



Local election results hold few surprises

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Nationwide, results of the highly anticipated 2018 mid-term elections had a little something for everyone, but that was not the case in Boulder County. Locally, democratic candidates received large majorities, as did ballot measures supporting election reforms and oil and gas industry regulations. Here is a look at some (unofficial) results of particular local interest.

On average, registered voters in Boulder County cast their ballots at a higher rate than their counterparts elsewhere in Colorado. Statewide, turnout was 63.4 percent, but went up to 69.1 percent countywide. In the 2014 midterms, both rates were between 55 and 60 percent, but closer to 75 percent for the 2016 presidential election.

Left Hand Valley voters seemed especially motivated. In the eight precincts that comprise Gunbarrel and environs, 83 percent of registered voters cast their ballots, as did a nearly identical share in Niwot's six precincts.

In the Colorado gubernatorial race, Boulder native Jared Polis was elected with 53 percent of the vote statewide and 75 percent in his home county. The former five-term congressman, whose family founded the Gunbarrel-based Blue Mountain Arts greeting card company, will be the nation's first openly gay governor and Colorado's first Jewish governor.

Democrat Joe Neguse won the seat Polis vacated in Congressional District 2 to become the first African-American elected to Congress from Col-

orado. The Boulder resident received nearly 80 percent of the votes in his home county, by far his highest share in the nine counties served by the District.

Democrat Matt Jones was the runaway winner to replace a term-limited Cindy Domenico for the District 3 seat on the Board of County Commissioners, with 68 percent of the vote. He beat out Republican Gary Cooper and Green Party candidate Cliff Willmeng. In a candidate forum hosted by the Niwot Community Association on Sept. 19, Jones said his three highest priorities for the county are clean energy, transportation congestion, and flood recovery reimbursement.

Boulder County Sheriff Joe Pelle, who has ties to Niwot, was re-elected with more than 80 percent of the vote.

In the race for District 2 State Board of Education, longtime Niwot resident Johnny Barrett lost his bid to unseat incumbent Angelika Schroeder, who hails from Boulder. Barrett, a Republican, supported higher student performance standards and more parental choice. He also supported a request earlier this year by the Boulder County Sheriff to place rifles in Niwot and Lyons High Schools. In September, St. Vrain Valley Schools denied that request.

A number of ballot issues also drew heavy local support, including Issue 7J, the Mountain View Fire Protection District mill levy increase, which passed with 62 percent approval. That measure will increase property taxes by \$32 per \$100,000 of actual home value for residents of

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Living kidney donor gives health to Niwot's Keesy



Courtesy photo

Kidney recipient Bob Keesy posed with his living donor, Frankie Dubar-Nelson.

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Bob Keesy's kidneys were failing so he asked for someone to give him one of their kidneys. One way he asked was a huge

banner on the fence behind his house in Niwot which read, "Bob needs a kidney." He just needed one kidney, but lucky Bob was offered two. UC Health sorted it out and transplanted the one that matched him best. It was a

gift from Frankie Dubar-Nelson.

Almost four months after surgery, both donor and recipient are back to their normal lives. Dubar-Nelson is doing "super-good" she said. She was able to do her usual activities two weeks post-surgery, aside from the usual precautions doctors put on lifting.

"If more people knew how easy it was," 41-year old Dubar-Nelson said, "more people would do it. If my kidney regenerated like a liver does, I'd do it again."

When Dubar-Nelson's son Gavin was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia three years ago at age 12, her friends and community didn't hesitate to jump in, providing house cleaning, meals, and transportation for the family of five. Gavin was cancer-free within a month of treatment and is still

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Local archaeologist shares discovery about early music



Photos by Dani Hemmat

Those who attended Martorano's lecture at FRCC got to play 6,000-year-old musical instruments.

By DANI HEMMAT
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Colorado has rocks that, well, rock. They are called lithophones, and a local archaeologist who first came across these strangely shaped stones 40 years ago is finally sharing their musical story.

Longmont archaeologist Marilyn Martorano first laid eyes on the long, baguette-shaped rocks almost four decades ago, as a volunteer at what is now Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve in southern Colorado.

The clearly hand-shaped

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Join local author and former Left Hand Valley Courier contributor Jeremy Jaeger for a reading of his latest work, "This Is Love," on Friday, Nov. 16th from 7 to 8 p.m. at Inkberry Books (7960 Niwot Road, Ste B-3, Niwot). The reading will be followed by an author reception. For additional information, please visit our website at inkberrybooks.com.

ENCHANTED EVENING

Niwot kicks off the holiday season on Nov. 23 with the Enchanted Evening celebration in Cottonwood Square and Old Town from 6 to 9 p.m., featuring musicians, a tree lighting ceremony, and a visit from Santa. Local businesses are also holding a window decorating contest. For more information, visit niwot.com/events/enchanted-evening.

STARGAZING

Front Range Community College will have a free public stargazing from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 28 at the observatory, located in the courtyard of the Classroom Building of the Boulder County Campus (2121 Miller Drive, Longmont). For more information, visit <https://blog.frontrange.edu/category/news/>.

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Boulder Country Day (4820 Nautilus Court North, Boulder) will be holding an open house for students in preschool through 8th grade on Nov. 14, from 9 to 11 a.m. and again on Dec. 1. For more information and to RSVP, visit www.bouldercountryday.org.

HOLIDAY PARADE

Niwot's Holiday Parade will be held this year on Saturday, Dec. 1 at 11 a.m. Santa is once again this year's Grand Marshal, and will visit with children at the Grange following the parade until 1 p.m.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Alzheimer's Association Dementia Caregiver Support Group meets on the first Wednesday of each month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Niwot United Methodist Church (7405 Lookout Road). This free service is for family members and friends who care for and care about people with Alzheimer's Disease and other forms of dementia.

