure and new build of a dental office at 364 2nd Avenue. The purpose of this meeting was to provide feedback to the applicant in advance, explained Andrea Vaughn, Planner for Boulder County. "This committee serves as a referral agency for the site plan review."

The presenter of the proposed plan for the new Niles Family Dentistry building, Katherine Willis of Lightwell Architecture, noted that her material had been revised based on the feedback provided last week at a community



Courtesy Photo

Lightwell Architecture's sketch of side elevation as of August 10.

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Abo's Pizza and local businesses still reeling one week after fire

By LEIGH SUSKIN

Abo's Pizza and nearby businesses are still recovering from the Aug. 6 fire that started in the early hours at Abo's. Fire investigator Doug Saba explained that fire personnel forced entry into Abo's Pizza to confirm the building did not have any victims. Thankfully, due to Mary Jo Wysocki's quick call to 911 upon arriving to open Winot Coffee on Aug. 10th at 5:30 a.m., the damage to area businesses wasn't worse.

As of press time, no official cause has been determined, and the fire investigation is still ongoing. This is a typical procedure and does not indicate anything troublesome.

"Fire is very complex, and it can take weeks or months for the cause to be

diagnosed," explained Tanya Crews from All Phase Restoration. "The challenge for Abo's is that mitigation and cleanup can't begin until the case is closed and the scene released."

While no other neighboring business is impacted to the degree faced by Jeff Riegel, owner of Abo's, those in close proximity face challenges to their day-to-day operations as a result of the fire.

Chico's Grooming Spa owner Wendy Mariscal shares walls with Abo's and has been operating fans and HEPA filters in her space for the past week. One of the shared walls is in Mariscal's grooming room, and in addition to several days of closures, she's still operating with extreme caution

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Niwot High School Drum Major Henry Stauch directs the marching band in drill formation exercises on the lower practice fields at Niwot High as Band Director Wade Hendricks provides more cowbell.



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Rep. Karen McCormick discusses Veterinary Technician regulation

By KATRINA STROUD

On June 9, 2022, Governor Jared Polis signed into law House Bill 22-1235, the revised Veterinary Practice Act that includes regulation of veterinary technicians. The Colorado Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) and the Colorado Association of Certified Veterinary Technicians (CACVT) have worked jointly since late 2020 to provide for regulation of veterinary technicians as part of the Sunset Review of the Veterinary Practice Act.

On Aug. 11, State Representative Karen McCormick spoke at the Left Hand Animal Hospital in Niwot to discuss the new technician regulations for those who are currently working in Colorado. "Now, veterinary technicians will have title protection," McCormick said. "This means that only those who are registered with the Department of

Regulatory Agencies (DORA) as a veterinary technician can use the title 'Veterinary Technician'" said McCormick. "Next, technicians who are not interested in registration can certainly continue to do their job. There is no task restriction for anyone, so they will be able to continue working in their current roles, but will not be able to use the title 'Veterinary Technician.'"

Registration of Credential and Qualified Veterinary Technicians will be open from Jan. 1, 2023 to Dec. 31, 2023. Colorado technicians who are eligible to register with DORA during that one-year window include those who hold current CVT credentials from CACVT, have completed an AVMA-accredited program and have passed the exam. After January 1, 2024 technicians who have completed an AVMA-accredited program and passed the exam may apply for registration through



Photo by Katrina Stroud

Colorado State Representative and veterinarian Karen McCormick lectures at the Left Hand Animal Hospital in Niwot.

DORA's process at any time.

Rep. McCormick, who is also a veterinarian, represents House District 11, which is the district Niwot is in. She hopes to expand veterinary capacity in Colorado. This

includes allowing veterinarians to delegate administration of rabies vaccinations under supervision consistent with the Rabies Compendium published by the Association of State Public Health Veter-

inarians.

For questions regarding the Veterinary Practice Act, contact Rep. McCormick at karen.mccormick.house@state.co.us.

All About the Brass opens Rock & Rails

By YULE PETERSON

The Rock & Rails concert opener Aug. 11 was the high energy sound of All About the Brass, a Longmont-based group.

