

Eldora closes for season



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Savoring the last day on the mountain

A kangaroo and its joey aim for Australia, but come up a few miles short. Hundreds of people turned out for a fantastic finish.

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"All good things must come to an end." - Geoffrey Chaucer

In the case of Eldora Mountain Resort, that end came on Sunday, April 18, to hundreds of avid skiers

and snowboarders who showed up to get in on the season's last runs and have a great time doing so. Albeit closed only temporarily until next season, it would be months from now that people will be able to enjoy their close to home extensive trail system and family-friendly brand of

ambiance.

A complicated year due to the pandemic, the season started a little late with less snow than usual. Mother Nature rectified her oversight by blessing the resort with over 11 feet of fresh powder during February, March, and April.

During the final week the Woodward Park Level 1 SuperUnknown crew filmed 15 of the world's top freestyle amateur men and women performing maneuvers on the exciting course crafted by Eldora between the

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- QUOTE OF THE WEEK -

"By three methods we may learn wisdom: First, by reflection, which is noblest; Second, by imitation, which is easiest; and third by experience, which is the bitterest." ~Confucius

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A great time to be outdoors

Top, left; Skiers made the most of ideal conditions. Top, right; Snowboarders got in on the action also. Bottom, right; Jacob Veronda forgot his sunscreen and was beginning to look like a lobster. Bottom, left; A skier shows his stuff. Middle, lower left; Young giraffe Isabelle Blaustein of Lafayette shares a moment with friend Ruby Clark. Middle, upper left; Purple-haired Anna came all the way from Carbondale to be with her Viking sister Megan for closing day.

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Sundance and Caribou lifts. On Saturday and Sunday it opened to the general public that seemed to spend more time sliding down its rails and in the air than on the ground.

Tailgaters dotted the parking lots in what was the perfect day for a cold beer and a hot bratwurst. Of course no closing day would be complete without the proper attire displaying

one's individuality and quite often a tropical theme. In a way reminiscent of the Beatles' *Let It Be* rooftop concert, Colorado musicians The Hop Pickers rocked the afternoon away on the Timbers Taproom elevated deck with time-tested classics such as the Rolling Stones' *Honky Tonk Women* and Grateful Dead's *Althea*.

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Until next year

Top, left; The Hop Pickers kept things rolling from their perch above the crowd. Top, right; Katie Heil of Idaho prepares bratwurst for lunch. Middle, right; More skiing. Bottom, right; Clara Moore and Cliff Stone enjoy a cold beer and each other's company. Bottom, left; Parissa Reynolds of Boulder donned her dragon suit for the occasion.

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At the conclusion of it all, Eldora President and General Manager Brent Tregaskis toasted his assembled employees. Tregaskis related to them, "This was such a challenging season in so many ways.

Every single one of you did a knock-out job, helping us keep our guests, coworkers and the local community safe. We especially need to thank the local community for working with us to make the season such a success. We couldn't have done it without them, or without you."