



## Graffiti found at two locations in Niwot



Photo by Karen Copperberg

Vandals tagged two decorative landscape elements in Niwot's Sculpture Park at Community Corner during the last week of September.



Photo by Karen Copperberg

The west-facing side of the Whistle Stop Park caboose was recently targeted by vandals wielding orange spray-paint.

By COURIER STAFF  
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Two Niwot attractions sustained minor damage last week, after being tagged by vandals using spray paint and chalk.

Sometime between September 24 and 26, graffiti artists defaced two landscape elements in Niwot's Community Corner Sculpture Park with the decidedly upbeat messages "Love is Real" and "Belivers" [sic], printed in chalk or grease paint. During the same time frame, Wise Buys co-owner Tim Wise discovered orange spray paint marks on the caboose and other structures in Whistle Stop Park. It is unclear if the two incidents are connected.

And while the messages in Sculpture Park may have been positive, local reaction to the vandalism was anything but.

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## Niwot student helps lead the fight against climate change

By JOCELYN ROWLEY  
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Just one day after leading a large contingent to the Global Climate Strike in Denver on Sept. 20, local environmental coalition The Lookout Alliance co-hosted the Colorado Climate Crisis Teach-In, an event aimed at empowering individuals of all ages to work for climate solutions. Heading up their panel on youth activism was Niwot junior Maya Beauvineau, who is working both in her school and in her community to bring "youth voices" to the fight against what she calls "the greatest threat that we face today."

"The goal of the teach-in was providing a way for the public to inform themselves and learn more about climate change, what their role is, and how they can change their lifestyles and what they can do to prevent it," she said of the event, which drew about 60 people to Unity of Boulder. Beauvineau and her three co-panelists spoke to the attendees about youth engagement in the environmental movement, and then led an interactive activity. "It was really cool because it was a group of both youth and adults who showed up."

Beauvineau's passion for the environment was sparked in middle school.

"There's a long series of events that brought me to where I am today on the climate action, but one of the

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## Lithophones – Colorado's first rock music



Photo by Sal Martorano

Archaeologist, Marilyn Martorano will be giving the first lecture of the Now and Then Lecture Series hosted by the Niwot Historical Society. Her presentation on musical rocks called lithophones will include a demonstration of the rare prehistoric artifacts.

By VICKY DORVEE  
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The 2019-2020 Niwot Historical Lecture series begins with a bang – a bang on an ancient musical instrument that is. In the first of four planned lectures for the upcoming season, archaeologist Marilyn Martorano, will discuss the lithophone, one of the rarest prehistoric artifacts discovered in Colorado.

"I always loved the archeology in the San Luis Valley, it's so diverse - from prehistoric times thousands of years ago to the historic period," Martorano said, "but I never thought I'd be studying stone artifacts that are instruments. That wasn't

anything I had any ideas about until just a few years ago."

Born and raised in Alamosa, Martorano has been digging in her own regional backyard so to speak. She holds a masters in anthropology from Colorado State University and has worked professionally across the Rocky Mountain area including for the park service in the Great Sand Dunes and the forest service before starting her own consulting firm – Martorano Consultants LLC.

Her more than four decades of digging and researching has led to her being a highly sought-after leader in both

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# ▶ Letter to the Editor

To the editor:

Our heartfelt thanks to Bert, Seth and Allison Steele at Niwot Market, and to Pat Murphy at Niwot Real Estate, for supporting our inaugural car show and pancake breakfast. As a volunteer-driven non-profit based in

Gunbarrel, we rely on donations to provide services to our senior community. Because of their generosity, we were equipped with everything we needed to cook and serve pancakes while visitors looked in awe at the incredible vehicles on display.

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www.cultivate.ngo to learn more about the amazing work we do. And we'll look forward to seeing many of you at our next event!

Sharon Greene-Lally,  
Director of Operations, Cultivate

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## ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

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## SUNSET FALL CRAWL

Sunset Middle School is holding its fourth annual Fall Crawl on Friday, Oct. 4. In Sunset's only fundraising event of the year, students walk or run laps for 25 minutes, and friends and family pledge donations per lap completed, or offer flat pledges. Please visit school

website (<http://sms.svvsd.org/>) for more information.

## FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK

Niwot's October First Friday Art Walk takes place on 2nd Avenue and in Cottonwood Square Shopping Center on Friday, Oct. 4, from 6 to 9 p.m. with live music on the streets.

## PET BLESSING

Please join us on the patio at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church (7077 Harvest Rd., Boulder) on Sunday, October 6th at 9:30 a.m. for a blessing of your pet, whatever that might be! All are welcome!

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY LECTURE

The Niwot Historical Society Now & Then Lecture Series presents Lithostones,

Prehistoric Musical Stones on Wednesday, Oct. 9 at the Left Hand Grange (195 Second Ave.) Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for pre-lecture coffee, snacks, and conversation. The presentation begins at 7 p.m. Admission is free to NHS members and \$5 for non-members.