Real Estate

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The NCA adds to holiday mood

By KIM GLASSCOCK
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Inspired by Niwot's "wonderful" holiday decorations coordinated by the Niwot Business Association, members of the Niwot Community Association board decided at their Nov. 7 meeting that they wanted to contribute to the town's holiday ambiance by adding some decorations at the west entrance to town along Niwot Road.

"The decorations in Whistle Stop Park, our trees and throughout town are just beautiful, but we know the budget is already prioritized and plans are in place at this time," NCA area 3 representative Pat Murphy said. She suggested that the NCA fund

some decorations at the west end of Niwot Road. "Maybe some wreaths or snowflakes could brighten that area."

Murphy's suggestion was enthusiastically endorsed by the board, and the group voted to spend up to \$250 on the holiday decorations which will be coordinated by Murphy.

In other matters, NCA board members heard an update on discussions about subdivision roads from board member Dick Piland.

"The costs for fixing our roads just keep going up," Piland told NCA members.

He said the county cost of chip sealing a mile of roadway is estimated at \$40,000 a mile, with \$350,000 a mile for milling

and overlay and \$950,000 for reconstructing a mile of roadway.

The patching that has been done along some Niwot subdivision roads was a one-time-only program and will not continue, Piland said. Boulder County Transportation used funds left over from the previous fiscal year to patch the worst areas, he said. Pothole filling will continue to be done by the county, Piland added.

There are no county funds available even to provide a match for homeowners associations who want to finance their own subdivision road improvements, Piland said. "Basically you would pay all your own costs," he said.

► Obituary

Donald Richard Hicks (May 3, 1933 - Nov. 2, 2018)



Donald Richard "Dick" Hicks was born on May 3, 1933 to the union of Chester Carl and Anna Louise (Hubbard) Hicks of Olathe, Colorado. He graduated from Western State College in 1955 with a BS degree in Accounting and a minor degree in drafting. Dick married Ann Josephine Warfel on June 14, 1953, in Olathe, Colorado.

Dick and his dad operated a logging operation and sawmill for several years. In the early 1960's, he moved his family to Longmont to work on the new water pipelines in the area. He became manager of the Left Hand Water Company in Niwot in 1964. His next job was the love of his life...construction. He created Small Job Specialist and Agri-Builders West. Before retirement, he managed the Mountain View Egg Farm that housed 240,00 chickens. After retirement, he did taxes for H & R Block, friends and family, and was a handyman for many in the community.

Dick belonged to the Left Hand Men's Club. This club was a big part of what Niwot is today. They campaigned to bring a new elementary school to Niwot, Niwot Volunteer Fire Department

(NVFD), the youth recreation program and to get 2nd Avenue in Niwot paved. Dick was also a firefighter with the NVFD. He was member of the Long Range Planning Commission of Boulder County, on the board of the Rural Fire Protection District.

One of his greatest joys was hunting and spending time at the Hicks' homestead on the Blue Mesa. Dick earned his pilot's license, bought a Cessna 182 airplane. Dick and Ann enjoyed flying all over the country. He was also die-hard Bronco fan and attended games for many years.

He is preceded in death by his wife Ann, parents, and brother-in-law Delbert Kroschel. He is survived by his sister, Connie Kroschel; son, Michael (Pati) Hicks; daughter, Nancy Randolph; granddaughter Janis (Ralph Mauck) Hicks; and grandsons Jared (Bethany) Hicks; Wesley (Pamela) Randolph; Benjamin (Shannon) Randolph; and Bo (Heather) Randolph; and nine great-grandchildren; two nieces and three nephews.

Celebration of Life open house will be held at the Left Hand Grange, Sunday, December 9 at 1pm.

► Death Notice

Don Sayers of Niwot, a well-known and recognized artist, died Oct. 18, 2018. Services will be

held Dec. 1 at 2 pm at Niwot United Methodist Church, 7405 Lookout Rd., Longmont, CO..

ELECTIONS

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the district, which spans nearly 184 square miles in two counties. At a July public meeting held at the Niwot fire station, MVFPD officials said the new

revenues will pay for equipment upgrades and the construction of three new fire stations in the eastern part of the district.

Boulder was just one of 13 counties statewide to vote in favor of Proposition 112, which would have increased certain oil and gas drilling setbacks to

2,500 feet. Statewide, however, the measure went down to defeat, 56 percent to 44 percent.

For more local election results, including results for previous elections, visit <https://www.bouldercounty.org/elections/>. Precinct level results will be posted later this month.

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Holiday traditions come to life at Niwot's Enchanted Evening



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Santa will serve as the Grand Marshal for the Niwot Holiday Parade on Saturday, Dec. 1.

By JOCELYN ROWLEY
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Niwot's 2018 holiday season officially gets underway on Fri-

day, Nov. 23 with the 18th annual Enchanted Evening in Old Town and Cottonwood Square.
"It is a wonderful family and

community event," Dr. Nancy Bureau, co-owner of Left Hand Animal Hospital commented. She is helping to organize this year's festival for the Niwot Business Association, along with Chuck and Linda Klueber. "The best part of the evening is enjoying the sense of community that this event brings."

This year's tradition-steeped celebration has a little bit of something for everyone.

Festivities kick off at the corner of Second Avenue and Niwot Road with a pop-inspired holiday performance by the Niwot Community Semi-Marching Free Grange Band, beginning at 5:45 p.m. in anticipation of Santa's arrival.