The band played favorites from a wide variety of genres, ranging from James Brown's "I Got You" to "You and Me and the Bottle Makes 3" by Big Bad Voodoo Daddy to "Smooth" by Santana. Other tunes included Blue Oyster Cult's "Don't Fear

the Reaper" with "more cowbell" from Niwot native Katie Warren, Pat Benatar's "Hit Me With Your Best Shot," and Vance Joy's "Riptide," with the ultimate "Niwot" lyric, "I wanna be your left hand man."

Evonne Pierce's lead vocals were backed by Michael Caron on lead guitar, John Edwards on bass guitar, and Carol Hamm on drums. The brass section included Mike Pierce and Jason Baldwin on trumpet, with Warren on baritone.

The band was impressed by the size of the crowd, which gathered early to get good seats for the headliner, Face. "I think that's the largest crowd

we've played for," Mike Pierce said. He and Warren will return to Rock & Rails Aug. 18 as part of the Niwot Community Semi-Marching Free Grange

Band, which opens for Quemando.

All About the Brass can be reached at allaboutthebrass@outlook.com.



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All About the Brass opened Rock & Rails Aug. 11.

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Quemando spices up Thursday's Rock & Rails stage

By DEBORAH CAMERON

Residents who've been fine-tuning their Latin ballroom dance moves in Cottonwood Square will have their chance to shine when Quemando takes the stage at this week's Rock & Rails. The band is well known in the area, having performed at the Niwot Jazz Festival in June. The band has also opened for acts like Sheryl Crow at Jazz Aspen Snowmass, and Oscar De Leon. We talked to Quemando's founder, Eric Schneider, to get a preview of this week's high-energy show.

Q: Thanks for talking to me today. Can you share a bit about your passion for salsa and why you founded the band?

ES: Sure. I started the band a long time ago, probably thirteen years or so, after I had been going to school forever for music. I learned jazz off both my parents who were music teachers, and then I joined this Latin jazz group. After about a year I started getting pretty



Photo Courtesy: Quemando

Quemando brings high energy salsa to this week's Rock & Rails.

good at it and I started having my own vision of kind of how I would like it to be. That's when I started the band.

We first played at Republic of Boulder ...once a week. Then we got a call from Rumba (now Centro). People just really loved the style of music. Eventually we played at the St. Julian Hotel Happy Hour. It's one of our bigger shows to this day.

Q: That's some great hustle you displayed. Nice. And now

you're at Rock & Rails this week.

ES: Yeah, we did a few years ago and I brought the this huge version of the band. I mean I think it was like thirteen people or something and we barely fit on the same stage. I mean we were like sardines so it was pretty interesting. I'm not bringing as big of a version of the band this time. We just don't fit.

Q: Well, people here are go-

ing to be ready. They've been practicing.

ES: Between playing Rock & Rails over the years mixed with doing that jazz festival, I think we've kind of gotten our own little crowd up there in Niwot. And then of course, that's just close enough to Boulder to draw our fans from there also. It's a really great show and I'm really excited. Oh...and it's always really fun when we're in the middle of a set and then all of a sudden, the train goes by — just reminds you of what a small town it is.

Q: You're not the first band to have mentioned the train.

ES: It's so nostalgic, you know. We always like it. Isn't that why they call it Rock & Rails?

Q: So, what other memories do you have of playing Rock & Rails?

ES: The second year which was really close to the railroad track and I brought the 14-piece version of the band.

We wound up having a phenomenal sound technician and I just remember going out front listening to it and thinking that I can't believe how good it sounds. Quite a moment.

Q: That's a wonderful story. So, is there anything else you'd like our readers to know?

ES: Well, I'd like to mention that some of us have played with each other for twenty years now, and we've kind of turned out to be a family. And it's become a kind of a tradition which is cool. Really cool, what it's all about.

Q: Anything else?

ES: Sure, we're in the middle of recording with a 17-piece version of the band. We're just working on it, getting it published. It's going to be released here pretty soon and we're excited about it.

Q: That's great news. Congratulations — in advance. And we can't wait to see you Thursday.

ES: Thanks.

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Tebo

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vocalist Carol Calkins, who has performed in a number of chamber groups and many operas.

Boulder Symphony board member Doyle Albee spoke to the gathered guests thanking Tebo for the venue, along with conductor Devin Hughes, Executive Director Andrew

Krimm and especially the musicians who performed that evening. "When words fail, music speaks," said Albee.