## BOULDER COUNTRY DAY OPEN HOUSE

Boulder Country Day School (4820 Nautilus Court, Boulder) is holding an open house for preschool (ages 2.5 and above) and kindergarten on Wednesday, Oct. 16, from 9 - 10:30 a.m. Prospective parents will have the chance to learn more about BCD, its academic and arts programs, as well as to have a chance to meet faculty, administrators and other prospective families. Register at [www.bouldercountryday.org](http://www.bouldercountryday.org)



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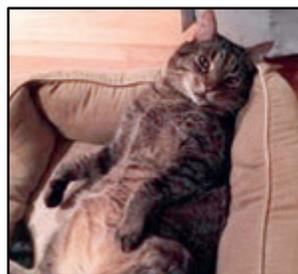
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# COMMUNITY PET SPOTLIGHT



Meet Zianna and Ben, who live in Niwot with their human companions Alexandra, Richard, and Mikhail, and are the first interspecies pair featured in this space. Writes Alexandra, "I never intended to have a huge white dog, but as it happened, Zianna lives with us and enriches our lives to no end. She is like a sister to our son and resembles Nana from Peter Pan. She charms everyone with her beauty, which is so helpful when there is white hair on everyone. She and Ben, our 10 year old cat, are the best of friends, commanding different 'sit-spots' in the garden and rolling around in the grass. We think Ben has a zippered fur suit on and will turn into a teenage human sometime, but so far he enjoys ruling the house as a feline. We even go on walks together and discuss everything from spirituality to politics."

We look forward to seeing your pets in our spotlight. Please email your photos and captions [Editorial@lhvc.com](mailto:Editorial@lhvc.com)

# Local eateries offer autumnal treats



Photo by Abby Scott

Fall might not be in the air yet, but it's on the menu at several local establishments

By ABIGAIL SCOTT  
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Autumn ushers in more than scenic golden aspen groves and crisp fall evenings. Our locally loved Niwot coffee shops, bars, and restaurants have added

delicious fall-themed flavors to their menus. From spiced treats to pumpkin-infused eats, here's the round up of area locales that have new fall surprises on their menus.

The Old Oak, on 2nd Street, has a beautiful, hand-drawn menu announcing it's fall fa-

vorites. Warm coffee-based drinks are hand-crafted by the shop's experienced baristas and are the perfect thing to warm up on brisk mornings. Pumpkin-spice lattes with honey and warm apple cider waft through the air, drawing in passers-by to stay a while

and catch up with friends and neighbors. The sweet, richness of The Old Oak's pumpkin bread pairs perfectly with its autumnal cinnamon-spiced cortado.

In keeping with tradition, The Tavern in Cottonwood Square will swap out its Spring/Summer menu for a heartier Fall/Winter collection. This cozy neighborhood watering hole is the perfect place to warm up on a cold, snowy evening. Dig into creamy pasta dishes like cajun shrimp linguine and wash it down with a host of rotating fall beers. This beloved bar also is also gearing up to host Oktoberfest on Oct. 12 and ensures that german varietals and autumn brews will be plenty.

Just down the way, the Winot Coffee Shop boasts a bevy of autumnal drinks. Its very own chai-der creation is a perfect pairing of apple cider and chai spice. They also offer a variety of gingerbread lattes and mayan spiced mochas that

blend zesty peppers with rich, creamy chocolate. Fuel up for an early morning bike ride with a slice of 100% organic pumpkin bread at this local hot spot.

The Niwot Market never fails to delight with its collection of seasonal, local produce. Pick up chocolate zucchini bread or a diverse array of gluten-free, nut-free, or soy-free treats that perfectly showcase fall's soul-warming flavors.

Lucky Pie will feature the hard-to-find beer from Bierstadt brewery, Oktoberfest. They also plan on pouring a variety of beers from Great American Beer Fest so stop by and try their unique autumnal offerings.

Some restaurants have yet to release their autumnal offerings but, whisperings from the cornucopia say they'll be as tasty as ever! From fall-themed cocktails to rich soups and sides, stay tuned for part II, "Scenes from a Niwotian Restaurant".



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# Boulder County lawsuits against Crestone Peak dismissed

By ABIGAIL SCOTT  
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Late last month, a judge in Boulder County District Court dismissed 20 of the 34 claims brought in a lawsuit filed by the Board of County Commissioners in 2018 to halt a large oil and gas drilling project proposed by Crestone Peak Resources. The court further determined that the county is responsible for Crestone's attorney's and court fees, the total amount of which will be determined at a hearing on Jan. 16, 2020.

The remaining 14 claims were either settled in Crestone's

favor, or withdrawn by the county. In a statement released on Sept. 23, the BOCC announced that it disagrees with the court's decision, and plans to file an appeal later this year in order to "continue to protect the county's legal rights and preserve the lands that belong to the county under our open space agreements."

In 2017, Crestone proposed an oil and gas drilling project on open space land in unincorporated Boulder County that would create 140 new wells along Highway 52 near Erie. According to the Colorado-based company, the site could po-

tentially bring "\$398 million in tax benefits to the community, including nearly \$100 million in receipts to Boulder County, more than \$240 million to local schools, more than \$6 million to water districts and another \$50 million to Mountain View Fire District."

A subsequent review of the proposal by Boulder County found that many of the minerals rights in question at the proposed sites had expired. Additionally, the county contends that many of the conservation easements it owns with respect to the sites prevent most development. So, in 2018, the BOCC

filed suit in district court to halt Crestone's proposed plan.

