

Eldora opens for 2021-2022 season



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First day, first chair

Above, from left to right; Layton Maddox, Tadija Ilic, Ziggy Avjean, Jean-Luc Pineau, Reed Little, Hunter Chilcote, and Eldora lift maintenance crew member Cooper Nielsen. See story page 16.

Nederland Library hosts pie contest

Dave Gibson and Barbara Nederland

In response to another challenging COVID Holiday season without a Nederland Community Thanksgiving Dinner, the Nederland Community Library and Library Foundation hosted a smaller event on November 21, 2021, centered around an iconic Thanksgiving Table staple, the mighty pie!

The Pie Festival and Open House included a Pie Bake-Off (including a Literary category), live music with pianist Jim McVey and crafts for children, led by Library Assistant Jessie Ansari. Library Director, Elektra Greer felt it was a “wonderfully sweet way to kick-off the season,” and though she acknowledged there are always COVID fears in planning in-person programming, staff worked diligently to follow Boulder County public health guidelines. She added, “Mother Nature was kind with the temperate weather, so we could open

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An early Thanksgiving feast

Above, left; There are few things more satisfying than pie by the fireplace. Above, right; Cherry Li of Nederland samples the blackberry pie.



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- QUOTE OF THE WEEK -

“Thankfulness is the beginning of gratitude. Gratitude is the completion of thankfulness. Thankfulness may consist merely of words. Gratitude is shown in acts.”

~ Henri Frederic Amiel

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Dave Gibson
Nederland

John Jantsch of Coal Creek Canyon and his wife sat down for their usual morning cup of coffee last Friday. The only thing out of the ordinary was they were in Eldora Mountain Resort's parking lot waiting for the lift to start running on opening day, November 19.

Tyler Mais and Shelby Adamchik's drink of choice was a Bloody Mary replete with lemon, celery, pearl onion, olive, pepperoncini, bacon, and a chunk of Irish cheddar cheese. A DJ blasted tunes as people lined up for the start of the eagerly anticipated ski season.

During the traditional address to skiers and boarders thanking them for their patronage, well-liked and respected

Smiles all around

Above, left; Brent Tregaskis toasts the beginning of another year. Above, right; Pilailac Sturgeon of Loveland dons her warmest and most colorful hat for the occasion.

President and General Manager Brent Tregaskis half-joked that if any wanted jobs, there are 100 available. The champagne cork popped to uproarious cheers and people began loading onto the Alpenglow chairlift.

Layton Maddox, Tadija Ilac, Ziggy Avjean, Jean-Luc Pineau, Reed Little, and Hunter Chilcote were the first riders

up the mountain. For Ilac and Pineau, it was the third year in a row they made first chair at Eldora and Ziggy's fifth. To claim the honor, they arrived at midnight and slept in their cars.

Still dark at 5 a.m., another vehicle came upon the scene so they raced to the

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A delightful start

Above, left; Early season conditions made for good cruising. Above, right; Snowboarders rode the rails at the base of the mountain.

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front of the empty lift line securing their spot. Eating their breakfast there, the six of them would wait for the next four hours to board.

Hornblower to International was the way down with superb early season conditions on evenly groomed trails. At the bottom, the rails by Timbers Lodge were in constant use. More terrain will

become operational in the coming days for beginner, intermediate, and expert skiers. Whether it be a single run or the entire mountain to choose from, people were just happy to be skiing and snowboarding again.

For information about tickets, transportation, rentals, events, or up-to-the-minute snow and weather reports, go to www.Eldora.com or call 303-440-8700.



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