Krimm explained that this one annual fundraising event can provide funding for the entire concert season. Some smaller fundraisers have taken place in the past, such as tea parties in Niwot. Putting together this event was a large job, Krimm said. "I do all the administra-

tion, fundraising, hiring musicians, anything not directly related to making music, although I am a musician," he said. "The goal is to raise \$30,000. I think we did it."

Krimm described the plans for the first concert of the season. "The first one is September 17th at the 29th Street Mall and it's music from all of Star Wars," he said.



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Niwotian Nick Eliasson finds his favorite car, the original Batmobile.

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NBA meeting highlights

By **BRUCE WARREN**

The August meeting of the Niwot Business Association was held Aug. 9 at Niwot Market, with 34 members attending.

The timely topic of fire prevention, emergency preparations, and insurance coverage gave members useful information in the wake of the Aug. 6 Abo's Pizza fire in Niwot. Although the topic had been planned early in July, the presentation by representatives of Mountain View Fire Rescue, Leigh Suskin and Lindsay Cumberland of Farmers Insurance in Niwot was especially timely.

Mountain View Fire Rescue community outreach officers explained how to sign up for emergency alerts, as well as how to handle a possible emergency situation. They suggested having a "go bag" ready in the event of a possible evacuation, and stressed the importance of having important documents stored on a thumb drive. "Ship a thumb drive to another relative," and "Put it on the cloud" were just two of the many recommendations made.

They also suggested fire drills for business premises, and ensuring that everyone knows at least two ways in and out of the building.

Suskin followed up, suggesting that everyone store their insurance policy on a thumb drive so it is easily accessible if a loss occurs. She also noted that business interruption insurance is recommended, and that although the standard clause provides coverage for only 30 days, coverage for up to one year

is available.

In the event of a loss, Suskin recommended calling your agent immediately to find out what help is available, as well as to determine the extent of coverage and deductibles. She also reminded business owners not to start remediation work until the agent or adjuster has a chance to visit the premises.

In other business, NBA officers and members welcomed new members and reminded everyone of upcoming events, including

- HoneyBee Harvest Festival Aug. 27 with a showing of the movie Sister Bee at Left Hand Grange at 4:30 p.m.;
- Why Not Niwot? Juried Art Show awards ceremony on First Friday's Sept. 2 Art Walk at Osmosis at 6 p.m., with a concert by the Niwot Community Semi-Marching Free Grange Band and an artist's reception at the former Niwot Rental & Feed location;
- Second annual Lobsterfest Sept. 3 at Whistle Stop Park featuring music from the House Blend Band with proceeds from the event benefiting the Marshall Fire Fund;
- CPR Training by Mountain View Fire Rescue Sept. 13;
- Rocky Mountain Christian Church's Shine Prom evening for special guests on Sept. 16 from 6 to 9 p.m.;
- Sept. 27 Sidewalk Sale for Niwot merchants;
- Oct. 2 Niwot Trot 5K sponsored by Niwot Elementary School's Parent Teacher Advisory Council.



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meeting. She began by reviewing the plan design principles, with the first being character.

Willis explained that the Niwot Rural Community District (NRCD 1) was created to maintain the character of two distinct districts—that of the historic district and that of the non-historic district of Second Avenue in Niwot. According to Article 4-116 of the Land Use Code, the mission of the NRCD 1 is to “provide clear guidance for development that will; help maintain community character while accommodating changes associated with preserving and enhancing the community as a thriving, semi-rural village center.”

Willis explained that their goal is to complement the existing fabric and character of Niwot. “As architects and planners, we are taught that we should not reproduce what was built in the 1900s.” To do so would be to create false representations that diminish the value of actual structures built during this era, she said. Instead, she is inspired by the existing roof forms and roof details of Historic Niwot. Willis shared photos of the Niwot Wheel Works building as an example of how this can be done well.

“Although our goal is to integrate within the character of the historic district, our site is not located in the historic portion. We have different requirements than the buildings in the district need to abide

by,” Willis stated.

What requirements they need to embrace is in the code section for building materials in the non-historic area. In response to feedback from the week before, Willis said they have made revisions to the design. First, they are proposing that brick be the most prevalent facade material. The second principle is to conform with the existing roof styles on 2nd Avenue. There is a consistent horizontal datum established on the block, with parapet and flat roof forms. It is Willis’ opinion that a gable roof would add bulk and prevent views beyond the building.