The dismissal was tough news for some, including Commissioner Deb Garner who foresaw this fight being difficult and uphill, both ways. In a press release from her office, Garner stated "Also, by awarding Crestone attorneys' fees, the court essentially said that oil and gas operators do not have to prove they have the right to drill on someone else's property. Instead, landowners like Boulder County have to prove that operators don't have the right to drill and may even have to pay the operator's attorney fees on top of that."

Niwot resident and Lookout Alliance leadership team member Leslie Weise also decried the district court's decision in the case. Her coalition of Niwot, Gunbarrel, and Heatherwood residents provides lectures, meet-ups, and information regarding oil and gas development in the area, and its effects on public health and safety.

"The Lookout Alliance strongly supports Boulder County's intention to appeal the recent court ruling concerning Crestone Peak Resources' outrageous plan to create the largest fracking facility in the state on Highway 52 in Boulder County. The residents of Boulder Coun-

ty are already exposed to high levels of carcinogenic toxins such as benzene, and dangerous levels of ozone, from the more than 20,000 oil and gas wells operating in Weld County. We applaud Boulder County's efforts to halt this heavy industrial project that will only harm us further."

Meanwhile, the court ruling does not mean that Crestone can move forward with its proposal. Its application for the 140-well project is on hold at least until Boulder County's drilling moratorium ends on March 28, 2020.



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# Pumpkin patches are perfect for fall fun

By CAROL O'MEARA, COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION BOULDER COUNTY

October is arriving and with it the annual pilgrimage to pumpkin patches. Prowling in fields or rummaging through bins looking for the perfect jack-o-lantern, we're all getting into the fall mood.

Memorable fall enjoyment is ripe for picking at area farms, and local growers are holding their harvest festivals complete with orange, grey, white, warty, and giant novelty pumpkins. Hop on a hayride or test your skill at navigating a corn maze; you'll find there's fun for everyone at area patches.

- If you plan on getting out early to pick your pumpkin, choose one that lasts with these tips:
- Strong stems keep the pumpkin fresh, so look for those that are fully attached to the skin.
- Choose firm, not mushy pumpkins. Avoid those with cuts in the skin; they'll rot quickly.
- Keep your pumpkin cool, not freezing or overly hot. Store away from direct sunlight, and bring it in



Courtesy Photo

October is arriving and with it the annual pilgrimage to pumpkin patches.

if frost is predicted.

Once your pumpkin is picked and safely home, keep it fresh and ready for the big night with these tips:

- Wait to carve your pumpkin until one or two days before Halloween.
- Scrape out the walls to a thickness of one inch for easiest carving.
- Immediately after carving, smear petroleum jelly over the interior and cut surfaces to lock moisture in.
- Pumpkins wilt in three days; perk yours up by soaking it in water. Mix one teaspoon of bleach to

one gallon of water to prevent mold from growing. Ready to shop? Check out these pumpkin patches near you this fall:

- **Red Wagon Farm**, 7694 North 63rd St., Longmont offers u-pick or easy-shop pumpkins, straw bale maze, and fun meeting alpacas, llamas, goats and other animal residents of the farm (redwagonfarmboulder.com/the-farm/pumpkin-patch/).
- **7th Generation Farm**, 1536 Courtesy Rd., Louisville, for hayrides, pumpkin picking, and

corn maze. Check out their farm fresh meat, eggs, and honey while you're there (7thgenerationfarm.com/; 720-841-3836).

- **Rock Creek Farm**, 2005 S. 112th St., Broomfield, for traditional jack-o'-lantern and pie type pumpkins in one of the largest u-pick pumpkin patches in Colorado. For hours and days of operation, check their website at rockcreekfarm.com.
- **Anderson Farms**, 6728 WCR 3 1/4, Erie, features farm tours, corn mazes, zombie paintball hunt, and handicapped accessible U-pick pumpkin fields (andersonfarms.com/).
- **Rocky Mountain Pumpkin Ranch**, 9057 Ute Highway, Longmont, rockymtnpumpkinranch.com. Buzz into this organic pumpkin ranch to check out fun for goblins, young and old, including observing honeybees in their hive.
- **River Ranch Farms**, 1220 Langston Ln., Loveland offers pumpkin picking along the picturesque Big

Thompson river. Thousands of pumpkins to browse through (river-ranchfarms.com/Home.html).

- **Munson Farms** at the corner of Valmont and 75th St., Boulder, is a place to go on a hayride or find classic and unusual pumpkins of white, slate blue or firehouse red (munsonfarms.com/).
- **Cottonwood Farm**, 1535 N. 75th St., Boulder, specializes in fall fun for everyone. Mazes, hayrides, pumpkins, gourds and more at this family owned farm (cottonwoodfarms.com/).

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research and cultural resources management. Martorano has worked to establish many National Historic Landmark designations in Colorado and has won several professional awards.

Her love for the past came to her early in life. Both of her

parents had a deep interest in archeology. Her father taught at Adams State College and every summer family travels meant stops at every historical site on the road. Growing up in the San Luis Valley offered an abundance of evidence of prehistoric people. Martorano has an appreciation for the importance of history and wants to be sure it's shared with the public.

She first laid eyes on the cylindrical smooth stones (some as long as two feet) at the Great Sand Dunes. The initial guess was that they were grinding or digging tools. But it was striking that their "use patterns" and large size were inconsistent with being simply utilitarian. So the odd rocks were tucked away for many years awaiting an epiphany that would pinpoint their purpose.

