

Seniors from Nederland High graduate



Sara Sandstrom
Nederland

With caps and gowns and tassels on, the 20 seniors from Nederland High School were led onto Recht Field at Boulder High School by Boulder Valley School District (BVSD) Superintendent Dr. Rob Anderson and Nederland Middle Senior High School Principal Rick Elertson.

All BVSD graduation ceremonies were held at Recht Field this year.

Family members stood proudly, clapped, and took a few photos of their special graduate as they walked by. I also suspect that there were a few tears shed.

There were many special moments throughout the graduation ceremony. Even before Pomp and Circumstance was played, several members of the Central City Fire Department arrived together and in uniform to lend their support and love to graduate Sydney Nation and her family. It was absolutely touching to see them there. It shows what amazing family connections fire

PHOTO BY SARA SANDSTROM

Happy Graduation Day to Nederland's Class of 2021!

Sydney Mayhew and Madeline Prince gave the Graduate Address on May 24, 2021, to their classmates, teachers and families. The sun was as bright as the graduates' smiles as they start a new chapter in their lives.

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Mountain Movers spring dance recital

Dave Gibson
Nederland

Saturday, May 22, 2021, the Nederland Mountain Movers dance team performed their first recital of the year at Chipeta Park in Nederland. Going back 12 years, they began as an after-school dance program consisting of six students. Numbering 25 today, it has grown to include girls from ages 3 to 13 performing two recitals a year and annual appearances at the Holiday Mountain Market and Boulder Creek Festival.

Lending her considerable talent and experience to the troupe, dancer, teacher, and choreographer Angela Delsanter relates that "This has been a special and

unique program for our community that I treasure deeply. I feel so much gratitude to be able to do this every year."

Focusing on dance fundamentals of tap, jazz, ballet, and creative movement, the girls had been practicing once a week since October in preparation for the "Dance to Disney" presentation. Proud parents, family, and friends laid out blankets on the grass for a comfortable view of the hour-long show.

Numbers from *The Little Mermaid*, *Aladin*, *The Lion King*, and *Pirates of the Caribbean* were among the packed program of 15 songs. From the movie *Mary Poppins*, *Chim Chim Cher-ee*

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Dancing to Disney

From left to right; Fiona Baben, Ellen Gustafson, and Blakeley Parton point their lasers skyward in their *Star Wars* routine.

Dave Gibson, *The Mountain-Ear*, wins first place awards

Best Photography Portfolio, Class 3

First Place
The Mountain-Ear

Dave Gibson
Portfolio by Dave Gibson



PHOTO BY DAVE GIBSON

The Mountain-Ear Reporter and Photographer Dave Gibson won two first place awards from the Colorado Press Association during a virtual awards presentation on Thursday, May 20, 2021.

The Colorado Press Association (CPA) partnered with the Kansas Press Association for a virtual convention on May 20 to May 21 with this year's theme: Succeeding Through Collaboration.

As part of the convention, CPA conducts an annual awards ceremony, and during the 2020 Better News Media Contest awards, Gibson won First Place for a Best Sports or Events Story and First Place for the Best Photography

Portfolio

Gibson said he wasn't expecting it. In the contest, *The Mountain-Ear* is a Class 3 newspaper, and he was competing against 33 papers in our category. The contest gave out 122 awards

"It was a pleasant surprise," Gibson said. "I was hoping I would win something, but it doesn't matter if I get any other awards."

Gibson was born in North Carolina, and raised in Illinois. He moved to the Nederland area in 1982 and has been here for 40 years. He got serious about

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- QUOTE OF THE WEEK -

"The one thing that you have that nobody else has is you. Your voice, your mind, your story, your vision. So write and draw and build and play and dance and live as only you can." ~Neil Gaiman

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An elaborate production

Top, left, from left to right; Blakeley Parton and Ellen Gustafson were so good their pictures made the paper twice. Top, right; Rory McLaughlin leads a band of bloodthirsty buccaneers. Middle, right, from left to right; Hollis Edmundson, Sophia Elertson, Autumn Roberts, and Lola Kelley sweep the floor clean in *Chim Chim Cher-ee*. Bottom, right; Zoe-Topenga Carlotti Lester steps up as a fairy godmother. Bottom, left; Elise Brenick performs to the number *You're Welcome*.

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by Dick Van Dyke and Julie Andrews brought back memories of childhood. Costumed in tutus with wands in hand, the preschoolers' interpretation of *Bibbidi Bobbidi Boo* was adorable and made one believe that just like Cinderella, their

dreams can come true. Other routines involving props were executed with grace and finesse.

As is customary, the young ladies were presented with bouquets of flowers in appreciation of their hard work, dedication, and fine performance.