Willis shared her revised sketch of the dental building’s side elevation and pointed out specific changes and details.

“Now, we incorporate the brick columns, and more clearly display the brick cornice details. We use the same window-to-wall ratio as the Wheel Works building. We have also incorporated a wrought iron guardrail on the second floor instead of a glass one. It is set back from the cornice with the use of a planter.”

Committee member Will Hentschel suggested that the next step would be to clear the deck with questions from the committee. “Thank you for listening to the comments from last week and clarifying where your design intent is coming from,” he said. “One of the concerns that is out there is the roof form. It should be contextual with the block—according to the code. We are on Block 5, which basically starts at the corner of Franklin Street through 2nd Avenue. Any thoughts on how you have a contextual response to the roof forms there?”

Willis replied that the parapet roof is what they are responding to, and that the horizontal datum is also taken into account. She shared that they took a holistic view and reviewed pictures of the roofs on Block 5.

In response to other questions from the board, Willis gave the detail that the plans have the building coming in at five feet below the maximum height (no building in Niwot can be taller than the Left Hand Grange building), and the width is just under 50 feet.

A discussion ensued with other board members, including Bruce Larsen, Satir DeMarco and Kathy Koehler, chiming in with their questions about elevation and set-back. Hentschel was most concerned that they would be blowing their height, and how to get over that piece within the code.

When opening the floor to the community for comments and questions, the first question was from Euvaldo Valdez.

“We own the property directly across from the proposed building,” he said. “I’d like to talk about the footprint of the building overall. You’re

allowing for eight parking spaces within the property and three streetside? Did I hear that correctly?”

Willis confirmed that there are 11 parking spaces planned for both tenants and clients.

“Have you given a second thought to that?” Valdez said. “That’s hardly enough parking spots. What effect will your lack of appropriate parking spots have to the adjacent properties?”

Willis said they were within the recommended number of parking spaces as per the Land Use Code. She went on to ask Valdez if he was aware “that there are ways to reduce the parking by a maximum 40% reduction, and we are not proposing to do that. We could do that, but we aren’t going to.”

The remainder of the meeting centered around the parking issue, and how overflow would very likely end up in Valdez’ parking lot. The public will have another chance to respond to this issue once it goes to site plan review, as the Design Review Committee meeting is only concerned with design issues.

To a question about whether there are additional community meetings planned where the plans can be viewed in person, Vaughn explained that there are no additional meetings required, and all Boulder County meetings are still being held virtually and not in person.

Several community members jumped in to praise the plan. “I really appreciate the design as an enhancement to entering the downtown community,” remarked Alana Reeves. Lara Edwards, Colleen Bolls, Sunny Gilbert and Megan Rebich expressed appreciation for the architects, the Niles family and the Design Review committee, noting that it will enhance the Niwot community and elevate the aesthetics of the downtown area. Brian Faulkner said he also appreciated the altered vision and called it a “vast improvement over what’s there now.”

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Relocation efforts underway for Gunbarrel prairie dogs as Celestial Seasonings development moves forward

By KRISTEN ARENDT

In July 2021, the Boulder City Council greenlighted the development of a 9.8-acre parcel of land near Celestial Seasonings in Gunbarrel, a longtime home to a large prairie dog colony. Over a year later, the first stage of the project is underway.

The controversial development project, which will add 230 apartments, a cafe, library, art space, community areas, mobility hub, and green space to the land along Spine Road, has been a source of tension between Gunbarrel residents and the City of Boulder since it was first proposed in 2020.

Originally, the plot of land owned by Celestial Seasonings (now Hain Celestial) had been dedicated as an open space preserve. From 1999 to 2020, the 9.8-acre parcel, located just to the west of Spine Road and east of the Celestial Seasonings building, had remained undeveloped open space—until the development proposal of 2020.

In addition to concerns about the new development's impact on traffic, density, and the overall quality of life in Gunbarrel, during the application and review process residents raised concerns about the fate of the land's existing residents—a colony of black-tailed prairie dogs.

Throughout the ensuing multi-year review process, the Gunbarrel Community Alliance, a non-profit organization formed in 2020 in response to the proposed development project, pledged to ensure the proper removal and relocation of prairie dogs before the development of the property.

But according to the City of Boulder OSMP, which routinely handles prairie dog relocations on city-owned property, prairie dog relocations are logistically complicated and expensive, and finding suitable relocation sites can be particularly challenging.