In 2013, Martorano discovered the rocks were something more moving than tools. A YouTube video sent to Martorano by a colleague showed a French researcher with drawers of the same type of artifacts that soldiers had brought back from Africa in the early 1900s. When the researcher tapped on the rocks, they resonated. Called litho for stone and phone for sound in Greek, the highly modified rocks from the Great Sand Dunes finally had a name and became part of a category of relics found all around the world.

Suspended on a lap or legs, hung vertically or placed hori-

zontally atop a rope, the reverberating rocks each emit different tones when knocked on or rubbed with a mallet.

"It kind of opened a whole new realm, at least for me, thinking about music and sound for ancient folks," Martorano said.

Why did our very early predecessors, who were hunter gatherers moving from one locale to another, find these belongings so necessary that they carried them even though they weighed up to 10 pounds apiece? Were the sounds made for pleasure, communication or were they perhaps used in ceremonies?

"It's really interesting to me that they were spending the time to make these artifacts, which are so amazing when you look at them. They're pecked and shaped so beautifully and they're heavy. To me that means they were really important because you wouldn't be carrying them around unless it meant something," Martorano said.

Martorano's presentation will cover where these ancient musical instruments are found and

will explore the research being done to uncover their mysteries.

Attendees will have an opportunity to see and play lithophones on loan to Martorano from the Colorado History Museum and San Luis Valley collections. Some of the lithophones on display are thought to be 6,000 years old or older.

The lecture will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 9, at the Left Hand Grange, 195 2nd Avenue, Niwot. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for pre-lecture coffee, snacks, and conversation. The presentation begins at 7 p.m. Admission is free to Niwot Historical Society members and \$5 for non-members. The hall is handicap accessible.

The Niwot Historical Society's mission is to preserve, collect, and protect the history of Niwot and the surrounding area. To join the Niwot Historical Society, which is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, an individual membership is \$15 and families are \$25. All donations are tax deductible. For additional information, please visit [NiwotHistoricalSociety.org](http://NiwotHistoricalSociety.org).



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A new class of prehistoric artifacts called portable lithophones has been identified from Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve and San Luis Valley in southwest Colorado.

"Litho" is Greek for stone and  
"phone" means sound.

A lithophone is a musical instrument consisting of a purposely-selected rock (often formally-shaped) that is tapped or rubbed with friction to produce musical notes.

For more information go to:

[niwothistoricalsociety.org](http://niwothistoricalsociety.org)

## Great Pumpkin Party Parade

Saturday, October 26, 2019

### EVENT NOTICE

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11:30 a.m. - Noon

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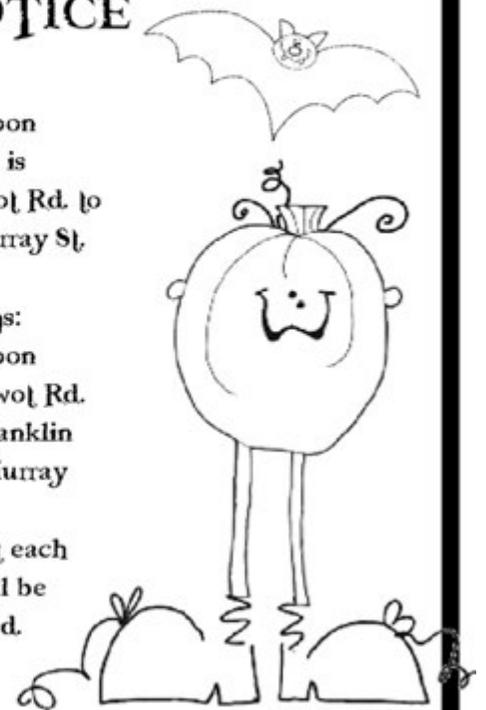
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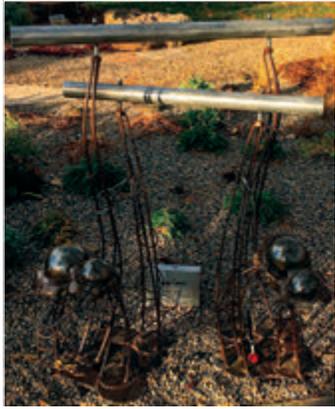
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# Agogo Grow



Courtesy Photo

Maureen Hearty's sculpture, "Agogo Grow," can be seen at the Niwot Community Corner at Sculpture Park.

By CATHERINE MCHALE  
Special to the Courier

This piece continues a monthly series about the artworks and artists chosen for Community Corner at Sculpture Park at the corner of 79th St. and Niwot Road.

October's feature is "Ago-

go Grow" by artist Maureen Hearty. "Agogo Grow" is a repurposed steel and aluminum sculpture. Standing roughly 3 feet tall, it features flowers situated amongst the twisting, industrial steel rods. It is accompanied by a large drumstick, encouraging the viewer to play. Fittingly, it's in the middle of the park within reach of all who pass through. It is the only interactive and sound-creating sculpture featured in the park at this time.

Maureen Hearty refers to herself as a sculptress, gardener, musician, and community organizer. Using art, music, and horticulture as tools for education and community activation is her priority. "My creative practice exists in two planes; a maker of objects and a community based artist. As my work develops I aim to find the intersection of these two loves," she wrote on her

website, [mauxheart.com](http://mauxheart.com).