Santa Claus arrives at 6:15 p.m. by horse-drawn carriage to

host the tree lighting ceremony, and will then head off to the Left Hand Grange to visit with children until 9 p.m. After the kids give their lists to Santa, families can head over to the Emporium Building for an arts and craft show or to Niwot Market for an ice sculpture demonstration. Banjo Billy's bus will once again be in service between Old Town and Cottonwood Square.

It's going to be a busy night for music lovers. Five diverse musical acts will be performing around town, including the Ptarmigan String Quartet at the Grange with Santa. At Winot Coffee, perennial favorite Dr. Banjo will be back with his bluegrass set, while bassist Nalani DeMarco Clisset will be performing along Second Avenue. Harpist

Carolyn Kuban will be at the Niwot Inn, and classical guitarist Lise Blumenthal will be at Osmosis Art & Architecture. There will also be roaming carolers in full traditional regalia.

Niwot businesses are getting into the spirit with a window decorating contest. Sixteen local establishments will be "decking the halls" with their most artful holiday-themed displays, including Bureau's vet clinic with a "Snow Pets" theme.

"In visiting businesses, seeing window designs, and sharing that with family and friends, the holiday spirit is truly felt," Bureau said.

Visitors to Enchanted Evening will have a chance to vote for their favorite window, and the top three vote-getters will receive a ribbon and plaque. Later on, three completed ballots will be chosen at random, and the lucky voters will receive gift card to Lucky Pie, Old Oak Coffeehouse, or Pebble Art Jewelry.

Of course, it wouldn't be the day after Thanksgiving without shopping. Most Niwot retailers will be open during the event, offering enticements to help customers get a head start on holiday giving.

Santa makes a return trip to Niwot on Saturday, Dec. 1 to serve as the Grand Marshal in the annual Holiday Parade. This year's procession kicks off at 11 a.m. and will feature the Boulder County Sheriff's Color Guard as well as a wide variety of scouts (cub, boy, brownie, and girl). There will also be 4-H clubs, classic car clubs, horses, llamas, marching bands and much, much more. Santa will be back at the Left Hand Grange to catch up with those kids who couldn't make it to Enchanted Evening or those needing to make any additions or corrections to their wish lists until 1 p.m.

If you go: Enchanted Evening kicks off at 5:45 at the corner of Second Avenue and Niwot Road. Santa will visit with kids at the Left Hand Grange between 6:30 and 9 p.m. Visitors can find parking in Cottonwood Square, along Second Avenue or at the Children's Park on First Avenue.

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KEESY

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in remission. Dubar-Nelson was so touched by the outpouring of support that going forward, she wanted to be the one to give. So when she received a flyer from her son's school saying that a student was in need of a kidney transplant, her immediate reaction was to see if she was a candidate. UC Health determined through its in-depth screening process that she was.

Simultaneously, Marc Kammerzell, who knew Keesy through church, had stepped up to see if he could donate his kidney to Keesy, and after screening, he was approved.

UC Health doctors determined the two healthy potential donors' kidneys would fare better if the recipients were swapped, and asked if Kammerzell and Dubar-Nelson were willing to redirect their kidneys to different recipients than they initially intended. They both agreed, and because of hospital privacy rules, Kammerzell knew he would not be giving his kidney

to Keesy, but he didn't know who it would be going to, and Dubar-Nelson knew she had been matched with a new recipient, but she didn't know who that would be.

Dubar-Nelson, who lives in Broomfield, hadn't met Keesy. But Dubar-Nelson did know Kammerzell, also through church. Not until Dubar-Nelson and Kammerzell talked did they realize they were scheduled to undergo surgery on the same day at the same hospital and putting it together, the two donors knew who was giving and getting whose kidney. They also learned, that all but the young lady who was to receive Kammerzell's kidney, attended the same church, and had many mutual friends.

The foursome was scheduled to have surgery on June 22, 2018, but sadly learned the day before that the young lady who was to receive Kammerzell's kidney was not well enough to undergo an operation. Dubar-Nelson was asked if she wanted to proceed and she agreed to do that.

"I just couldn't not do it," Dubar-Nelson said. "He [Keesy] was to the point that he was going

to have to start dialysis if he didn't get a kidney soon. We didn't know how long he would have to wait if we cancelled."

"The hardest thing was not being able to eat for 24 hours after surgery," Dubar-Nelson said about her surgery. "The staff was amazing and very catering. Every time I hit the call button, someone was there. No question was left unanswered. I had surgery Friday morning and went home Saturday afternoon."

Sixty-six year old Keesy's recovery has not been as easy. Fourteen weeks of complications led to two-hour round-trip drives to and from UC Health for appointments that took four to six hours each. The count was 22 such visits to address severe anemia, painful water retention in Keesy's feet, legs, and ankles, and debilitating hand tremors.

"It took me a number of years of bad health before I had the transplant and during that time my health was gradually getting worse," Keesy said. As result of chronic kidney failure, Keesy was anemic and exhausted post surgery. To battle the anemia, he's undergone three transfusions and has had four injections of Procrit. His red blood cell count is now near the acceptable range and doctors believe his body functioning will kick in to continue that trend.

The water retention in his lower extremities was also a concern, and for the foreseeable future he'll continue to be on diuretic medication to address the problem.

Keesy has taken medication for bipolar disorder since the early 1980's and was familiar with the resulting side effect of hand tremors. An anti-rejection medication he was prescribed following the transplant severely compounded the level of tremors he suffered. He reached a point where the tremors made tasks like eating and typing impossible. As time went on, doctors changed his dosage level and the trembling has gone down.