In addition to the cost of



CourtesyPhoto

Empty traps sit along Sleepytime Drive near Celestial Seasonings after prairie dog relocation efforts concluded.



CourtesyPhoto

A resident black-tailed prairie dog near Spine Road in Gunbarrel.

trapping and moving the animals, many plant communities and some animal species such as grasshopper sparrows do not thrive in close proximity to active prairie dog colonies, often making it difficult to find suitable grasslands to rehome the colonies.

Though faced with initial challenges about where to relocate the colony, in the end, de-

velopers Sares Regis Group and Allison Management, Inc., were able to find a suitable area for relocation.

Smith Environmental and Engineering, a private company hired by the developers, oversaw relocating the prairie dogs from the property. According to the Gunbarrel Community Alliance's Facebook page, from July 23 to August 15, Smith En-

vironmental and Engineering captured the prairie dogs using food to lure them into color-coded cages in order to keep family groups together. The captured prairie dogs then were moved to the Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge.

Once a nuclear weapons manufacturing complex, Rocky Flats Plant produced nuclear weapons parts from 1952 to

1993. The refuge opened to the public in 2018 for recreation after a \$7 billion cleanup effort. Now, the 5,237 acres are designated to preserve and protect more than 630 species of plants, including the globally rare xeric tallgrass prairie.

The prairie dogs relocated from Gunbarrel will join 239 migratory and resident wildlife species, including prairie falcons, deer, elk, coyotes, songbirds, and the federally threatened Preble's meadow jumping mouse. The refuge also provides a protected corridor for migrating wildlife.

According to Colorado Parks and Wildlife, one of the main threats to Colorado's black-tailed prairie dog population is habitat loss and fragmentation. The relocation effort in Gunbarrel is an attempt to preserve the colony on suitable habitat at Rocky Flats.



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The Wandering Jellyfish anniversary bash

By HANNAH STEWART

People continuously wandered in and out of the historic Niwot Tribune building on Second Avenue, now home to The Wandering Jellyfish Bookshop, as the business celebrated its first anniversary, and the community showed up in support.

The bookshop, which largely caters to children's literature, opened last summer in historic downtown Niwot. To celebrate its one-year anniversary, co-owners Carissa Mina and Jerilyn Patterson organized a day-long event Aug. 13 with multiple activities for patrons to enjoy.

"I've seen a lot of people who come in and support us all the time are coming out again to support us on the anniversary, and it's amazing," said Alison Cave, lead TWJ bookseller.

Saturday's event was filled with various activities and giveaways, which included a regularly-scheduled storytime in the Niwot Children's Park, face painting, an author visit and free ice cream from Sweet Cow. Nearly the whole day was filled with chatter and laughter, with many residents thanking the TWJ team for simply being part of the community.

"The community does so much to support us and the other businesses in town," said Mina. "We hope that we're giving them as much as they're giving us."

Perhaps one of the most anticipated parts of the day was the author visit from graphic novelist Rich Moyer. The author, based in Denver, stopped by and held a brief Q&A and drawing demon-

stration in the middle of the day. The shop was packed with people—community members and other local authors alike—to the point that it was standing room only. He said that interacting with fans is something he really enjoys, and having the space to do that at the TWJ was something he looked forward to possibly doing again.

While TWJ has certainly made a name for itself with its diverse selection of books—which include many by POC and LGBTQ+ authors, as well as local authors and banned books, the shop has also made a mark on the community with its array of events and resources for the community.

"We're going to be focusing really hard on providing a lot more community events," Patterson said. "I'm also working a lot with schools right now to get authors connected so that kids can meet [them] and learn about writing."

She also teased that she's reached out to a "big author," and that Cave, who's in charge of many youth outreach programs, is working to organize a dungeons and dragons group for teens.

Short term goals for the TWJ team include developing writing workshops for both adults and students and simply getting more involved in Niwot events. Both Mina and Patterson have served as volunteers at Rock & Rails.

"We're really looking forward to continuing to get in our community and watching the kids grow up," said Mina.



Photo by Carissa Mina

The Wandering Jellyfish Bookshop loves getting to know Niwot children and hosts three story times throughout the week on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.



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The Wandering Jellyfish Bookshop loves bringing in authors, like graphic novelist Rich Moyer. They hope to inspire young readers and writers by setting up meet and greet opportunities.