She incorporates various materials and methods based on the community and space with which she is working; materials include metal, cob, textiles, ceramics, collected natural materials, plastic bottles and other found objects. She also collects audio stories as a tool for social bridge building.

Hearty's work ranges from playful structures like "Agogo Grow" to provocative spherical representations of nature to angular depictions of planes and wagons. Her work is tied to the earth, and her use of repurposed materials furthers this association. She demonstrates an enthusiasm for life and all the wonderful, sometimes sad, other times gross or inspiring processes that we collectively witness.

Maureen was born in Littleton, Colorado, grew up

in Denver and is currently blossoming in Joes, Colorado. Transforming metal waste into sculptures, and inspired by the fluctuating social and physical geography, she explores themes of invention, movement, metamorphosis, and decomposition in her sculpture.

Hearty's work can be experienced in private collections and exhibits across Colorado. In late September, The Orphanage, an automotive-themed exhibit space in Yuma, CO, hosted her "Land and Place" exhibit. "Maureen's primary inspiration for Land and Place has been life on the High Plains: the horizon line, majestic open space, things that grow, and things that decay" ([orphanageyuma.com](http://orphanageyuma.com)).

"I believe that we should participate, respect all and have fun while doing as little damage as possible to

ourselves, each other and our surroundings" ([mauxheart.com](http://mauxheart.com)).

Maureen Hearty's sculpture, "Agogo Grow," can be seen at the Niwot Community Corner at Sculpture Park. The piece is available for purchase.

For more information about the visit [www.niwot.com/sculpture](http://www.niwot.com/sculpture) and [www.mauxheart.com](http://www.mauxheart.com).

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"It is so disappointing to see all the care, hard work, and countless hours donated be treated with such disrespect," Anne Postle of the Niwot Cultural Arts Association said. "As a community, we need to be on the lookout. We can use this occurrence to teach our children to value the hard work of the volunteers in Niwot."

For Scott Deemer, owner of Outdoor Craftsmen and chief de-

signer of Niwot's public art space, the graffiti on the sculpture garden benches is a "contradiction of statement". Linda Hufferd of Osmosis Gallery agreed, saying, "All of that artwork should be appreciated."

Clean-up efforts got underway on Sunday, Sept. 29. A team of volunteers using soapy water and stiff brushes erased nearly all traces of the printed messages in about an hour. However, the removal of orange paint on caboose and shed will be more challenging.



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On Sept. 29, volunteers cleaned the graffiti left in Niwot's Sculpture Park at Community Corner sometime earlier in the week.



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# BEAUVINEAU

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main events that sticks out to me is my seventh-grade biology class, where my teacher really made sure to emphasize the dire situation that we face in terms of the climate crisis," she said. "That opened my eyes."

But it wasn't until her sophomore year in high school that Beauvineau felt called to activism, inspired in part by teenager Greta Thunberg, who drew international attention when she went on a school strike in August 2018 to demand stronger action on climate change from the Swedish Parliament. That unleashed a new wave of student activism across the globe, and in the months since, Thunberg's advocacy group, FridaysForFuture, has inspired millions of young adults to march for a solution to what they see as an existential crisis.

Among those new activists is Beauvineau, who attended FFF's first worldwide climate strike in March 2019, and has since dedicated herself to the cause. She has been working with The Lookout Alliance and other groups to pressure local and state agencies to impose strict oil and gas regulations. She is also an active member of Niwot's Environmental Club, and spearheaded its efforts to attend last week's second mass

climate protest, which attracted thousands to the State Capitol in Denver.

"The Environmental Club has really been picking up steam this year," she said. "I was really excited because we were able to get a group of over 20 students down to Denver, which really shows that the environmental awareness at Niwot High is growing. I'm really excited to keep up that trend."

Beauvineau also sees the movement growing rapidly in Colorado and beyond.

"I have a friend in Paris, also named Maya, and she posted on her Instagram that hundreds of thousands of people would show up to these strikes, and I was really inspired and honestly semi-jealous," Beauvineau said. "That's why Friday's rally in Denver was so empowering because I've seen the growth since last year in numbers showing up in the United States."

Looking ahead, Beauvineau said the Environmental Club is planning a collaborative "letter to the editor" campaign with the Lookout Alliance that she hopes will, "show our discontent with oil and gas extraction."

"We want to push policy makers at the community and state levels to keep oil and gas in the ground because that is one of the biggest issues we face with climate change," she said.



Courtesy Photo

Niwot junior Maya Beauvineau led a contingent of Niwot students to Denver for the global climate strike on Sept. 20.

"We really want to show that the youth are aware that this needs to stop."

She also encouraged mindfulness when it comes to climate action at the individual level, a common theme at the teach-in.

"Some of the things you can do as an individual are definitely being conscious of your consumerism and asking yourself, 'what impact do my actions have on the environment and beyond my own life.'"

Beauvineau knows that Boulder County is more proactive on climate change than many local jurisdictions, and feels grateful for actions such as the county-wide moratorium on drilling and other sustainability

measures. She also knows that the area has more than its share of concerned citizens. But at the end of the day, she said that even more is needed.

"I'm inspired every day by everyone who joins and everyone who talks to me about anything environmentally re-

lated," Beauvineau said. "But the science is still clear that we need concrete action, and to me that looks like laws being put into place at the government level, so I think it's absolutely important that we really focus on that as our ultimate goal."