Repeatedly traveling E470 to and from UC Health was a big strain, but running over a semi-truck's mirror flung in the middle of the road on Aug. 20 could have been disastrous. Fortunately, Keesy's son Greg, who was driving, was able to contain the damage to a shredded tire and some undercarriage damage, putting the car out of commission for a month.

Officially on the other side of the scary and frustrating issues following surgery, Keesy takes 16 medications a day and exercises caution because of his suppressed immune system. Otherwise doctors say he's cleared to live a normal life. He and his wife Paula care for their young grandchildren several days a week and Keesy is working on getting back to his normal walking routine.

"Sometimes you just have to be patient," Keesy said of the unexpected ordeal after his surgery. "By the fourteenth week, doctors said that every number was going in a positive direction. And now, four months since the surgery, things have just continued on."

Paula has been Bob's primary caregiver, accompanied by their three sons and many friends. Keesy is extremely thankful for their love and care. His goals now are to help others advocate for themselves when it comes to asking for a kidney transplant and to educate people about being a living donor.

Kammerzell, the original vol-

unteer for Keesy, donated his kidney six weeks ago as part of a different chain of donors and recipients. He is doing well and back at work, according to Keesy. Thus far, the young woman who was to receive Kammerzell's kidney in June has not undergone surgery.

Dubar-Nelson said her most recent follow-up lab test results are excellent and her kidney function is strong and healthy.

"People tell me I'm a hero, but I don't want to be seen that way," Dubar-Nelson said. "I'm just a person who saw a need and helped to fill it. It's kind of humbling to see how much what I consider to be a small sacrifice really impacted so many people."

To follow Bob Keesy's journey and learn more about kidney transplants, visit: www.KidneyMiracle.com. The number of people needing a kidney transplant far exceeds the number of deceased donors. To learn about being a living kidney donor, visit: <https://www.uchealth.org/services/transplant-services/living-donation/kidney/>

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stones, which had been discovered in the area, were housed in the on-site museum when Martorano first saw them. They were a strange set of artifacts for which no one had yet determined a use. Martorano put them back into their drawer, assuming that someday someone would figure out their purpose.

Thirty years later, Martorano borrowed the rocks from the museum to study. While many had postulated that the rocks were tools for grinding, the absence of typical marks led Martorano away from that theory. She studied for three years, without success.

The day before she was to return the rocks to the museum, a friend sent her a video that showed a collection of stones from Paris--stones that looked exactly like those she'd been studying. The rocks, musical stones classified as lithophones, had been found all over the world, but never in Colorado. After watching the video, Martorano started tapping the mysterious stones, and their purpose was suddenly clear.

After obtaining a grant from History Colorado State Historical Fund to study the lithophones, Martorano has learned much about the strong desire early humans had to express themselves.

"The rock is very dense, usually volcanic, granite or basalt. In order to be shaped, it can't be hit too hard or too soft," Martorano said.

She presented some of her findings and artifacts during her open-to-the-public presentation on Nov. 8 at Front Range Community College (FRCC). FRCC

instructor and Niwot musician Michael DeLalla had heard about Martorano's work on public radio, and reached out to her, not even realizing that she was also a local resident.

"Some lithophones were left roughened, possibly to increase resonance," she said, "and others were highly polished."

Some of the Colorado-found lithophones have residue of what is believed to be ochre, a natural pigment that early humans used as decoration or for ceremonial purposes. And some have distinct hand-carved designs on them, possibly for simple aesthetics or the mark of the person or group who fashioned the musical stones over 6,000 years ago.

Another fascinating aspect of these visually uncomplicated artifacts is that each has two acoustical nodes; two spots that are difficult to find at first, but are the only place in which the lithophone can be attached to rope or wood or held in order to not compromise the sound. These nodes are "dull areas" that these early musician/quarriers had to determine, along with whether or not that particular rock even had a decent tone.

"The rocks were first selected for their acoustical properties," said Martorano, "and then they had to be made into a certain shape. What the material is matters, what the ends are shaped like matters. Then how they are held and what they are played with matters." Martorano demonstrated the different tones achieved by hitting the lithophones with wood, antler and bone. The lithophones produce sounds ranging from the sound of tapping on a crystal glass, to a wooden marimba, to a xylophone.

"Out of the 22 artifacts we

studied, we got a minimum of 57 notes out of them. That's at least two different notes from each stone," Martorano said, adding that "56 percent of the notes made by the stones are the notes played on the black keys of the piano--the pentatonics. Those are the most commonly used scales in music in civilized

societies around the world."

While most of the stones Martorano has studied have come from the San Luis Valley area, lithophones have been found in the eastern plains of Colorado and near Salida as well. One Colorado percussionist, Jeff Shook, has found several lithophones while digging post holes.

"They're out there," Martorano said. "We just need to open our minds to the fact that sound was so important in the past. This shows that early man had so much more going on than just hunting, eating and trying to stay alive. They wanted meaning to their lives."

NIWOT COMMUNITY SEMI-MARCHING FREE GRANGE BAND



Enchanted Evening Program

Friday, Nov. 23rd at 5:45 PM – LEFT HAND CORNER

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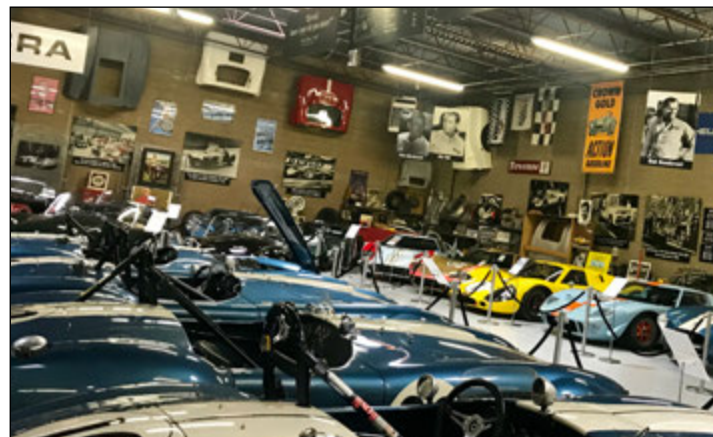


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Shelby American Collection in Gunbarrel is home to the finest collection of Shelby-made cars and paraphernalia ever assembled.