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for the safety of her two- and four-footed customers.

Immediately following the fire, Blessings Day Spa owner Julie Stenz and area businesses established a Go Fund Me page (<https://gofund.me/b8403f46>) to help Riegel start the process of rebuilding, address any immediate employee needs, and meet insurance deductibles. At the same time, Stenz's business is still closed due to the fire and smoke.

"I've consulted an air

quality specialist, did a deep clean, and had both a building inspector and All Phase Restoration out," Stenz confided. "All Phase will return Monday. This is a wellness spa where people come to relax and be pampered. It is a five-sensory experience. I wanted to go through all efforts possible to make sure that when my guests return, there's nothing that would compromise their experience. We've learned so much through this process."

Stenz is relieved to have good insurance coverage for these circumstances.

"Landlords usually require tenants to carry two million [dollars] in liability [insurance], but those aren't the claims a business owner is most likely to have," explained Yule Peterson of Farmers Insurance in Niwot. "Claims typically come from day-to-day operations, so you want to make sure you're covered in case of fire, water, smoke, cleanup/restoration and business interruption."

Stenz plans to reopen Aug. 16. She is currently installing air quality monitors in the spa.

Boulder County Transportation updates

By LEONARD SITONGIA

Several transportation issues that could affect Niwot residents and visitors are in the news.

The Regional Transportation District (RTD) has approved a five-year plan that is the largest overhaul of the system since the 1970s. However, the plan is to return service to only 85% of pre-pandemic levels. Not all services will return from being suspended during the pandemic.

RTD's changes will include returning the FF2 express bus between Boulder and Denver to service, along with the LX bus service between Longmont and Denver. On the other hand, the Y route between Boulder and Lyons will not be returning to service. In Denver, the light rail lines C and F are permanently suspended, although the rails will continue to be used by other routes.

A new plan called "Mobility & Access for All Ages & Abilities" was adopted by the Boulder County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on July 28. It supplements the BoCo Transportation master plan to provide for the multi-modal transit of people with special needs.

Among the recreation shuttles this year, there is

bus service to Estes Park. The route from Lyons is \$3 one way. It serves as an entry ticket to Rocky Mountain National Park, too, if you're headed that way.

The state-wide e-bike rebate program will begin in January 2023. \$12 million in funding was approved by the Colorado Legislature for this program, which will be administered by the Colorado Energy Office. Keep an eye on their website for upcoming information about applying for rebates.

On Aug. 4, the BOCC approved a ballot issue to extend the expiration date of the transportation sales tax of 0.1% from 2024 to 2039.

The repaving of 2nd Avenue in Niwot is still planned for this summer, but no date has been finalized. The work should take two or three days, according to county officials.

We are half-way through RTD's Zero Fare for Better Air which is in effect during the month of August, Colorado's highest ozone season. This is a state-wide initiative funded by the Colorado Legislature in partnership with the Colorado Energy Office, which provides free trips on RTD bus lines and many regional public transportation services, such as the FLEX bus line between Boulder, Longmont and Fort Collins.



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Abo's Pizza in Niwot remains closed due to a fire Aug. 10.



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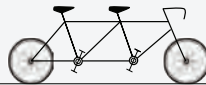
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Kore That Awakening Purchase Completed

STAFF REPORT

The Niwot Cultural Arts Association's effort to raise \$25,000 to purchase a sculpture from Ukrainian artist Egor Zigura was a success. NCAA Treasurer Vicki Maurer reported that the funds have been transferred to Zigura's agent, based in New York, to complete the purchase.

The NCAA's sculpture park committee, Lisa Rivard, Anne Postle and Jill Whitener, set out to raise enough money to purchase the sculpture for Niwot's Sculpture Park at the southwest corner of Niwot Road and 79th Street, on April 1, 2022.

Fundraising events and many private donations produced approximately \$20,000 for the fund by June, and the donations required to reach the goal came in July.

Diane Trister Dodge, who lives north of Niwot, offered a matching grant of \$2,500 toward the purchase of the sculpture if other donors

could raise the same amount. On July 26, she presented a check to the Niwot Cultural Arts Association for \$2,500, which completed the \$25,000 needed to purchase the sculpture.

