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NEDERLAND ICE RINK OPENS FOR SEASON



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NedRINK is now open

Parks and Recreation Manager Nicki Dunn and Nederland employee Brian Biggs on Disco Night. See story on page 20.

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Gilpin County Eagles' wrestling is real

DAVE GIBSON
EVERGREEN

Long gone are the days when Hulk Hogan, Randy "Macho Man" Savage, and André the Giant captured America's collective imagination. Sharing the name "wrestling" and little else, unlike the glitzy over-the-top scripted version of the sport,

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PHOTO BY DAVE GIBSON

Eagles' wrestling

Gilpin grappler freshman Ezekiel Bloom riding his opponent.

Pardon our dust, we are under construction. This week you will find that the paper has shifted a bit with content being moved. The good news is, it's all still there. We are moving things around as part of a redesign. Inside page 3 you will find the directory listing where things have been placed. Love it? Hate it? Let us know at info@themountaineer.com.

- QUOTE OF THE WEEK -

*"And she stopped...and she heard what the trees said to her,
And she sat there for hours not wanting to leave,
For the forest said nothing, it just let her breathe"*
~ Becky Hemsley

Nederland Ice Rink opens for the season



Fun on the ice

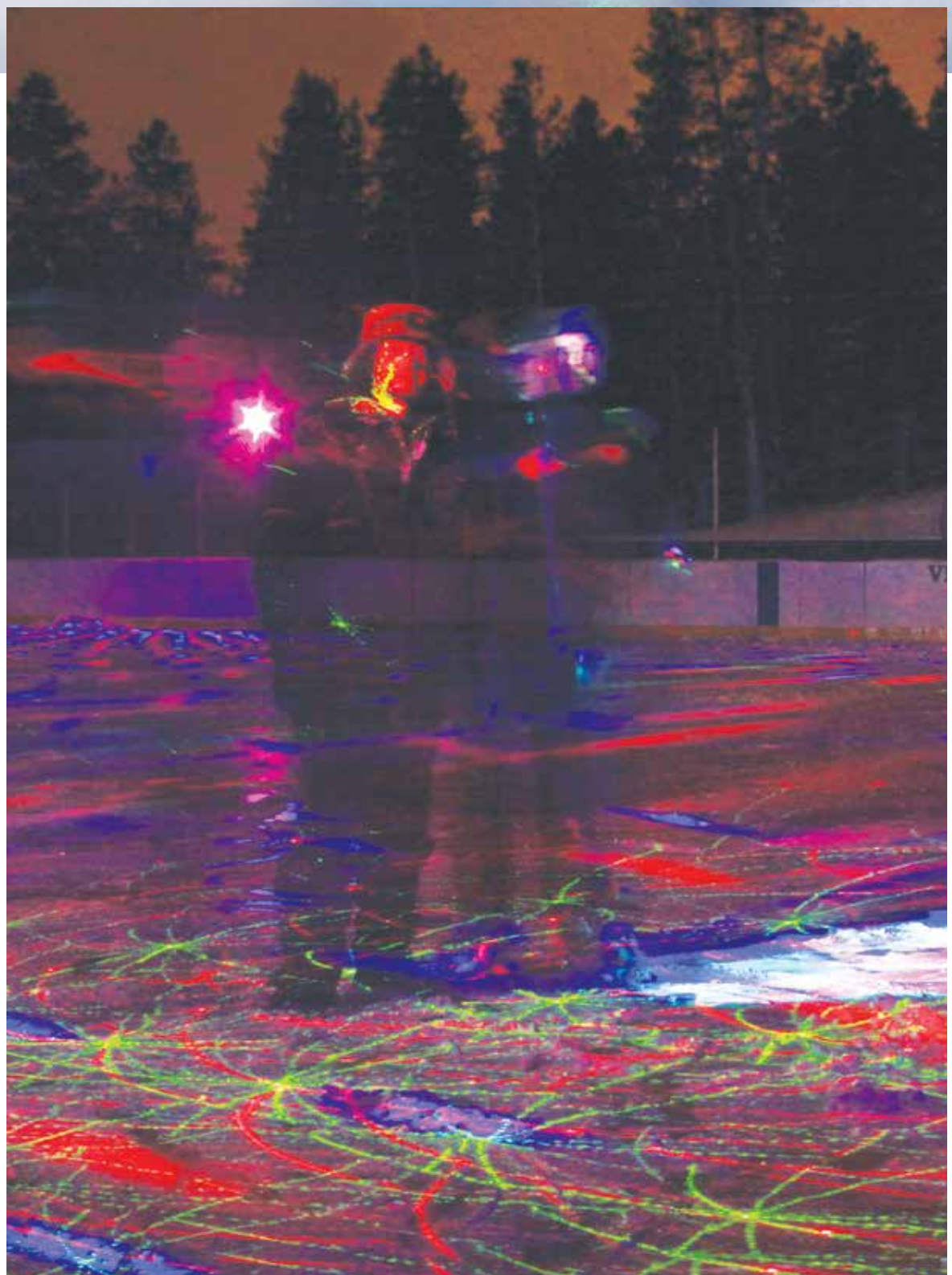
Top: Volunteer Maxine Tooreburg (left) and Farzaneh Sarafranz take a break from skating. Bottom: Ex-manager Scott Porter (left) and his son Jack were on hand to lend support and help with the lighting.

DAVE GIBSON
NEDERLAND

I remember when Sniff 'n' The Tears came out with "Driver's Seat" in 1978. With it playing incessantly on the radio, I used to call it "Sniffin' the Driver's Seat." I applauded when Chicago disc jockey Steve Dahl and his Coho Lips movement blew up a crate of disco records during a promotion at Comiskey Park between games of a doubleheader in 1979. There was so much damage to center field that the second game had to be cancelled.

It was the unofficial end of disco as we knew it. I've since learned to appreciate disco more than I used to and songs like the Bee Gees' "Stayin' Alive," Donna Summer's "Love to Love You Baby," and Sister Sledge's "We Are Family" are now listenable.

To further my appreciation of the genre, the opening of the Nederland Ice Rink or NedRINK (Nederland Racquets and Ice for Nederland Kids) on January 12 happened to fall on Disco Night. Boogying to pulsating numbers such as "Dancing Queen," "Y.M.C.A.," "Car Wash," "I Will Survive," "Rock the Boat," "The Hustle," "Macho Man," and KC & The Sunshine Band's "Get Down Tonight" were easy to dance to and got the blood pumping on a frigid evening. Bathed



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Ned RINK

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in prismatic swirls of intertwining lights circling the ice, a skater in a psychedelic faux fur coat streaked by. Another skater was dumped on her keister.

The next day Adult Coed Drop-in Hockey was slated but canceled due to extreme wind chills. Sessions are weather dependent so it is always wise to check their online calendar before heading out. An Open Skate was held from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Bundled up skaters of varying ability levels gleefully interacted while enjoying time outdoors gliding across the icy surface. A pair of young brothers took delight in throwing fluffy blocks of snow at each other. Family Stick & Puck and a Costume Party were scheduled for later.

There are fun things to do every day at the NedRINK. Other activities include: Youth Hockey, Novice/Intermediate Drop-in Hockey, Women's Drop-in Hockey, Broomball, New Explorer's Preschool, and Lunch Brunch/Zoomoni Camp.

NedRINK is located at 500 Indian Peaks Drive, Nederland, Colorado. For information about hours and pricing, go to <http://nedrink.org/> or call 720-514-9624.



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Nederland loves their ice rink

Left: Farzaneh Sarafranz was visiting from New York City. Middle: A great day to be on the ice. Right: A boy carrying a gift for his little brother

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