By VICKY DORVEE
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What can hit 200 mph, has played a part in such beloved films as "Viva Las Vegas," and has scads of international groupies? It's the legendary Shelby Cobra and the Shelby Mustang.

Gunbarrel is home to a museum that goes above and beyond in honoring the engineering, elegance and triumphant history of the line of autos that racers completely obsess over. The world renowned Shelby American Collection is ironically located on a quiet and unassuming cul-de-sac, in a completely nondescript building. But it's the contents of the building that entice avid race car aficionados and no doubt are capable of converting even the most lukewarm car enthusiasts into avid admirers just by virtue of the display of low-slung lustrous speedsters all angle-parked as if poised for the starting flag.

Backdrop layers of authentic memorabilia and photos of racing legends, along with the rumbling sounds of accelerating race cars banking turns on a large video screen make for a visceral experience. A camera mounted from the driver's perspective allows onlookers a virtual ride in the speedy, bouncing car.

There isn't another notewor-

thy assemblage of Shelby race cars and their accoutrements such as this anywhere in the world. From ceiling to floor, no detail is overlooked. There are banners, trophies, hood molds and even oil cans. The museum is a finely executed tribute to the heritage of the sport, the cutting edge of its participants, and the royalty of Shelby cars in the racing world.

The not-for-profit endeavor started 22 years ago in December 1996 with just 10 cars. Now around 40 priceless, gleaming cars are on display. Some are on loan from car collectors and others are owned by former racers Bill Murray and his brother Dave Murray.

"Between Bill and me, we've been working on race cars since 1966," Dave said. "We were always into Cobras because they're just the coolest cars out there." In 1962 the Cobra was the first car to hit 180 miles per hour, besting Chevy Impalas, which were capable of 110 miles per hour.

The museum's building is owned by car enthusiast Steve Volk, who along with car restoration expert Bill Murray (owner of Murray Racing in Longmont), started the museum after a little

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prompting from the man himself, Carroll Shelby, who said the quiver of cars already in Volk's and Murray's possession would be of interest to the public.

Shelby, an engineer by education, was a record breaking Bonneville salt flats driver, a Formula One racer and the winner of the 1959 24 Hours of Le Mans race. With his background he was a natural to become an automobile designer. He

believed the foreign cars he'd driven could be improved by combining the light weight of a euro-style body with a V8 engine. Thus the Shelby Cobra was born. Rumor has it Matt Damon is slated to play Carroll Shelby in a big screen movie due out mid-2019.

For only \$5 admission, the timeline of Shelby's creations and their subsequent successes are right before your eyes at the museum including the likes of the muse car, AC Aces, the very first Cobra, and the GT models that followed.

Only 122 GT40s were ever made and 100 of those survived racing. The museum has 10 of them on exhibit. Some of the winningest high performance cars may be ogled at the Shelby American Collection in addition to a car owned by Steve McQueen, the car Elvis and Ann Margaret road in in Viva Las Vegas, and the last Cobra to win a professional race.

On Saturdays, the only day the 10,000 square-foot building is open, some 100 gawkers from as far away as Timbuktu are likely to come through the door,

according to Dave. Racing historians can easily spend hours exploring the museum.

"Almost any day you come in here, we have five to 10 people from out of the country and mostly out of Colorado," Dave said. "People come here specifically because it's the biggest Shelby museum in the world. Nobody could put anything like this together because we have the best cars in the world, the ones that won the races especially."

Every September the museum holds a fundraising event

and some lucky person wins a car. This year they gave away a \$75,000 GT350R. Every donor to the museum is automatically entered into the drawing.

The museum also has a unique gift shop with hard to find books, posters and t-shirts. Open Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., it's located at 5020 Chaparral, Gunbarrel, CO 80301. Admission is \$5. To learn more and to make a donation, visit: ShelbyAmericanCollection.com

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SCHOOL NEWS

Boulder Country Day School Takes First Place in Continental Math Competition



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Boulder Country Day School's fourth grade Math League Team won first place in its division at the Math League Tournament held at Aspen Ridge Prep School in Erie Nov. 5. Several BCD students placed within their grade-levels, including Alexander O'Hearne, first place in third grade and Amitai Sebba, first place in fourth grade. Several BCD students qualified to move on to a state competition.



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SPORTS

Niwot reaches state finals for first time since 1990



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The Cougars with their runner-up trophy after a loss in the championship finals at this year's Class 4A state championships on Nov. 10.

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By JOCELYN ROWLEY
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Niwot's weekend at the Denver Coliseum for 2018 Class 4A state volleyball championships had a theatrical quality to it. There were hard-fought rivalry wins, a devastating injury to a key player, inspirational performances, and, finally, an unlikely trip to Niwot's first state championship match in nearly three decades.

What the Cougars didn't get was a Hollywood ending. Real-life powerhouse Lewis Palmer saw to that with an anti-climactic sweep in the finals (11-25, 15-25, 10-25). But if finishing as the second best team in Class 4A did sting a bit, Niwot still had plenty of reasons to celebrate its historic 2018 season.

