

## Longmont's Up-A-Creek Robotics wins Colorado Regional

*Duct tape and t-handles  
save the day for Team  
1619*

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Nothing energizes a project team like a last-minute and potentially catastrophic failure. So when a routine maneuver to reset their robot's climber somehow went wrong during the final round of the FIRST Robotics Colorado Regional, both students and mentors from Longmont's Up-A-Creek Robotics crew flew into action.

"It was super-stressful," Niwot senior and team software lead Nevin Gilbert said of the rush to repair a snapped release lever before the decisive match. "We really thought we had it in the bag there, and we were ready to wrap it up, and then that was super unexpected. But



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On March 9, FIRST Robotics Team 1619 (aka Up-A-Creek Robotics) won the 2019 Oklahoma City Regional competition to clinch a bid to the 2019 FIRST Robotics Championship in Houston on April 20.

I think that's something super awesome about the program—it teaches you a lot of real-life skills in the sense that you have all these unexpected things that you never see coming, and how do you handle that."

According to Gilbert, the eventual repair was anything but elegant, thanks to another real-life lesson in making do with the materials at hand.

But it did what it needed to do, and Up-A-Creek Robotics (also known as Team 1619) went on to lead their three-team alliance to victory and claim the 2019 Colorado regional championship.

"I was just so excited," Gilbert said. "We put so much effort into Colorado last year, and we came super close, competing with some of the greatest teams, and

I was just looking forward to winning Colorado this year, so it was an awesome feeling."

Up-A-Creek and 52 other teams vied for the title during a two-day tournament at DU's Magness Arena, on March 22-23. A large majority of the teams were from the host state, but there were also representatives from Arizona, South Dakota,

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## Iconic race returns to Boulder County

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Organizers of the 2019 Boulder Roubaix are shifting into high gear as the biennial tribute to the famed French bike race gets set to return to the area on Saturday, April 6. Modeled after the world's oldest single-day cycling competition, the local event may not have the legendary cobblestone-paved stretches of its grueling Parisian namesake, but that doesn't mean riders won't be tested by the partially-paved 18.7-mile course that winds through the hills of northern Boulder County.

"It's a really challenging loop, and it's an amazingly beautiful area," head promoter Chris Grealish of DBC Events said of the route, which starts at 41st Street and Oxford Road, then runs north to Hygiene before circling back along Crane Hollow Road. "People who haven't been through there before are typically blown away. Unlike a lot of races, the rolling nature of the course and the dirt roads and the pot holes and the 'rough road' aspect creates a lot more stress on the participants, in terms of not being sure if the rider ahead of them is bringing them into some big hole. It just makes it a lot tougher, and you can never really relax."

More than 1,000 riders and spectators are expected at this year's iteration of the Roubaix, which has been a mainstay of the county's spring racing calendar since 1990. This season's event features 32 racing categories, ranging from juniors to collegiate to masters. The top three finishers in most categories will receive a medal, while the winning professional racers will receive a cash prize, as well

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## Be the change you wish to see



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The course for the 2019 Boulder Roubaix is 43 percent paved and 57 percent unpaved and presents a challenge for unsuspecting riders caught off guard by the gentle start.

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Donating money is wonderful, but engaging with a cause by giving your time and energy is likely to have an even greater impact – to that cause, and to you. It's completely guaran-

teed that by volunteering you'll be making the world a better place, and besides the obvious gratification of bringing about positive change for others, you'll reap the benefits of connecting with others, which is proven to ward off depression and lower your blood pressure, and will generally make life more satisfying. You'll learn new skills, meet friends, feel part of something larger than yourself, discover a purpose, and become educated about your community.

No experience is necessary; there's a position for you. Here are a few organizations just a short distance from you – each one will be thrilled when you show up, pitch in, offer ideas, reach out your hand, and make it known you care.

### NIWOT NEEDS YOU

**Jazz on 2nd** Avenue A weekend event filled with local and international talent. Ticket sales raise money for the Colorado Jazz Group, a non-profit that provides jazz education to youth across the Front Range.

**How to get involved:** Volunteer at the event taking tickets, giving information, and making sure things go smoothly in a variety of ways.

**Contact:** [www.JazzOn2ndAve.com](http://www.JazzOn2ndAve.com)

**Left Hand Grange** This community landmark is the oldest active grange in Colorado and preserves the agricultural heritage of Niwot and the surrounding area. It remains an important local gathering place for events,

meetings, and celebrations for citizens of all ages.

**How to get involved:** Become a member, offer to join the board of directors, help with maintenance of the building, and assist with events.

**Contact:** [lefthandgrange@hotmail.com](mailto:lefthandgrange@hotmail.com), and for more information, visit [www.LeftHandGrange.org](http://www.LeftHandGrange.org).

**Niwot Business Association (NBA)** A group of local business people and community members supporting the commercial and economic well-being of businesses and encouraging the preservation of the Niwot Historic District.

**Ways to be involved:** If you're part of a Niwot-area

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## Community Calendar

### PARENT EDUCATION EVENT

Boulder Country Day School is hosting Protecting Children from Sexual Assault, The next presentation in their Parenting Education Series, on Tuesday, April 9 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. The event is free and open to the public, but registration is encouraged. Visit [www.bouldercountryday.org](http://www.bouldercountryday.org) for more information.

### PUBLIC MEETING

Boulder County Transportation is inviting the public to review and provide feedback on draft recommendations for the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) Update. Draft updates will be made available for review and comment online, but community members can also visit with staff in-person at an upcoming open house on April 4 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Ron Stewart Parks and Open Space Building ( 5201 St. Vrain Road, Longmont). For more information, visit [www.BoCoTMP.com](http://www.BoCoTMP.com).

### BIKE RACE

The biennial Boulder Roubaix bike race is returning on Saturday, April 6. The 18.7-mile circuit course starts at 41st and Oxford Road, then winds through north Boulder County to Hygiene before looping back. Racing starts at 8:30 am continues throughout the day. Local traffic will be impacted by road closures and delays. For more information or to register, visit [www.dbcevents.com](http://www.dbcevents.com).

### CALL FOR ENTRIES

Boulder County Parks & Open Space invites photographers to submit pieces for the fourth juried photography exhibit featuring county public lands. Entries will be accepted between May 17 and June 19. For more information please visit <http://www.BoulderCountyOpenSpace.org/photoshow> or contact Karen Imbierowicz at [kimbierowicz@bouldercounty.org](mailto:kimbierowicz@bouldercounty.org) or 303-678-6268..