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# Niwot High exchange student hikes Mt. Rotary



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Niwot High's Paul Cordts, a Rotary Youth Exchange student from Cuxhaven Germany, hiked Rotary Peak on Sunday, July 8, with other rotary exchange students in Colorado's Rotary District 5450. Paul is shown with his host family, Julie and Scott Stockert of Longmont. Scott is Sergeant at Arms of the Niwot Rotary Club, which meets Thursday mornings at 7 for breakfast, at the Left Hand Grange Hall in Niwot. Guests welcome.

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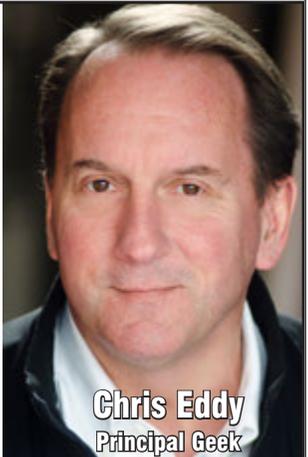
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# SPORTS

## Gunlikson earns berth to state championships

By JOCELYN ROWLEY  
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Niwot boys golf coach Ed Weaver knew he had to act after his number one golfer, Christopher Gunlikson, lost six strokes on three holes during the Class 4A Region 3 tournament at Coyote Creek golf course on Sept. 26. The normally even-keeled sophomore went from +2 after five holes to +8 after the eighth, putting him in danger of falling out of contention for a berth to the state championships on Oct. 7. So Weaver stepped-in and gave his top player some unexpected advice.

"After number eight, I could tell Christopher was frustrat-

ed, so I pulled him aside, and we had a conversation about where he was at, and what he needed to do," Weaver said. "And I told him to tuck in his shirt.... You'd be surprised, but little things like that make a big difference."

Clearly, something in Weaver's pep-talk made a big difference, as Gunlikson was substantially improved over the next ten holes, with eight pars, a birdie, and just a single bogey. He posted a 36 (+1) on the back nine, putting him at 80 (+9) for the round, which was good for 12th place overall. It was also well under the qualifying cut of 83, giving the second-year varsity player a spot at the upcoming state

tournament in Montrose.

"He was eight strokes better," Weaver said. "I guarantee that conversation was part of him getting his head screwed around, whether anyone wants to believe it or not. After that, he was one over. He made the adjustments, and he recovered beautifully."

Shirt-tucking wasn't among

the reasons Gunlikson noted for his improvement over the back nine, but the 10th grader acknowledged feeling calmer after the eighth hole.

"I started off really bad, probably my worst golf of the year," he said. "The first couple of holes, I was pretty nervous, more than usual. But as I got more comfortable, I was

seeing the ball better. I made some swing adjustments, too, during the round, which really helped me."

Gunlikson was also helped by his solid short-game, which Weaver said was crucial for overcoming the tournament's challenging pin placements.

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Sophomore Christopher Gunlikson tees off on the first hole at Coyote Creek golf course while his coach and teammates look on at the Class 4A Region 3 tournament on Sept. 26.

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# Niwot fends off Erie for second straight shutout



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Junior Keegan Stobbe keeps the ball in-bounds during Niwot's 2-0 win over Erie on Sept. 26.



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Midfielder Jake Elston (4) moves the ball past two Erie players early on in Niwot's 2-0 win on Sept. 26. He would go on to score his first goal of 2019 in the second half.

By JOCELYN ROWLEY  
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Niwot forward Keegan Stobbe has been a dynamo for the Cougars' offense in 2019, but it wasn't until the 56th minute of their non-conference match against Erie on Sept. 26 that the speedy junior finally got the shot that he's been waiting nearly half the season for.

"I was just chilling on the 18, basically, and I gave Mason [Wright] a little look," Stobbe said of the sequence that resulted in his first goal of 2019. "He saw me and placed the ball in. It was a weird ball, but I got my head on the end of it and it ended up going in... I've been struggling this whole season, so to put one in the net is just fantastic."

Stobbe's remarkable header put Niwot up 1-0 over the Tigers, a lead that would grow to 2-0 just over 20 minutes later when sophomore midfielder Jake Elston took a pass from forward Ismael Dominguez, and slipped the ball between two Erie defenders and past keeper Trey Hollis. It was also Elston's first goal of the season, and head coach Stephen Dimit was happy to have two new names to add to Niwot's scoring list.

"Stobbe's leading us in assists right now, but it's really nice to get him on the score sheet because we're always a better team when he scores," Dimit said after the shutout win, Niwot's second of the week. Stobbe has four assists and 18 shots on goal in 2019, the team's second highest behind junior Aidan Martin (23). "And Jake Elston has been one of our hardest workers all year long and it's nice to see him get that payoff on the stat sheet."

While the boost in offensive production is definitely a welcome development, Dimit was also quick to credit his defense for their role in Niwot's return to winning. On Sept. 24, the team posted a 1-0 road victory over Littleton, after defenders Carter Kruse and Andy Worrell combined for an unusual Cougars' scoring opportunity.

