

horrors of World War I, thought then to be the last great war, with silliness and ridiculousness for art and life. They sought to heal through play in the vehicle and lens of art.

The 1968 revolutionary events in Paris exposed the great divisions of contemporary life via art, consumers, and

production. “Viva la Huelga,” the cry of the agricultural strikes of the 1960s, and the art of the Chicano mural movement became a form of politicized art that helped form identity among that population, creating awareness to educators and leading to ethnic studies.

Here in our community, we have

public art murals and sculptures that venerate our local history. When we know where and how to look, we also find our First Peoples had a spectacular knowledge of forestry, engineering, astronomy, and navigation that they embodied aesthetically in the culturally modified trees, rock forms, and sacred sites that we still

have here in our landscape.

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Snapshots of Our Community

View from Mt. Herman, Dec. 28



Above: Monument resident Britt Jones took this photo of the Palmer Lake star from Mt. Herman on Dec. 28. Jones says he and Randy Phillips climb Mt. Herman two or three times a week. He thought shooting the star from just below the summit near the hang glider launch point would give it a “storybook look.” *Photo by J. Britt Jones - globalreality.biz.*

TLWC gardening event, Jan. 12



Above: On Jan. 12, the Tri-Lakes Women's Club (TLWC) Garden Club had a “cloche with plastic bottles” workshop to make cloches for beginning early gardening. Cloches are coverings to protect plants from cold weather, traditionally made of glass, while modern cloches are often made of plastic. The TLWC garden group meets on the second Wednesday of every month. *Photos courtesy of Tri-Lakes Women's Club.*

CDOT: Traffic deaths are up 50%



Above: Colorado law enforcement officials held a virtual press conference on Jan. 18 to alert drivers about a significant rise in traffic deaths in the past year. They are Matthew Packard, chief of the Colorado State Patrol (shown here), John Lorme, Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) director of Maintenance and Operations, and Vincent Niski, Colorado Springs police chief. When the pandemic began, there was a noted increase in risky driving behavior, including speeding, reckless and aggressive driving, and distracted and impaired driving. Those dangerous driving habits have continued as vehicle traffic has returned to pre-pandemic levels, causing a marked increase in road fatalities. In 2021, Colorado recorded the most traffic deaths since 2002, and traffic deaths are now 50% higher than 10 years ago. The three officials communicated the urgent message to Colorado drivers about this crisis in human behavior on our roads. The press conference was an urgent call for safe driving to Coloradans. Agencies will share future enforcement plans. *Photo by Janet Sellers.*

Lions honor Strong, Jan. 6



Above: Tri-Lakes Lions Club President Jim Naylor, right, presented the Robert J. Uplinger Award to Robert Strong, left, on Jan. 6. The award honors outstanding Lions who perform exemplary service to a club, district, or community. Strong's involvement in the Lions Club started in 1958 when he joined the chapter in Wolcott, N.Y. There, he was treasurer for years and supported Lions International activities around the world. Strong moved to the Tri-Lakes area in December to be with his family. *Photo courtesy of Tri-Lakes Lions Club.*

Blood drive, Jan. 15



Above: For the first time in history, the Red Cross declared a national blood shortage on Jan. 11. Coincidentally, St. Peter Catholic Church in Monument, in coordination with Vitalant, held a previously scheduled blood drive on Jan. 15. The main room of the church was packed with people who came out in the snow to donate blood. One of them was OCN's Michael Weinfeld (pictured above). If you missed the blood drive, you can schedule a blood donation any time at the many Vitalant sites throughout the area. *Photo by Michael Weinfeld.*

A vanishing scene, Jan. 20



Above: This “vanishing” scene of a herd of pronghorn resting was captured on Jan. 20 next to an area being developed. *Photo by Dave DiVesta.*