### 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.

### OPINIONS SOUGHT ON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The City of Boulder, the Boulder Public Library and The Center for Research and Public Policy, Inc. (CRPP) are conducting an independent survey of residents in Boulder, Boulder Valley and the adjacent mountain communities (Boulder area). This important survey includes questions about your perceptions of the library, your views on meeting future demand and expanding services and funding to meet community library needs. We need your opinions and appreciate your time. Go to <https://boulderlibrary.questionpro.com>

### YOUTH CORPS JOBS APPLICATION

Boulder County residents ages 14-17 have until 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3, to apply for summer jobs with the

Boulder County Youth Corps. Boulder County is also hiring adults to be team leaders.

The Youth Corps will hire teenagers to work 30 hours per week, Monday through Thursday, from June 10 to July. Corps members will earn a starting wage of \$11.10/hour, with the possibility of earning a \$100 bonus at the end of the program based on merit and strong attendance.

Applicants can apply online. Applications are available at counseling offices in Boulder Valley and St. Vrain Valley schools, city and town personnel offices, most local recreation and youth centers and libraries, and the Boulder County Human Resources Department at 2025 14th St. in Boulder.

Team leaders must be at least 21 years old and will start at \$17.75/hour. Team leaders will be employed from May 29 to Aug. 2 to work up to 40 hours per week, Monday through Friday. These positions remain open until filled.

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## Making it personal

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As the courier of news for Niwot, Gunbarrel and south Longmont, we sincerely hope we are connecting readers to our community. For exactly that reason, we would like to make it even more personal. In future issues, check out our new feature titled Personals and Missed Opportunities near the classified section on page 15.

Do you want to start a book club, find a buddy who likes to walk or go to football games

or concerts with new friends? Are you looking for a partner, a love interest or would you like to borrow a dog for a day? Want to partake of a new restaurant with a table of two or more or maybe you're looking to start a foodies' group that meets at each other's homes? Here's your opportunity to reach out to others and make it happen.

Did you spot someone across the dance floor at Rock and Rails, on the trails or at the coffee shop, and later regret that you didn't introduce yourself? Did you spark up a

conversation about politics or auto repairs or hair styles and not get a chance to finish the chat? Perhaps someone performed an act of kindness and you didn't have time to say thank you. We'd love to reconnect you.

If you just enjoy knowing that people are reaching out to others, our Personals and Missed Opportunities will make you smile. In the coming weeks check out the new column and see what interesting prospects await you. The cost for printing a submission is the same as our classified ads.

# Fresh fantastically fast Fringe Pizza opens in Gunbarrel



Photo by Dani Hemmat

Fringe's Mark Cosiglio shows off the mighty, mini-oven that helps them feed customers within minutes of ordering.

By DANI HEMMAT  
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If the mark of a neighborhood's growth is measured in pizza joints, then Gunbarrel can puff out its chest and brag away. First Proto's Pizza, then

Domino's Pizza, and now there is Fringe Pizza, which opened its doors about a month ago.

A concept restaurant from owner Nate Rajotte, Fringe is definitely different. The tiny pizzeria, located right next to

Rush Bowls on Spine Road, is working in less than 400 square feet, but that's enough to house the remarkable pizza oven that is just one of the things that sets Fringe apart.

The small, but mighty Marra Forni, an Italian-designed, American-made brick oven, cooks the pizzas at Fringe in about 90 seconds. Standing next to one for any length of time shows fortitude, as the oven is operating at 880 degrees while its interior rotates to cook the pies evenly.

Mark Cosiglio, Fringe's general manager, notes the tiny rotating inferno is not the only unique twist Fringe employs.

"Our flour comes from one specific region in Italy," Cosiglio said. "We start the dough with a sourdough starter, and then it ferments for two days, making for a light, fluffy crust that's crispy and very flavorful."

"That also makes it more easily digestible," he added.

The Neopolitan-style pizzas are made with many locally sourced ingredients, and all are prepped fresh to order. Each pie is about 12 to 13 inches, and Fringe feels that the pies are at their best if consumed immediately.

The menu includes combinations such as smoked pork, jalapenos, goat cheese and charred

pineapple; roasted rapini, Calabrian chilis and lemon-honey bread crumbs; and their lamb pepperoni pizza, featuring a custom-made pepperoni that each employee attested to being the best pepperoni they've ever eaten.

While there are a few seats inside the tiny pizzeria and Fringe shares some outdoor seating with Rush Bowls, the business is primarily takeout. However, Fringe offers Finkel & Garf Brewery patrons the option of getting

a hot pizza delivered right to the bar, so now a cold brew with a hot pizza pie hand-delivered to your barstool is a dream that has become a reality.

Fringe Pizza's Gunbarrel location is the first of its kind, with the next one planned to open in Golden sometime in May. Fringe Gunbarrel is open seven days a week, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and is located at 5400 Spine Road. For more info, visit [www.fringepizza.com](http://www.fringepizza.com)

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# Longmont Community Foundation celebrates 25 years



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Longmont Community Foundation Board Member Susan Shirley presents a grant award to Bridge to Justice Executive Director Bruce Wiener.

By VICKY DORVEE  
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The Longmont Community Foundation (LCF) will be celebrating 25 years of supporting charitable giving at their annual dinner on April 4. Since 1994, the foundation has overseen the distribution of \$11 million to non-profits. This year alone the organization will allocate more than \$1 million to the arts, education, animals, human services, health and environmental causes.

There are only 1,900 community foundations world-wide, each honing in on a particular geographic area. LCF was originally under the umbrella of the

Denver Community Foundation, but five years ago became an independent organization. LCF's Executive Director for the last 10 years, Eric Hozempa, described its mission as improving life in the St. Vrain Valley "through philanthropy and charitable leadership."

"We're kind of behind the scenes, trying to raise money for the entire community," Hozempa said. Running on a lean platform, Hozempa is the only full-time employee of LCF and there are two part-time employees on-board as well.

The foundation is focused on giving through several channels - awarding grants to non-profit organizations through the Live and Give Longmont program

and the Longmont branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) community action grant. LCF also offers donor-advised fund management to giving funds established by individuals and families, and oversees scholarships awarded to SVVSD students for education beyond high school. In addition, LCF helps local charitable organizations excel by offering training and other resources.

Stewarding the Live and Give Longmont fund will result in LCF distributing nearly \$70,000 this year to non-profit programs while the AAUW grant will award \$2,500. Both specifically benefit St. Vrain Valley residents.