"They got the shutout, and they got the goal, which was really



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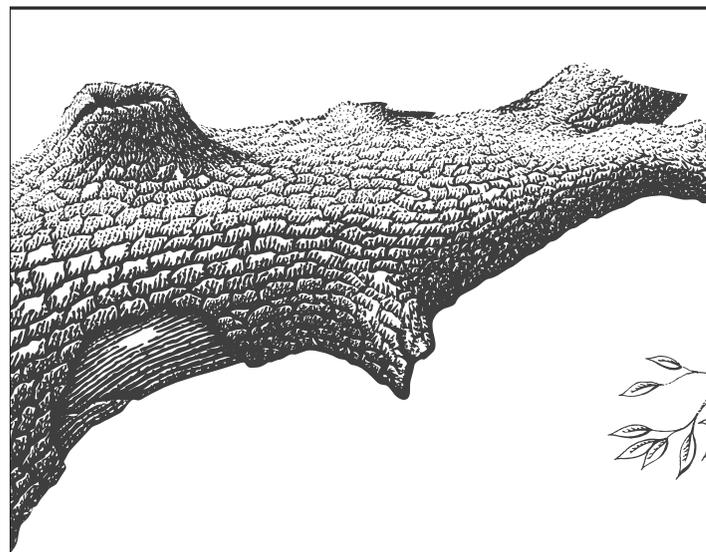
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# Desert Twilight brings out the best in Niwot runners



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Sophomore Zane Bergen was the top runner for the Niwot boys at the Nike Desert Twilight Festival in Casa Grande, Ariz. on Sept. 27.



Photo by Laura McDonald

The Niwot girls cross country team took first overall in their race at the Nike Desert Twilight Festival in Casa Grande, Ariz. on Sept. 27. From left, Madison Shults, Ashley Edwards, Amelia Philofsky, Samrawit Dishon, Eva Lennert, Lucca Fulkerson, Eva Klingbeil, Joelle McDonald, Taylor James.

By JOCELYN ROWLEY  
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Niwot cross country has emerged as one of the top programs in Colorado, and now it can claim its spot among the best teams in the southwestern U.S., after an impressive

performance at the Nike Desert Twilight Festival in Casa Grande, Ariz. on Sept. 27.

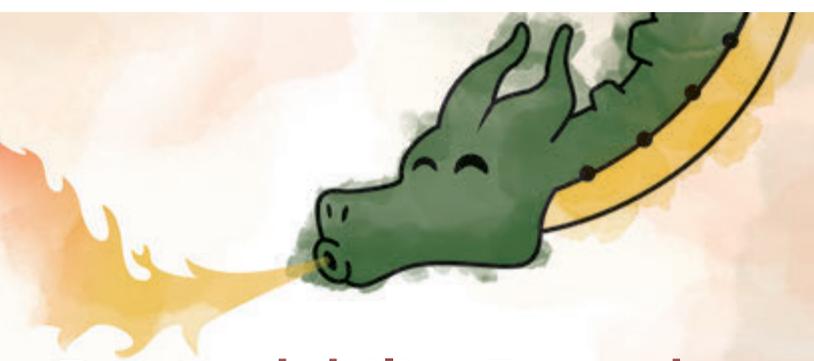
Paced by senior Samrawit Dishon, the Cougars finished first overall in the elite girls 5000M race, with 80 team points. Dishon posted a personal best time of 17 minutes

8.02 seconds to capture third place, followed by junior Taylor James (17:45.51) in 15th, Amelia Philofsky (17:57.12) in 18th, Madison Shults (18:17.33) in 25th, and senior Joelle McDonald (18:18.70). In the Large Schools 5000M, Niwot junior Lucca Fulkerson took second, with a time of 17:40.82, and sophomore Ashley Edwards (20:19.92) was 9th.

It was also a good night for the boys, who finished second overall in the elite race behind sophomore Zane Bergen, whose season-best time of 15:22.43 was good for 23rd overall. Also posting season-bests were senior Jack Kenkel (15:34.91), junior Grayden Rauba (15:46.18), junior Joaquin Herrera (15:48.15), and sophomore Joey Hendershot (15:56.49). The Cougars ended with 161 team points, edging out Fort Collins (163) and Air Academy (167) in the 28-team field.

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cool because that almost never happens for us, the way that we play," Dimit said. "But they gave us a gritty goal, in a really gritty game."

The Cougars' have also seen exceptional play from their freshman keeper, Javier Amaya, who assumed starting duties in mid-September, after platooning with senior Pancho Rodriguez early on. In four complete games in 2019, the ninth-grader recorded three shut-outs and turned in an "amazing" performance against Littleton, according to Dimit.

"Shutouts are one of our goals this year, so we're really proud that we haven't given up a goal in two games. We've really worked on limiting our shots, and Javi's been outstanding in taking care of all the stuff we really need to clean up."

The two wins put Niwot back at .500 for the year, with some momentum heading into a tough slate of Northern League opponents. In the new month, the coach said he is looking for the Cougars to take advantage of their scoring chances and make a strong run to the postseason.

"We've played a really hard schedule so far this year, and the guys have been working on getting things right. I feel like the second half was a good step towards that.... Two wins in a row is a good momentum shift, but that's obviously up to the guys. Soccer's a big mental game, so we're going to enjoy this one, and then we'll focus on starting our league play off right."

