

“These small, rural communities need to maintain an identity. ... They’re just getting pushed aside by all this consolidation and everything across the country.” — **BOB ENGLE**, STAR TANNERY RESIDENT ON THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE LOCAL POST OFFICE

Star Tannery residents to hold meeting on post office

By Preston Knight

pknight@nvdaily.com

STAR TANNERY — Residents are being asked to come together in an effort to save their local post office.

A meeting is scheduled for June 1 at 7 p.m. at the Star Tannery Volunteer Fire Department for residents concerned about the U.S. Postal Service’s plan to close the facility. Petitions will be available to sign

WHEN AND WHERE

- The meeting on the Star Tannery post office closure is scheduled for June 1 at 7 p.m. at the Star Tannery Volunteer Fire Department.

and general information on what people can do to be heard will be provided, said Bob Engle, who is taking a lead role in publicizing the event. He retired to

Star Tannery in 2005.

“These small, rural communities need to maintain an identity,” Engle said. “They bring value and they have a historical significance. They’re just getting pushed aside by all this consolidation and everything across the country.”

But the problems run deeper, Engle added. The Postal Service has failed to offer reasonable alternatives for service should Star Tannery close, he said, and he disagrees with the idea that residents should feel comfortable putting money in mail boxes for such things as stamps.

“That’s foolishness,” Engle said. “We need a more secure drop off.”

A 60-day comment period on the planned closure ends on June 20.

Postal Service officials have stated that a lack of business and a vacancy in the postmaster position since 2009 led officials to propose the closure. Services would be