"It's kind of a savings account for the community, if you will," Hozempa said. "We have volunteers who decide on where those monies go each year after reviewing the grant proposals, of which we get about 100 applications."

Technology has helped with refining LCF's application process, allowing grant applicants to submit video proposals. To watch the videos, visit LCF's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCqnR9gyNfU1BLLT6idvTEg>.

The largest segment in which donations are divvied up is through funds established by individuals and families. "It's like a private foundation without

all of the paperwork," Hozempa said of the donor-advised segment of LCF.

Those coffers are directed to non-profit organizations by the fund holders, while the money is pooled with other funds allowing the investments to grow over time. The funds go toward an array of city and county charities, faith-based organizations, and any group that qualifies as being not for profit.

Niwot-founded Left Hand Giving Circle is one of the organizations under this segment of LCF's operations, along with other groups, families or individuals appreciating the advantages that LCF provides.

LCF also serves as the administrator for nine educational scholarships totaling \$30,000, all targeted at SVVSD high school seniors heading to four or two year college programs, and vocational and technical schools in the fall. One example is LCF's Ascend Scholarship Fund, which is intended to alleviate the burden of loans that the average low to medium income families take on - around \$37,000 per family Hozempa said. Applications for scholarships generally have deadlines early each year and are awarded in May.

Each year, the winners of the Live and Give Longmont grants are announced at LCF's annual dinner. Hozempa said that this

year, "In celebration of 25 years in the community, we're also going to start our 25 \$1,000 grants for 25 weeks. Each week we'll be drawing an organization's name from those that applied for a grant from us during our Live & Give grants cycle."

LCF's funds support a gamut of causes including offering assistance to athletes and sports organizations in need (Colorado Sports for All), a memorial monument in honor of Gold Star families (NOCO Gold Star Monument Fund), and helping those without dental insurance receive the care they need (Sunshine Club Endowment Fund.)

LCF is helping to shepherd two new initiatives - Sharing the NextLight, a City of Longmont partnered program which will ensure that low-income SVVSD students have connectivity to high-speed internet and the Veteran's Village, a community of 25 tiny homes for veterans projected to break ground this June in south Longmont.

To learn more and to donate to the variety of organizations LCF supports, visit [www.LongmontFoundation.org](http://www.LongmontFoundation.org) or call 303-678-6555. Tickets for LCF's 25th anniversary dinner may still be available at [https://longmont.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create?event\\_date\\_id=1002&edt\\_id=1003](https://longmont.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create?event_date_id=1002&edt_id=1003).

## Lots of local scholarships to help St. Vrain students

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College is expensive. The average total cost of public colleges in the United States is \$25,290 for in-state tuition; \$40,940 for out-of-state tuition, and about \$50,900 for private colleges. More than 19.9 million students are projected to attend American colleges and universities in the fall of 2019.

That money has to come from somewhere. Fortunately, there are local scholarships designated for helping out students who need a boost to their college coffers.

The Longmont Community Foundation ([\[foundation.org\]\(http://foundation.org\)\) manages almost all of the locally focused scholarships in the St. Vrain Valley area. Full descriptions and applications for the scholarship funds they manage are on their website, but short descriptions of those available follow:](http://www.longmont-</a></p>
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Ascend St. Vrain is a needs-based, multi-year scholarship for six St. Vrain Valley School District students who wish to attend a four year university, community college, vocational, or technical school in Colorado. Specifically targeting lower to middle income families.

The American Association of University Women-Longmont Branch Scholarship was established by AAUW to pro-

vide scholarships to encourage women to pursue higher education in order to increase their ability to have a positive impact in their field and community, including women returning to school to update their knowledge/skills.

A scholarship in the memory of a former teacher who was passionate about education, the Catherine C. Owen Scholarship is awarded to one graduating senior of a St. Vrain Valley School District high school that will be attending the University of Northern Colorado or a Christian college.

The Madeline Marie Molzahn Sherrod Memorial Scholarship provides two St. Vrain School

District graduates renewable scholarships based on financial need, academic performance, and civic and church involvement.

The Stewart Golden Music Scholarship Stewart Golden enables a high school senior graduating from the St. Vrain Valley School District who plans on studying voice, and/or piano, and/or organ.

The Mark Martinez Scholarship fund provides one-time, non-renewable scholarships to Frederick High School Seniors who wish to pursue a two-year or four-year college degree.

The Mead Area Trades and Vocational Scholarship provides two Mead area graduating

students who plan to pursue a trade or vocational occupation.

For scholarships and grants beyond St. Vrain Valley, a visit to [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com) is the gateway to 32 Colorado-specific possibilities for funding higher education.

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# IBM's solar array now underway

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In November 2017, the Courier reported IBM's Gunbarrel facility would be building Boulder's largest field of photovoltaic panels. Initially projected to be completed by November 2018, the endeavor underwent a few changes and broke ground this month.

The array was originally planned to occupy the corner of 63rd Street and Monarch Road, but is now located on the eastern side of the campus bordering Highway 119. Still planned to occupy nearly 55 acres, the panels will span from Highway 52 near the main entrance, north to Monarch Road.

Brody Wilson, manager of Global Energy and Environment for IBM, said the change in venue was due to the fact that the preferred layout worked better on the east side of the campus and offered less shade than the original site.

Since last reported on, IBM won a second release of Xcel Energy's Solar Rewards Program, adding four additional megawatts (MW) to the project. The result will be a total of

nearly 10 MW of direct current electricity for IBM's facility. That translates into a field of 25,000 solar panels.

Locally-owned and operated Namaste Solar is the designer, as well as the construction company on the project. Power is slated to be operational sometime between the end of July and early August.

Wilson said part of the venture's postponement was owing to paperwork - primarily the process of securing contracts and permitting.

"Also, we decided to expand the project," Wilson said. "When we had the opportunity to expand to 10 megawatts, that became the biggest cause of the delay."

Part of the plan has always been to allow sheep to graze under and around the panels, and according to Wilson, IBM is still working on finding an appropriate local grazer.

Xcel's Solar Rewards Program is an integral part of its overall Colorado Energy Plan which states, "The Colorado Energy Plan is Xcel Energy's roadmap to develop a significantly cleaner energy mix and reduce carbon emissions in Colorado."

The company's update from fall 2018 reads, "When complete, we will achieve nearly 55 percent renewable energy on our power grid by 2026, and reduce carbon emissions by about 60 percent from 2005 levels—all while keeping customer bills

low."