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# STUDENT-ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

## Andy Worrell

By JOCELYN ROWLEY  
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Scoring goals isn't Andy Worrell's specialty, but the Cougars' defender knows a good opportunity when he sees it. Luckily for the Cougars, the 6'-6" senior was uniquely positioned to take advantage of one against Littleton on Sept. 24.

"Carter [Kruse] played me a great ball across and I knew they couldn't rise up as high as me, so I just went up and tried to make a play," Worrell said of the heads-up play that broke a 0-0 tie in the second half. "It came off my shoulder more than my head, but no matter how it comes off, a goal is a goal. Being able to rise to the occasion when the team needed a boost the most is awesome."

Worrell's goal eventually stood as the game winner, and may have saved Niwot's season. A loss to the Lions would have meant a big drop in Niwot's Class 4A RPI ranking, possibly putting the postseason out of reach. In the week since, Niwot has improved to 5-4, and Worrell can feel momentum shifting for the Cougars.

"We had a hard schedule to start the year, but we've learned from it and have made steps in the right direction. Now it's all about getting better each and



Photo by Jocelyn Rowley

Senior defender Andy Worrell had the game winning goal for Niwot in their 1-0 win over Littleton on Sept. 24.

with his voice and by example. He has also forged a great partnership with his other center back, Carter Kruse, who sent him the ball, and it was great to see the two of them connect for a game winner."

When he's not patrolling the backfield for Niwot, the cheery Worrell engages in a wide variety of activities, from snow-boarding to volunteering with at National Sports Center for the Disabled, in order to avoid becoming "one-dimensional." He has also kept his options open in the classroom, with a mixed course load of AP and IB courses in his senior year. After graduation, he plans to study business at CU or NYU, and would like to eventually pursue a career in sports management.

However, unlike many of his peers, Worrell wants to make the most of his final year in high school, rather than gaze too far down the road.

"Enjoying what you're doing is important, and I think senior year is a great time to continue to grow and learn about who you want to be," he said. "So enjoying each day and not stressing about school is important for me. I like to keep things in perspective, and in the long run, I know to enjoy the little things and not worry too much if I'm having a good time."

every day, and making that push into playoffs... But I know if we keep growing, we will like our position at the end of the season."

According to head coach Stephen Dimit, the Littleton game isn't the first time Worrell provided a timely boost to his team in 2019. The veteran defender has emerged as a vocal leader for the Cougars this season, both on and off the field.

"He was the guy getting everyone together over the summer to train and improve," Dimit said. "His team trusts him to give everything he has for the group, and they know that he is always going to lead

# NHS SPORTS

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### OCT. 2 - OCT. 11

<p><b>Wednesday, Oct. 2</b> 4 p.m. - Boys tennis vs. Mullen</p> <p><b>Thursday, Oct. 3</b> 3:30 p.m. - Softball vs. Mtn. View 4 p.m. - Boys soccer vs. Th. Valley 6 p.m. - Gymnastics @ Loveland 6:30 p.m. - Volleyball @ Centaurus</p> <p><b>Friday, Oct. 4</b> 4 p.m. - XC @ Northern League meet</p> <p><b>Saturday, Oct. 5</b> Gymnastics @ Broomfield Invite 10 a.m. - Softball vs. Ft. Lupton 1 p.m. - Football vs. Eagle Valley</p> <p><b>Monday, Oct. 7</b> Boys golf @ Class 4A state championships (Montrose)</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, Oct. 8</b> Boys golf @ Class 4A state championships (Montrose) 6:30 p.m. - Volleyball @ Northridge Wednesday, Oct. 9 6 p.m. - Gymnastics @ Loveland</p> <p><b>Thursday, Oct. 10</b> Boys tennis, Class 4A regional 3:30 p.m. - Softball vs. Northridge 4 p.m. - Boys soccer vs. Gr. Cent 6:30 p.m. - Volleyball vs. Silver Creek</p> <p><b>Friday, Oct. 11</b> Boys tennis, Class 4A regional 2 p.m. - XC @ Stargate Invite 7 p.m. - Football @ Thompson Valley</p>
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“There were some that were put in some really hard positions, like on the edges of the green. The pins were really set up for the top-20 kids, and it made things really difficult for the rest of the field.”

That included Niwot’s three other golfers, who fell short of the cut, though not by much, in the case of junior Luc Blondeau. The third-year varsity golfer finished his round “on the bubble” with

an 83, but then lost a three-way playoff for the final qualifying berth.

Also competing for Niwot was freshman Carlos Kipkorir, who finished 55th overall and sophomore Ian Turner, who was 61st.

Gunlickson gets a 10-day break before heading to Montrose with Weaver next weekend. He said he plans to work on “ball striking, and keeping everything a little more consistent,” during the interim week, and also plans to work on keeping his nerves in check.

“I’m just going to learn how to enjoy the pressure, and try to develop that calm attitude.”

Weaver said that Gunlickson’s success in the regular season and at Coyote Creek will help him on his sports’ biggest stage.

“He had some tournaments where he played tee to green great, and didn’t have as good a short game, and other rounds where he got up and down, but he was consistent with this scoring throughout. And after number eight today, he put all of that together. He just needs to play his game, and no big mistakes.”



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Head coach Ed Weaver (second from left) chats with players Christopher Gunlickson, Luc Blondeau and Ian Turner before their rounds at the Class 4A Region 3 tournament at Coyote Creek golf course on Sept. 26.



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