Dodge wrote, "It is a beautiful sculpture, and I am making this contribution to honor my paternal grandmother, Esther Popkin, who was born April 15, 1889 in Kiev, the youngest of ten children. Many of her older siblings came to America, and one brother brought Esther to the United States. She lived with him in Jersey City, N.J., and worked to repay him for her passage to this country, until she met my grandfather, Jacob Betcher, who had emigrated in 1905 from Prodno, Poland."

She enclosed her grandmother's wedding photo.

The purchase is the first in a planned series of annual purchases by the NCAA, and the Ukrainian artist's work was already in the sculpture park when the war broke out with Russia.

...to the United States. She lived with him in Jersey City, N.J., and worked to repay him for her passage to this country, until she met my grandfather, Jacob Betcher, who had emigrated in 1905 from Prodno, Poland. Here is a picture of the day in 1910.



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Photo by Bruce Warren

Diane Trister Dodge made a donation to the purchase of the Kore That Awakening sculpture in memory of her grandmother, and enclosed her grandmother's wedding photo.

NHS 50th Anniversary



Photo courtesy of Niwot High School

Former Niwot High School teachers, coaches and staff members were invited to take a tour of the school by Principal Eric Rauschkolb as part of the school's 50th Anniversary activities. The school has undergone several renovations over the years, including several recent changes. Attending were (front row) Diane Broestl, Eric Christiansen,

(middle row) Sheryl Groves, Peggy Pfannenstiel, Robert Sargent, Jan Swanson, Paul 'Tiny' Koehler, Marylin Jackson, Teresa Stephens, Dorothy Keller Kielian, Eric Rauschkolb, (back row) Dave Beyer, Bob Bote, Greg Kielian, and Bill Stephens.

Dorothy Keller Kielian coached girls basketball at Niwot when the sport became available to girls. Koehler coached football at Niwot for many years, including a state title in 1990, and also coached track. Bote coached baseball at Niwot for many years, earning five state titles, and also coached football and basketball. Bill Stephens coached baseball at Niwot before moving to Skyline High School.

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Niwot Boys Tennis off to a solid start



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Niwot Boys Tennis will be young, but includes returning state No. 2 singles player LiChen Liao (left). Others pictured (l to r) Luke Weber, Oskar Hansen, Sebastian Moy and Charlie Kirtland.

By BRUCE WARREN

Niwot Boys Tennis Coach Aimee Hites returns with high expectations for her youthful but experienced squad.

“Our goal is to win state,” Hites said. “We’re super young, and super talented.” The Cougars started off with a 7-0 win over Frederick High School Aug. 11, and have al-

ready seemingly picked up a second victory by forfeit as Skyline High’s team reported only three players out for

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NES Sidewalk



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Road construction work is almost complete on Walker Road, with a new sidewalk and curb added to the east side of the street leading to Niwot Elementary School from Niwot Road.

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Niwot boys soccer beginning new season with increased hunger

By JACK CARLOUGH

In what could have been considered a transitional season following the graduation of eight seniors, the Niwot boys soccer team continued its winning ways last fall and reached the second round of the Class 4A state playoffs.

Last season was fun, said seventh-year head coach Stephen Dimit, but the Cougars are now setting the bar a little higher.

“This is a hungry year,” Dimit said. “They had a lot of fun last year, but I think they also really want to build on what they started. That’s a great place to be coming in and we have a lot of returners. They’ve been fired up for quite a few months actually right now.”

Of those returners, Dimit was impressed with how many of them have taken a greater leadership role. He was particularly excited about the leadership he is expecting from Orlando and Aldo Lopez in their senior year. The Cougars also have a pair of senior goalkeepers in Matthew Hansen and Javier Amaya, who are “always big leaders,” according to Dimit.

Niwot’s roster holds nine seniors to begin the season, and with seven returning juniors lending their wisdom as well, the Cougars are anticipating a successful season.

“The boys are setting their expectations higher,” Dimit said “They’ve seen teams be really successful in the past and they want to be one of those too. In this case, this year, it’s not even really me. This is player-driven right now and they’re pretty excited.”

The two biggest returning scorers for Niwot are juniors Jett Feiner and Miler Verbeck, who tallied 10 and five points, respectively, as sophomores.

“Both of them had really

good springs with their club teams [and] scored a lot of goals,” Dimit said. “They’re both really creative players hungry for goals. They are a few of I think the many that are looking to fill in some of the goal-scoring this year.”