The solar array on its Boulder County campus will also serve IBM's stated environmental goals to "procure electricity from renewable sources for 20 percent of IBM's annual electricity consumption by 2020."

"I can't tell you how excited we are that it's finally getting built," Wilson said. "It's been almost three years in the making and everybody at IBM is really proud of the environmental impact it will have."



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IBM's solar array, presently under construction, will resemble a similar project Namaste Solar installed in Denver at DHA Community Solar.

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# Ghost town lecture to appear at Chautauqua

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Writer and filmmaker Ethan Knightchilde presented his

premier Ghost Towns of the American West lecture to a packed crowd at the Left Hand Valley Grange in April 2018. Even those standing in the back

of the room that evening walked away feeling entertained and educated by Knightchilde's study on hundreds of western ghost towns.

As a result of the debut Niwot Historical Society speaking engagement, this year Knightchilde is bringing an updated version of his presentation to an even larger audience at Chautauqua Community House at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3. That night he hopes to have on-hand copies of his newly completed book covering his 20 years of extensive research on now abandoned towns that were once booming with prospectors, families, stores, and saloons.

Starting at a young age, Knightchilde and his camera were inseparable. It wasn't surprising that he eventually combined his intense curiosity about ghost towns with his love for photography. His first ghost town photograph was taken in Ashcroft, CO in 2002. Starting with those simple vacation shots, his enthusiasm for these towns escalated into an award-winning documentary titled, "Ghost of the West, the End of the Bonanza Trail." The film was watched by sold-out audiences following its release in 2012.

The press release description of his latest book reads, "Unlike other books focused

on the history of a region or on travel itineraries, "Ghosts of the West: Tales and Legends from the Bonanza Trail" offers a new twist on the subject, walking the reader through a landscape of legends and dramatic non-fiction stories while keeping one foot planted firmly in the real world."

Since his lecture in Niwot, Knightchilde has been invited to speak at the Historic Park Theater in Estes Park, and is doing a presentation for the Archeology Channel International Film Festival and Conference in Eugene, OR, this May. He is taking requests from theaters, schools and organizations to bring his presentation to more audiences.

As a thank you to Niwot where the lecture debuted last year, Knight Sky Pictures is giving away tickets to a few lucky Courier readers. Visit [www.knightpictures.com/newsreels](http://www.knightpictures.com/newsreels) to learn how you can enter for a chance to win. No purchase necessary. For more on Knightchilde's work visit, [www.KnightSkyPictures.com](http://www.KnightSkyPictures.com), and for tickets to the presentation at Chautauqua Auditorium, visit <https://www.chautauqua.com/portfolio/ghost-towns-of-the-american-west/>

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# LEFT HAND LAUREL Terry and Cathy Olkin



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By Jocelyn Rowley  
Editorial@lhvc.com

Longmont-based Up-A-Creek Robotics is home to one of the top high school robotics teams in the country, thanks in large part to Niwot couple Terry and Cathy Olkin, recipients of this month's Left Hand Laurel.

When the Olkins signed on for a stint as mentors to the Up-A-Creek Robotics team five years ago, they were just hoping to spend more time with sons Jake and Zach. Before long, however, the naturally competitive duo found themselves enjoying not just their extra time with the boys, but also the growing success of the promising Up-A-Creek program.

The team's breakout year was 2015, when they picked up their first ever regional win. Over the next few years, the team grew steadily, both in terms of size and ability. The Olkins' role broadened, and soon they began seeking out other ways help the team directly. Eventually, they began supporting the team financially and even purchased a 6,000-square-foot facility when the team outgrew its previous space.

"As we learned how competitive it was, that led to us really wanting to take down any barriers that would prevent the team from truly being successful," Terry Olkin said. "Some of these teams have access to

NASA and multi-million dollar facilities, it's crazy. So we said we want Up-A-Creek to be as competitive and there shouldn't be barriers."

Fast forward to 2019 and those efforts have clearly paid off. Up-A-Creek is coming off of a dominating win in the FIRST Robotics Colorado regional competition, the team's second regional title of the season. They will also be making a return trip to National Championships in Houston, slated for April 20. The team also has produced a steady stream of highly-accomplished alumni.

Both Terry and Cathy are robotics evangelists, both for its effectiveness as a STEM teaching tool, and for its parallels with "real-world" projects and workplaces. Terry, a software engineer who has degrees in computer science and engineering from MIT, even hires Up-A-Creek students as interns at his robotics start-up, Left Hand Robotics, which introduced the SnowBot Pro, a remotely controlled self-driven snow plow, last year.

He praised robotics as a multidisciplinary study that is the "ultimate intersection of technology, engineering, and math." "There are very few things

you can say that about," he said. "But it's also hands-on, it's physical. You can touch it, and you can see the results of your work when you're done. I think that's why robotics is so attractive to kids."

Cathy, who has a PhD in earth, atmospheric, and planetary science from MIT, agreed adding, "So many students learn differently. Some are very visual, some are very auditory, but the way to really learn something is to do it. And that's what robotics provides—a way to actually soup-to-nuts design, test, build, iterate, and in an exciting way that motivates students."

Both Olkins also pointed to robotics as an important source of "soft" or non-technical skills, such as collaboration and communication, that are nonetheless crucial for workplace success.

"I work on two NASA missions and there's no major project, like a space flight mission that's done by a single person," Cathy said. "Everything is done by a diverse team of people with different backgrounds and different interests and specialties coming together to make something bigger than themselves."

While the Olkins are gratified with the growing list of accomplishments by the competitive team, they are heartened by the outreach opportunities that Up-A-Creek robotics has created or fostered, including Girl Scout badge days, summer camps, and junior robotics leagues.

Though the growing popularity of robotics and STEM studies are a net positive, some

challenges remain. Both Olkins acknowledged that there is still a gender imbalance in robotics, though it's not as pronounced on the Up-A-Creek team, according to Cathy Olkins.

"I believe 43 percent of our team is girls, and these young women are in there everyday doing the work right alongside the young men, and that's the way it should be," she said. "But it is also purposeful. We have strong women mentors on our team—we have scientists, engineers, and teachers who are women who are trying to encourage the next generation just by example. 'So there is an imbalance, but I think this is one of the great ways to keep that pipeline flowing.'"

In looking toward the future, the Olkins would like to see robotics and its participants get more formal recognition from the schools, either through CHSAA or local school districts. They also hope to recruit new adult assistants and mentors to the team.