"Those are tears of joy,"

Cougar head coach Daisha Agho said after her seniors exited the court for the final time. "We didn't end quite as strong as we wanted to, but they're still very excited about what they've accomplished, and deservedly so."

Niwot's accomplishments in the post-season alone are worthy of excitement, the loss to Lewis Palmer notwithstanding. The team got its first inkling of drama on the opening day of the state tournament, which moved from pool play to a 12-team bracket format this year, and expanded to three days in the process. After a first round bye, the No. 3 seed Cougars faced No. 6 seed and six-time state champion Cheyenne Mountain after a long day of waiting.

Niwot beat the Indians in four

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VOLLEYBALL

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sets (25-21, 25-19, 22-25, 25-16), despite an unfortunate tendency to get big leads and then let Cheyenne Mountain back into contention. In the first set alone, the Cougars were up by nine points three separate times, but they ultimately won by just four. In the second set, Niwot was down 7-13 before coming back to win 25-19, thanks to clutch plays by senior middle hitter Zoe Gonzales down the stretch. Then there was an all too familiar letdown in the third set.

"Winning in three would have been nice," Agho said. "But there are still some players who haven't played here before, and those nerves came out a little bit today. If it comes down to fundamental volleyball, we're fine. If we can play at the pace we want to play, we're fine. We took that away from ourselves in the third set."

The drama ramped up on day two, when Niwot faced off against longtime rival and perennial powerhouse Holy Family, the team that ended the Cougars' state title hopes in 2016 after a dramatic five-set thriller in pool play. Earlier this year, the Cougars beat the Tigers for the first time since 2014, so the rematch had a little more at stake than just a trip to the state semifinals.

The Cougars ultimately claimed a hard-fought, four-set victory, but no one felt much like celebrating after the winning point. During the match play, senior outside hitter Audrey Richard suffered what looked to be a serious injury in a collision with a Tigers' player, putting her status for Saturday's final four game in jeopardy. Richard was unquestionably a key component of the win, with a team-high 19 kills, including three down the stretch of set four to keep the Cougars close.

"The team was definitely rattled," Agho admitted. "Every team faces adversity at some point in the season, and unfortunately, ours came at that time."

In another plot twist, Niwot's semifinal opponent ended up being cross-town rival Longmont, which beat No. 2 seed Discovery Canyon earlier in the day to advance. Longmont was one of just three teams to beat the Cougars during the regular season and



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Senior Audrey Richard had a limited role, but was able to play with a taped ankle against Lewis Palmer on Nov. 10.

claimed a co-share of this year's Northern league title. The Cougars evened the season series on Oct. 18 with an impressive four-set win over the Trojans, making for another anxious rematch at the Coliseum.

The drama reached a fever pitch for Niwot fans when the team took the court for the semifinals with a heavily taped Richard dressed and ready to play, and again, when she came out to serve after Niwot's first point against the Trojans. When she rotated out, the Cougars were up 4-0, and it was clear that even their injured captain's limited presence in the lineup would be a big boost for the squad.

"I was just playing for our team," Richard said of her decision to suit up for the final day. She notched two aces for Niwot in her handful of court appearances. "When all 13 of us are out there as a team, every single one makes a contribution, and if I hadn't been out there, it would have been a different dynamic. It would have been that way if any of us were injured. We need all of our girls to accomplish what we've accomplished."

Richard's appearance had the desired effect, as the Cougars swept the Trojans 25-23, 25-22, 25-18, to earn their first state finals berth since 1990. Freshman Zoe Gibbs proved an able replacement outside, and her senior teammates did their part to fill the void, especially Emma Falk who seemed to score every time she touched the ball. She ended the game with a season-high 27 kills. Gonzales added 12 kills and two aces, while setter Madison Schoeder had four kills on seven attempts, as well as three blocks and 40 assists.

"We had a conversation about

how each of them has gotten here and how there's no reason they can't step up," Agho said of her advice to the seniors ahead of the shorthanded semifinal. "I told them it's their job to make sure the team is mentally ready. They did very, very well. It's the most I've seen them focused, especially in that third set that we don't play well in."

With momentum seemingly on their side, there was a hopeful buzz around the Cougar bench before the start of the finals, along with a good luck charm from the 1990 team, courtesy of longtime Niwot basketball coach Terri Ward, a member of the volleyball coaching staff back then. Earlier this season, Ward took over coaching duties for the JV volleyball team following the departure of Coleen Ford.

Unfortunately, the Cougars needed more than luck and momentum against the two-time defending champions. Without Richard, Lewis Palmer simply overpowered the shorthanded Cougars, keeping them "on their heels" and out of system for the entire match.

"They're a fantastic team," Agho said of the Rangers, who have appeared in seven straight Class 4A finals and won five. "Their serving is on point all the time and we knew that. We tried a couple of different things, but nothing was really working. We started to find a spark in the end a little bit, but it's too late at that point when they've gotten their confidence and have started to roll."

Even though they fell short, Richard said the weekend would always be special to her and the seniors who have had one goal since freshman year.

"I've been dreaming about making it to the finals for so long,



Courtesy Photo

Senior Audrey Richard gives her team a pep talk during their finals match against Lewis Palmer on Nov. 10.



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Senior Zoe Gonzales stretches for a dig against Lewis Palmer in the Class 4A Champs

ever since I started with Niwot volleyball," she said. "We're really a family out there. They've taught me so much about love and care and being with a team, living with the team, and playing for the team. I'm really going to miss that."