Class of 2022 Niwot graduate Azael Marrufo’s production may be the toughest to replace with his whopping 18 goals out of Niwot’s 39 goals scored last season. But, quick turnover is a part of high school sports, and Dimit said losing a star player is nothing new for Niwot.

“It seems like every year we have a great goal scorer or two or three even graduate, and I think the guys have learned now that they’re not looking around for somebody else to show up,” Dimit said. “They’ve seen it happen so many times. Somebody’s always going to figure it out and I hope that this year, it’s five, six, seven guys that are really lighting up the scoreboard.”

Senior Eric Walker is an intriguing candidate to be one of those new producers. After watching Walker help Niwot’s 4x400-meter track and field unit to a state title in May, Dimit decided to put that speed to use and quickly converted him from a defender to a forward.

“He’s going to go out and try to be a goal-scorer because we figured one of the faster kids in the state might be really fun to watch up there,” Dimit said. “He’s made some huge steps in his new position this year, so we’re...excited to see what happens.”

Dimit added that he is also excited to watch junior Josh Ary and sophomore Jay Scharfe, both of whom are set to make their varsity debuts at outside back.

Taking a look at the Cougars’ schedule, five of their six non-league opponents



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Niwot junior Bo Gardner goes on the attack in a scrimmage against Fairview on Niwot’s new home soccer/football field.

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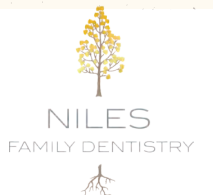


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TENNIS

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tennis for this week's match.

Things will get tougher with Alexander Dawson School on Aug. 18, followed by Class 5A powerhouse Val-or Christian the next day.

Hites is assisted by Keith Wilcox again, although both of his sons have now graduated.

Senior Luke Weber returns to lead the way at No. 1 singles. Junior LiChen Liao is back at No. 2 singles, having won the state title a year ago at that position. "He'd probably be number one anywhere else in Boulder County," Hites said.

The No. 3 singles spot is "still up in the air," according to Hites. Freshman Charlie Kirtland, who moved to Niwot from Seattle, currently holds the spot. "He came here last spring and did a

tour of the school," Hites said, so she had an idea of his interest and talent.

The No. 1 doubles team, so far, consists of freshman Oskar Hansen and sophomore Sebastian Moy. Moy played No. 2 doubles for the Cougars last year. Both Hansen and Moy are in the battle for the No. 3 singles spot but they may stay at No.1 doubles, which Hites describes as a position where a lot of teams stack some of their best players. "They're really good together," Hites said of Hansen and Moy.

The No. 2 doubles team is likely to be senior Ryan Gray and junior Kyle Davidson. Gray played No. 1 doubles last year, but he is now the Niwot High School Student Body President, which will make demands on his time. Hites noted Gray's move down to No. 2 doubles, "is really good for our team" given the level of competi-

tion from newcomers. Davidson will be back in a familiar position as he played No. 2 doubles last year.

Ollie Jones, a sophomore, moves up to No. 3 doubles from No. 4 doubles a year ago and is joined by another sophomore, Tyler Chivkoba, who moved all the way up from the JV squad.

Rex Wallington, a sophomore, returns at No. 4 doubles and is joined by junior Lahritz Strazenbach, who played No. 3 doubles last season.

Two other players are also in the mix for varsity positions and may swing between varsity and JV. Tavi Soni, a junior who played No. 3 doubles last year, and Manan Gangwar, a junior, will be pushing for varsity positions.

"We only had two seniors graduate," Hites said. "Adding those two freshmen has made a big difference.

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were playoff teams last year: Pueblo West, George Washington, Denver North, Centaurus and Silver Creek, with only Wheat Ridge missing out on the postseason. Niwot opens at Pueblo West on Aug. 18 and 4A/3A Longs Peak League play begins Sept. 22 against Northridge.

"The non-league schedule is going to be a real test this year," Dimit said. "We went

out and we found some teams that I think will be contenders this year. Pueblo West is usually a second-round playoff team in most years, as are many others... It's just a really good set of challenges for us. We learned last year that if you want to go far, you have to test yourself early and grow from that."

Veteran Brett Butrick (junior varsity) and Raeanne Sanchez (C team) will head Niwot's lower levels as part of Dimit's coaching staff.



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