When they're not working or helping out with Up-A-Creek, the Olkins are likely sleeping. However, Cathy can often be found on the public speaking circuit, talking about her work with the New Horizons Deep Space mission. On April 8, she will be speaking as a part of the Chautauqua space series, and she will also have a chance to speak with the crowd at the FIRST Robotics nationals in April.

The Olkins plan to keep supporting the Up-A-Creek team for the foreseeable future, even though Jake and Zach

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# SCHOOL NEWS

## Dawson Winterim: At the Forefront of Experiential Education



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Dawson students study ethnography and ethnobotany in Kauai.

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In March, Dawson students K-12 embarked on the school's renowned Winterim program. Dawson School's Winterim is an

experiential learning program that provides students an opportunity for a deep dive into a special topic, culture, or activity. Each year, over seven to 10 days, every Dawson student further cultivates a current



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Dawson students on a recent "experiential learning program" in Cuba.

passion or discovers a new one; Winterim is known as one of the key experiences that set a Dawson education apart from other schools.

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experiences. This year, those included studying ethnography

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# ROBOTICS

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Wyoming, Oklahoma, Texas, and Mexico in the field. During the finals, UAC partnered with The Kraken, a team from George Washington High School, and Bearbotics, from Palmer Ridge, to form the winning alliance.

Nor did Up-A-Creek lack for friendly competitors, with several local rivals in the mix, including Dawson School, Casa de la Esperanza Robotics, composed of Hispanic St. Vrain students; and Innov8, a first-year team from the St. Vrain Innovation Center, headed by Axel Reitzig, the district's director of robotics and computer science. They were recognized as the Highest Seeded Rookie team and later received the FIRST Robotics Rookie All-Star Award.

With the win, Up-A-Creek clinched its second regional title of the year. Back on March 9, the team took the top spot in Oklahoma City and earned a return trip to the FIRST Robotics National Championship in Houston, coming up on April 20. In 2018, Up-A-Creek finished third overall in prestigious nationwide event, and many team members believe 1619 is on a similar trajectory this season.

"It's great that we won, but we have to keep looking forward," Silver Creek junior Tegan Oatley said following the win. "We still have a lot of work to do, but I think we're going to be super ready for champs."

Provided, of course, that they find a permanent fix for the broken release lever. Without that part, Team 1619's robot won't be able to return to the third level of its habitat, a key mission in this year's competitive challenge, DESTINATION: DEEP SPACE.

As described by FIRST, the 2019 mission "finds teams collecting samples on Planet Primus....With only two minutes and thirty seconds until liftoff, the alliances must gather as many cargo pods as possible and prepare their spaceships for departure before the next sandstorm arrives."

FIRST released mission details in January, and gave teams until Feb. 19 to design, fabricate, and build a machine capable of both gathering balls and attach-

ing flat, circular panels to the exterior portholes, then climbing to the top of its raised habitat. In competitive matches, the teams race to gather and load the most "cargo" and place the most hatch panels before returning to their home platforms before time runs out.

According to Niwot junior Chris Yan, in his second year with the team, at least two elements of the 2019 mission weren't as straightforward as it seemed at first.

"Two of the main challenges were the climbing, because the platform was so hard to grab on to, and you either have to move your whole robot onto the platform or find a clever way to hold yourself up, and the hatch panel," he said. "The hatch panel is a new game element that has never been used in competition before; it's usually either a ball or a cube, so this year we really had to spend a long time figuring out how we were going to get the hatch panel to be very efficient and basically place them anywhere we want."

2019 has been another breakout season for Up-A-Creek Robotics, which was formed in 2004 and initially operated out of a classroom at Silver Creek High School. In the 15 years since, the Team 1619 has grown to nearly 90 students from nine St. Vrain Valley secondary schools, and has become one of the most successful teams in the state, an act it hopes to duplicate on the national stage next month.

However, for Gilbert, the emergence of Team 1619 as a FIRST Robotics powerhouse has been about more than team titles and win-loss records.

"It's a good opportunity to make a positive impact on the community," Gilbert said. "Up-A-Creek has a lot of community outreach opportunities. Over the summer, we host a bunch of different summer camps for younger kids—programming camps, design camps where they can get their hands dirty with SolidWorks and 3D modeling. We even have a MineCraft Camp." Up-A-Creek is also home to several FIRST junior lego leagues and other youth robotics teams, that are largely mentored by the high school students.

Up-A-Creek also has a reputa-



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A robot built by FIRST Robotics Team 1619, based in Longmont, took first overall at the 2019 Colorado Regional Robotics competition, held March 22-23 at DU's Magness Arena.

tion in the robotics community for being generous with its time and expertise, not just among teammates, but also other competitors. For these efforts, the team was also awarded the Johnson & Johnson Gracious Professionalism Award, which recognizes the team that "encourages high-quality work, emphasizes the value of others, and respects individuals and the community."

For Oatley, that spirit of "coopertition," has in turn helped create an overarching community that is collaborative and supportive.

"The finals match was a great example of that," she said. "Seeing teams that we've competed against down there cheering for us, it's a really good feeling. When we won, we went over and shook hands with the opposing alliance, and it's that kind of community spirit that makes you feel good; it's those connections that you build."

Between now and their trip to Nationals, Up-A-Creek members are barred from making too many modifications to their robot, but they will be looking to make some minor tweaks and repairs to improve efficiency. They also may add some automated processes to their unit for navigating the opening sandstorm period.

"I'm always looking for places where we can improve, but after

being seeded first at Colorado and Oklahoma, you can't lose sight of all the things you're still capable of," Gilbert said. "I'm

pretty proud of the robot that we've built this year. We'll just have to see."

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# LAUREL

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have moved on to the greener pastures of Carnegie Mellon and Georgia Tech, respectively. They are also grateful for the assistance of all of their sponsors, includ-

ing Ball Aerospace, Seagate, and SVVSD, which has been a vital partner for FIRST Robotics and Up-A-Creek, and has done an "out-standing job" in fostering teams and competitions among younger students elementary and middle school students.

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**Niwot Cemetery Association** Over 130 years old, the Niwot Cemetery is an historical resting place for many Niwotians. While all of the plots are sold, some of the grave sites are not yet filled. Along with maintaining the heritage of the cemetery, there are still some administrative tasks to tend to.

**How to get involved:** Join the board and/or assist with maintenance and paying respect to veterans buried in the cemetery.