(11/8) — Niwot 3, Cheyenne Mountain 1

Indians 21 19 25 16
Cougars 25 25 22 25

Kills—Emma Falk 16, Audrey Richard 15, Zoe Gonzales 10, Madison Schoeder 5, Natasha Terekhova 3

Blocks—Emma Falk 8, Audrey Richard 3, Zoe Gonzales 5, Leslie Grafelman 1, Natasha Terekhova 1

Digs—Emma Falk 17, Audrey Richard 12, Zoe Gonzales 1, Madison Schoeder 14, Natasha Terekhova 12, Annika Turner 5, Leslie Grafelman 3, Katie Hirsch 2

Aces—Emma Falk 1, Zoe Gonzales 1, Audrey Richard 1, Madison Schoeder 1

(11/9) — Niwot 3, Holy Family 1

Tigers 22 26 25 25
Cougars 25 28 20 27

Kills—Emma Falk 18, Audrey Richard 19, Zoe Gonzales 8, Madison Schoeder 3, Natasha Terekhova 3, Leslie Grafelman 1

Blocks—Emma Falk 5, Audrey Richard 2, Zoe Gonzales 4, Leslie Grafelman 1

Digs—Emma Falk 16, Audrey Richard

12, Zoe Gonzales 1, Madison Schoeder 7, Natasha Terekhova 17, Annika Turner 11, Leslie Grafelman 1, Katie Hirsch 4
Aces—Audrey Richard 4, Madison Schoeder 1, Leslie Grafelman 1

(11/10) — Niwot 3, Longmont 0

Trojans 23 22 18

Cougars 25 25 25

Kills—Emma Falk 27, Zoe Gonzales 12, Madison Schoeder 4, Natasha Terekhova 4, Leslie Grafelman 2, Zoe Gibbs 3

Blocks—Madison Schoeder 3, Zoe Gonzales 2, Emma Falk 1, Zoe Gibbs 1

Digs—Emma Falk 7, Audrey Richard 2, Zoe Gonzales 6, Madison Schoeder 11, Natasha Terekhova 9, Annika Turner 8, Leslie Grafelman 4, Katie Hirsch 7, Zoe Gibbs 5

Aces—Zoe Gonzales 2, Audrey Richard 2, Leslie Grafelman 1

(11/10) — Lewis Palmer 3, Niwot 0

Cougars 11 15 10

Rangers 25 25 25

Kills—Emma Falk 7, Zoe Gonzales 4, Madison Schoeder 2, Natasha Terekhova 1, Brooke Deitmeier 2

Blocks—Emma Falk 1, Audrey Richard 1

Digs—Emma Falk 3, Audrey Richard 1, Zoe Gonzales 3, Madison Schoeder 6, Natasha Terekhova 1, Annika Turner 4, Leslie Grafelman 1, Katie Hirsch 2, Zoe Gibbs 1, Brooke Deitmeier 2

Aces—Madison Schoeder 2, Leslie Grafelman 1

McBride accepts district AD position



Courtesy Photo

Niwot AP/AD Chase McBride is moving on up to a deluxe administration building on South Pratt Parkway in Longmont to work at the district level.

By JOCELYN ROWLEY
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Fresh off the heels of his school's second team state championship of the 2018 fall sports season, Niwot assistant principal and athletic director Chase McBride announced that he will be taking his talents to the next level.

Effective after the 2018-19 school year, McBride will replace

the retiring Rob Berry as Executive Director of Athletics, Fine Arts, PE and Health for the St. Vrain Valley Schools.

"It's such a successful district and there are such good ADs within the district, that I couldn't wait for a chance to work with them," McBride said of the move, which he informed colleagues about on Nov. 7. "And not just in athletics. The fine arts across the

district are flourishing."

In his new position, McBride will be overseeing the activities of more than 30,000 students across 50-plus schools in the St. Vrain Valley, as well as the health and PE departments. McBride joined the Niwot administration in 2014, after a two-year stint as AP/AD at Berthoud High School. Before that, he taught social studies at Mountain Range and Fort Lupton High Schools. During his five years at Niwot, McBride has also been actively involved in the leadership of the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA), and was appointed to its Board of Directors earlier this year.

According to NHS Principal Eric Rauschkolb, it's hard to overstate McBride's positive contributions to Niwot's school culture during his five-year tenure, and not just in the athletic department.

"He has increased the percentage of students involved in extracurricular activities, so he has increased student oppor-

tunities," Rauschkolb said. "Research has shown that students who are involved outside of the regular school day—whether that is music or drama or speech and debate or athletics—that they get higher grades, their attendance is better, and their incidences of disciplinary issues is lower."

Of course, the athletic success is certainly an important part of McBride's legacy at the school, especially recently. In just the last six months, the school's teams and athletes have won three state titles, three runner-up titles, 17 individual titles, and numerous conference and regional titles. Of the eight fall sports teams at Niwot, seven qualified for the post-season, and four were either state champions or runners-up.

"There is a lot of synergy at Niwot High as a whole right now," Rauschkolb said. "We lead the district in SAT scores; we lead the district in ACT scores; we're leading the district in the number of team championships

and individual championships. I think those things are really intertwined when we're finding success on the competition field and in the classroom."

Echoing Rauschkolb, McBride said in his new position he will continue his efforts emphasize the positive correlation between academics and extracurricular activities, with a goal of increasing participation rates across the district.

"I don't care if you're in sport or in a musical or if you're in speech and debate," he said. "The success rate academically for people who are involved in extracurriculars are off the charts."

McBride will spend time next spring learning the ropes with Berry before officially taking over on July 1, 2019. Berry, who spent time as an AP/AD at Niwot before moving up to the district position, is leaving the position after 15 years, and building on his success is another of McBride's goals.

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STUDENT-ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Katie Hirsh

By Jocelyn Rowley
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The Niwot volleyball team had many weapons at their disposal this season, and one of its most effective was the irrepressible cheer of senior Katie Hirsh.

"That girl gets us pumped up and fired up," head coach Daisha Agho said of the setter turned defensive specialist. "She takes us out of huddles every single time because of her spunk and her attitude. When things are looking down, we look to Katie to get a spark."

Things were certainly looking down for the Cougars at this year's Class 4A state championships after star middle hitter Audrey Richard injured her leg in a collision with an opposing player. After the match, Hirsh remained optimistic about the team's ability to pull together and weather the apparent crisis.

"We know that no matter what's happening, we have each other," she said. "We just foster a lot of love for each other, and it's just so much fun to play in that kind of environment. When we play well is when we really count on each other."

With Richard in a limited role the following day, Hirsh also helped fill in the gap on defense, leading to a dramatic sweep of cross-town rival Longmont to put the Cougars in their first title match since 1990.

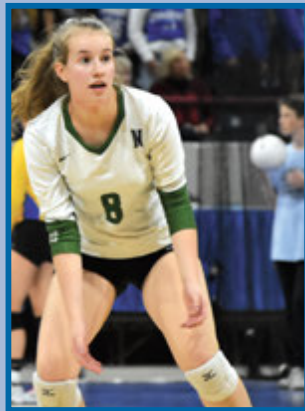


Photo by Jocelyn Rowley

Senior Katie Hirsh was a crucial component on defense for Niwot during this year's Class 4A volleyball championships.

Hirsh's affection for both the sport and her "amazing" teammates is infectious. She has been playing volleyball for eight years, and joined the Niwot program as a freshman. A setter for most of her career, Hirsh changed positions to make room when Madison Schoeder joined the team in 2017.

"I love learning how to play defense and how to serve receive," she said. "I think it's just the best feeling in the world when someone drives a hard ball down the line and you dig it. That's a great part of volleyball."

According to Agho, she has also quietly assumed a role as team leader, mostly by example.

In the classroom, Hirsh is a top performer in the Niwot's challenging IB program, and

said the instructors are her favorite part of the curriculum. She admits that balancing the heavy IB workload and the long competitive season has been difficult at times.

"I think because I love volleyball so much it's been an advantage to me," she said. "It gives me a mental break from thinking about school and academic stuff."

Hirsh hopes to study biomedical engineering in college, but she's not sure yet where she'll land, though several out-of-state institutions are a possibility, including Northwestern, Case Western Reserve, and the University of Utah.

In her limited spare time, Hirsh is an accomplished painter and artist and somehow still finds time to be an ardent "gamer," who recently built her own PC.

"I feel like I have a lot of different aspects about me," she said. "People usually see me as a volleyball player because that's what I talk about most, but I have a lot of different things I'm interested in."

Hirsh also had a message for fans and supporters of the Niwot volleyball program.

"Everyone's been really supportive, especially my parents," she said. "We want everyone to know that the community has been really, really important to our success, and we're very thankful for that."

MCBRIDE

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The search for McBride's replacement will be underway soon, according to Rauschkolb. He hopes to officially announce the opening later this month and start interviewing candidates after the first of the year, with the help of a selection committee comprised of "parents, staff, and coaching representation."

"We expect to get a deep candidate pool based on what an attractive school Niwot is to work at," the principal said. "What makes this job so attractive is, number one, the solid reputation academically that Niwot has. Number two, we just get better and better at athletics, and that's very ap-

pealing to candidates. But, also, people know that if you come to Niwot High School, you will be well-positioned to succeed at the next level, if that's your goal."

McBride expressed his gratitude to the current administration at Niwot and Rauschkolb in particular for giving him "freedom to work so much at the state level." He also said he will miss the relationships he's formed during his time as a Cougar.

"The way that the coaching staff here interacts with kids and gets the most out of their student-athletes and the way kids flock to the music and band directors," he said. "They're the best in the business, and it's going to be tough to not see them every day."



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Niwot cheer cleans up at Rocky Mountain Classic

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The Niwot cheer squad is going to have to get a bigger trophy case.

On Nov. 3, the Cougars took first place in the varsity show cheer competition at the USA Rocky Mountain Classic in Broomfield and qualified for a bid to the national competition in Anaheim, Calif., next February.

According to Head Cheerleader Savannah Parrot, her team's 'clean' routines were the key to victory.

"We can't control how quickly we advance with our skills, but we can control how clean we are with the skills that we're doing," she said. "We really focus on throwing a routine that both hits and looks good versus one that might have harder skills but won't look as appealing."

The triumph at the Classic comes at an especially good time for the squad, which is

gearing up for the high school postseason. On Nov. 13, they will compete in the Northern League championships at Centaurus High School, and Parrot is optimistic about the resurgent team's chances to contend for the conference title.

"We've really been improving our tumbling and our difficulty," she said. "But there are some very good schools in our division."

Parrot and her squad will cap off their competition season year at the Class 4A spirit championships on Dec. 7. In 2017, the team finished 13th overall at state, despite a tumultuous start to the season. With another year of growth and stability behind them, Parrot likes Niwot's chances to break into the top 10 in 2018.

"We couldn't do some of the more advanced pyramids last year," she said. "We have a better chance of upping our difficulty and still keeping it clean."



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The Niwot cheer team competed at the USA Rocky Mountain Classic at Legacy High School on Nov. 2, and took first place in the intermediate division.

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