**Contact:** Call JoAnn Bell at 303-772-5454 or Nancy Hindman at 303-530-7521.

**Niwot Community Association (NCA)** Niwot's advocate organization, keeping Niwotians informed on issues that impact them on a local level both in town and within Boulder County, interfacing with government agencies and providing a forum for discussion. Among other special events, each year the association sponsors and organizes Clean-up Day, the July 4th Parade, and National Night Out.

**How to get involved:** Become a member, attend monthly meetings (the first Wednesday of each month at Mountain View Firehouse 8500 Niwot, Road), become an elected board member. This year's elections will be held on Wednesday, April 3.

**Contact:** For information on the positions up for election, write to [info@niwot.org](mailto:info@niwot.org) and visit [www.Niwot.org](http://www.Niwot.org)

**Niwot Cultural Arts Association (NCAA)** Providing support and funding for cultural arts of all forms throughout town. Supports Niwot Children's Park, Whistle Stop Park, Niwot Sculpture Park, Native American Tree Carvings, and Left Hand Chairs throughout

town. Along with other special events, organizes and sponsors First Friday Art Walks, Let's Wine About Winter, Why Not Niwot Juried Art Show, and Rock and Rails.

**How to get involved:** Volunteer to help with projects and events.

**Contact:** [www.Niwot.com/discover/associations/niwot-cultural-arts-association](http://www.Niwot.com/discover/associations/niwot-cultural-arts-association) or call 303-652-2433.

**Niwot High School Education Foundation (NHSEF)** Helping to bring specific NHS projects and events to fruition and awarding grants to teachers and scholarships to students.

**How to get involved:** Volunteer at events, become a board member.

**Contact:** [www.NHSEF.org](http://www.NHSEF.org)

**Niwot Historical Society (NHS)** Committed to preserving, collecting and promoting the history of Niwot, the area, and Chief Niwot, including offering tours of the historic district and the Niwot Firehouse Museum, collecting photographs and artifacts, participating in celebrations, and hosting historical lectures.

**How to get involved:** Become a member, join the board of directors and/or a committee, and attend lectures.

**Contact:** [www.NiwotHistoricalSociety.org](http://www.NiwotHistoricalSociety.org)

**Niwot Youth Sports (NYS)** Offering opportunities for kids age 4 to 18 to participate in baseball, softball, basketball, and flag football in the Niwot, Gunbarrel, and South Longmont areas on a year-round basis to encourage teamwork, improve skills, and build self-confidence.

**How to get involved:** Volunteer to be a coach, maintenance person, team parent, helper, member of the board or a league commissioner.

**Contact:** [www.NiwotYouthSports.org](http://www.NiwotYouthSports.org)

**PeopleWeaver** Local volunteers providing educational and economic assistance to impoverished Congolese girls and women in the Kyangwali Refugee Settlement in Uganda and in the Democratic Republic of Congo with the intent of helping them escape extreme poverty and live fulfilling lives. PW is focused on providing

education and assistance with food, reading glasses, malaria nets, medicine, communication tools, water pumps, and cooperative grain mills.

**How to get involved:** Website writer, promotional materials writer, grant writer, and fundraising

**Contact:** [www.peopleweaver.org](http://www.peopleweaver.org) or Jeanne at 303-870-7125.

**Rock and Rails** Co-operated by the NBA and the NCAA, Rock and Rails hosts a free weekly concert for the community each Thursday from June through August at Whistle Stop Park.

**How to get involved:** Be a greeter, help with set up or break down, work in the beer-wine tent.

**Contact:** email [vmaurer@niwotlaw.com](mailto:vmaurer@niwotlaw.com) to volunteer and for more information, visit [www.Niwot.com/events/rock-rails](http://www.Niwot.com/events/rock-rails)

**Rotary Club of Niwot** Making a difference in the community through service projects and by raising money for local charities. In addition to the many ways in which the group provides service to others, they organize several well-loved annual events such as the Peach sale and the Wine, Cheese and Chocolate fundraiser.

**How to get involved:** Become a member, help with service projects, and attend a fundraiser.

**Contact:** [www.NiwotRotary.org](http://www.NiwotRotary.org)

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**BeadforLife** Connecting Americans with women living in deep poverty in Uganda through the sale of recycled paper bead jewelry. The beads provide income to the women who create the jewelry, and profits contribute to entrepreneurial training so women can launch micro-businesses and transform their lives.

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**Contact:** [www.BeadForLife.org](http://www.BeadForLife.org)

**Cultivate (Formerly Boulder County Care Connect)** Helping seniors and veterans

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**How to get involved:** Volunteer in a number of capacities.

**Contact:** [www.cultivate.ngo](http://www.cultivate.ngo)

**Habitat for Humanity & ReStore** Providing affordable housing and maintenance for low-income families in Longmont, Lyons, Estes Park and Dacono by building and funding construction for qualified participants.

**How to get involved:** Help on-site with construction, fundraise for the organization, offer administrative assistance, or work at ReStore accepting donations, helping shoppers, and organizing the inventory.

**Contact:** [www.stvrainhabitat.org](http://www.stvrainhabitat.org) or [www.stvrainhabitat.org/restore](http://www.stvrainhabitat.org/restore)

**HOPE for Longmont** A resource for the homeless population providing outreach, meals, shelter, clothing, and basic needs.

**How to get involved:** A variety of volunteer positions including bringing help to homeless on the streets, cooking meals for nightly dinners, working at nighttime shelters, sort and organize donations, working at fundraising events

**Contact:** [www.hopeforlongmont.org](http://www.hopeforlongmont.org)

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**How to get involved:** Volunteer to monitor water quality and for projects that lead to restoration and protection of the watershed

**Contact:** [www.LWOG.org](http://www.LWOG.org)

**Longmont Humane Society** Caring for the needs of homeless animals and helping to place them in good homes.

**How to get involved:** Feeding, walking, washing, and loving on the animals, fundraising, administrative assistance and more.

**Contact:** [www.LongmontHumaneSociety.org](http://www.LongmontHumaneSociety.org)

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**Contact:** [www.OurCenter.org](http://www.OurCenter.org)

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**Contact:** [www.wlrv.org](http://www.wlrv.org)

# A Call to Action, Part 3



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BY TROOPER GARY CUTLER  
*Special to the Courier*

Over the past two months I've talked about crashes over the 2018 holiday season which took nine lives in seven crashes over a 72 hour period. We touched on the topic of mixing drinking, drugs, and driving.

Now let's look at two of the most common ones we deal with every day; distracted driving and aggressive driving.

Driving a vehicle is an important endeavor. I think too often drivers become complacent with this task. Anytime a driver diverts their attention from watching the road, or the

surrounding area, there is a greater potential for disaster.

It comes down to a simple rule; there is no good time to be messing with your phone or anything else in the car when it's moving. That quick moment taken to tune the radio, or grab the burger you just picked up at the drive through is often just enough to miss something important.

At just 45 mph, you are traveling at approximately 66 feet per second. That goes up to 88 feet per second when traveling 60 mph. That is a large distance to be driving with the equivalency of having your eyes closed. Too often we believe since nothing bad happened the last time, it won't happen this time. So when things go as we expect them, we are prone to becoming complacent. With complacency, comes the possibility of dire consequences. This means watch the roads and the people around you at all times so we won't have crashes that were preventable.

Another reason for crashes, especially over the past holiday, is aggressive driving. I know when driving in my personal vehicle, I am often amazed to see a driver speeding past me, failing to signal, and zipping in-between cars trying to go somewhere in a hurry. At times I've seen the drivers so close to the bumper of the car in front

of them, it is only a matter of a soft brake and the two may crash. The part that interests me the most about this though, is I usually catch up to the person, due to red lights, or congested traffic even though I'm going the speed limit and not speeding.

The amount of time gained from speeding or trying to pass other vehicles is usually minute at best. Don't gamble on the idea

that you won't hit someone. Ask anyone after they had a crash, if they thought they were going to hit someone, and they would say they didn't plan on that happening.

So please, take away the distractions and slow your traveling to a safe speed with plenty of space between cars. A day without any crashes is a good day.

As always, safe travels!



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## DAWSON

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and ethnobotany in Kauai, the judicial system in Washington, D.C., avalanche and snow science near Ouray, the culture of Cuba, the history of the southeastern coastal region, learning the art of glassblowing and Raku ceramics, sports science, food chemistry, and much more. Over the course of the year, the Dawson faculty develops more than 30 programs; many students describe their experiences as life-changing and some of their most memorable at Dawson.

Students in kindergarten through fourth grades have special campus activities, guests, and field trips around a theme; this year, the



Courtesy Photo

Dawson students on a recent "experiential learning program" to explore the judicial system in Washington, D.C.,

students spotlighted Dawson's core virtues of Respect, Integrity, Compassion, and Courage through the lens of How to Train Your Dragon. Grades five and six travelled together to Keystone Science Center and Snow Mountain Ranch, respectively,

for a myriad of team-building and science-based activities.

Winterim strengthens the regular classroom curriculum by drawing students and teachers into activities and places that help bridge the gap between theory and real life.

## NHS SPORTS

SCHEDULE

**MARCH 28 TO APRIL 4**

<p><b>Thursday, March 28</b> 10 a.m. - Girls golf, LOBO Invitational, Harmony Club</p> <p><b>Friday, March 29</b> 2 p.m. - Track &amp; field, The Duels @ Broomfield HS</p> <p><b>Saturday, March 30</b> 8 a.m. - Girls golf, Chilly Chili, Eagle Trace GC</p> <p><b>Monday, April 1</b> 3 p.m. - Track &amp; field, Thunderhawk Twilight, Prairie View HS</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, April 2</b> 12:00 - Girls golf, Northern League #2, Ute Creek 3 p.m. - Girls tennis @ Longmont 7 p.m. - Girls soccer @ Green Mountain, Lakewood Memorial</p> <p><b>Thursday, April 4</b> 3 p.m. - Girls tennis vs. Greeley Central 4 p.m. - Baseball vs. Thompson Valley 6 p.m. - Girls soccer @ Northridge</p>
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# SPORTS

## Niwot girls kick off 2019 with league win

### SOLEM WINS FIRST EVER INDIVIDUAL TITLE

By JOCELYN ROWLEY  
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After nearly two weeks of bad weather and snowy course conditions, the Niwot girls golf team finally made its 2019 debut on March 20 in Northern League Event #1 at the Olde Course.

If the lengthy delay had any effect on Niwot golfers, it wasn't evident in their play or their scores. In fact, it may even have been an advantage, as three Cougars set brand new career-best marks on the day, as Niwot cruised to the team title by 36 strokes.

One of those new PRs was for junior Julia Solem, who carded an 81 to capture the individual title, her first in a league event.

"I'm glad to finally be out here on this beautiful day," Solem said after her record-breaking round. "I wasn't thrilled with how I was hitting the ball, but I chipped and puttred very nicely, and that saved me."



Photo By Joceyn Rowley

Sophomore Halie Ostrom tees off on the 18th hole at Loveland's Olde Course on March 20.

Just three strokes behind her in second place was sophomore Halie Ostrom, with an 84 and another PR. She was followed by Laure Bourgin in 8th and Macy Gruszczynski in 18th, with another personal best.

Then there was another Niwot debut on the day, that of freshman Sydney Rothstein, competing in her first ever high school tournament. She finished her round with an 87 and tied for 5th overall. Though

it wasn't a new record, it did help the overachiever get a head start on her goal of breaking 90 by the end of the season.

Niwot head coach Ed Weaver was "so proud" of the team afterwards, but knows there's still a lot of golf left to be played.

"I'm pretty happy, if only from the standpoint that we haven't had great practices due to the weather," he said after the match. "But the girls were really pulled together and they



Photo By Joceyn Rowley

Freshman Sydney Rothstein lines up to putt on the 13th hole at Loveland's Olde Course.

played well."

Team scores — Niwot 347, Northridge 383, Centaurus 456, Mountain View 502, Thompson Valley 512, Silver Creek 517.

Top individuals — 1. Julia

Solem, 81; 2. Emma Sheaffer, Northridge, 84; 3. Haile Ostrom, 84; 4. Megan Miller, Mtn. View, 86; 5. Lois Sheaffer, Northridge, 87; 5. Sydney Rothstein, 87; 8.

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## BOULDER ROUBAIX

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as a unique and highly prized sandstone trophy designed as an homage to the Paris Roubaix's famous 'setts'.

The Roubaix is open to competitors of all abilities, but Grealish said that the long running event tends to attract top-level competition.

"In the amateur racing community, the Boulder Roubaix is a one-day classic that you just wouldn't want to miss, if you're within a couple of hundred miles. You don't have to have an amateur racing license in order to participate, and we do have some first-timer categories, but certainly the bulk of the participants have amateur racing licenses, and they're experienced in the sport. Particularly because this race is every other year, folks tend not to take it for granted, and they'll make sure that they don't miss it."

Racing kicks off at 8:30 a.m. with the youth categories, and continues in waves throughout the day. There aren't many

changes to the course in 2019, but there is a new configuration at the start/finish area that should improve the overall experience.

"We decided to take the start/finish off the roadway in order to make it safer for everybody, and worked out an agreement with the Anderson family and Fresh Herb Company to utilize their property," Grealish said, describing residents and FHC proprietors Chet and Christine Anderson as "long-time supporters of the event."

"In utilizing this new area, we're going to have the opportunity to have an actual event venue, with the few food vendors and things that we have. We'll have plenty of space, and anybody that finishes will have ample area to hang out and enjoy the atmosphere. It's a beautiful setting right at 41st and Oxford Road."

The youngest competitors will complete a partial loop, while the professional racers will complete a circuit of three to four laps, and will spend up to three-and-a-half hours on the deceptively demanding course. Grealish said it's easy to be fooled by the downhill section at the beginning of the loop.

"I think it gives a lot of first-timers and less experienced folks a false sense of simpleness or ease. Where the race really starts, every single lap, is when you get over to Crane Hollow, and it becomes a dogfight to stay in the group."

Also competing are the CU Cycling Team and other members of the Rocky Mountain cycling conference, which added the Roubaix to its official calendar several years ago, making it "a collegiate race, as well as being a grass-roots event," according to Grealish.

The Boulder Roubaix debuted with a modest 8.6 mile course nearly 30 years ago, but as the event and its field of competitors grew, so did its course. It was an annual event until eight or nine years ago, when it moved to the every-other-year model out of consideration for the north Boulder County residents, who have been asked to endure an increasingly long list of races, rides and runs through their neighborhoods.



Photo by BolderBoulder

The course for the 2019 Boulder Roubaix is 43 percent paved and 57 percent unpaved and presents a challenge for unsuspecting riders caught off guard by the gentle start.



Photo by BolderBoulder

The Boulder Roubaix "one day classic" is returning to north Boulder County on Saturday, April 6.

"We wanted to try to be mindful and respectful of the community around the area where we put the race on, and not wear out our welcome," Grealish said. "It's been tough to try and preserve it from a usability standpoint and not wanting the

neighbors to get event fatigue."

The 2019 race follows a familiar route, and residents in the area should expect road closures on Nelson Road, St. Vrain Road, Hygiene Road, as well as others. To view a complete a course map, visit <https://www.dbcevents.com/>.

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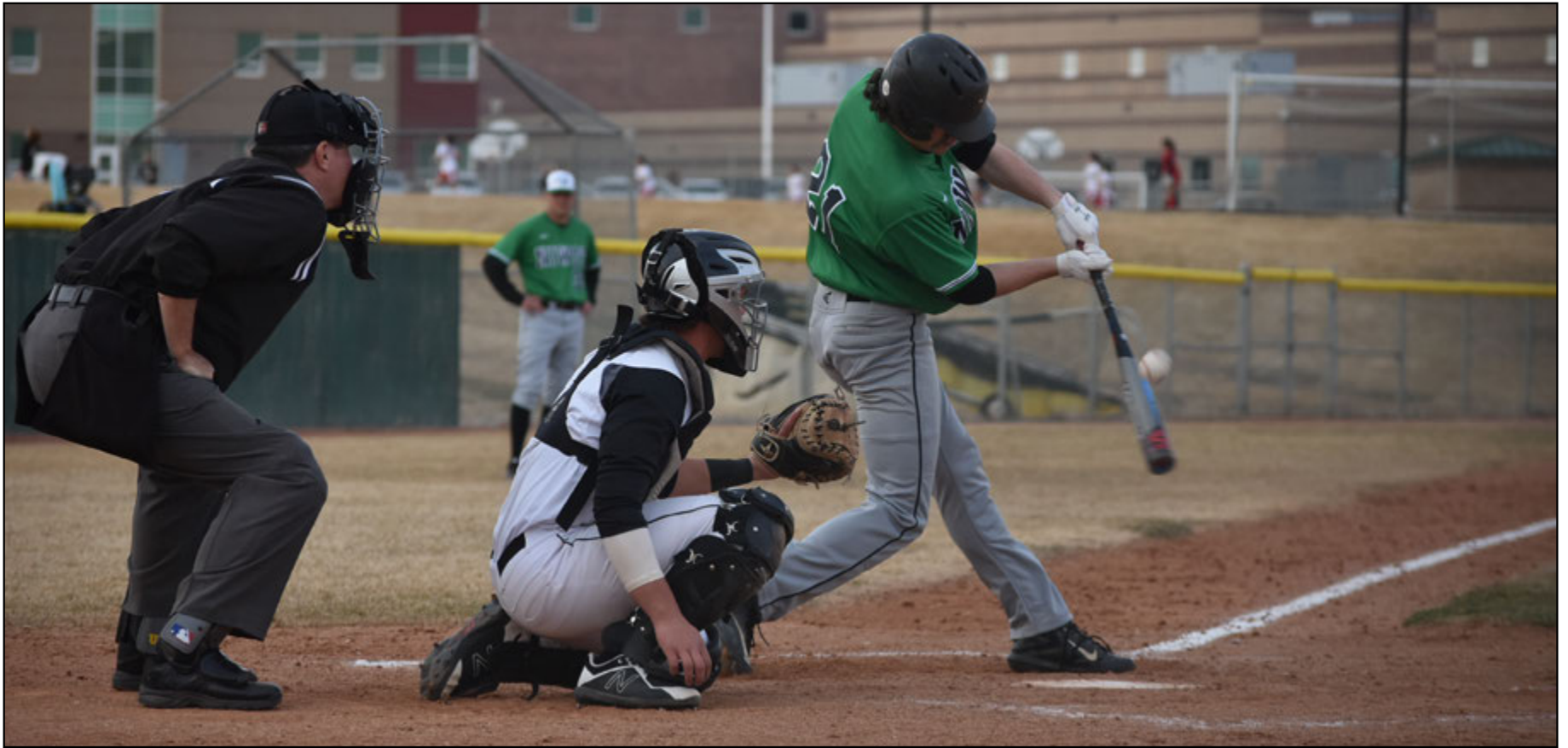


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The early weeks of the 2019 season haven't been very friendly to the Niwot baseball team, which has battled poor field conditions and chilly temps in its effort to get the 2019 season underway. Unfortunately, getting the season underway hasn't exactly been a picnic for the Cougars either. In three games so far, Niwot has been outscored 45-13.

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