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Gilpin Eagles take on Longmont Warriors



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Playing at home

Above, left; Ezra Williams wins the jump ball at the beginning of the game against Longmont Christian. Above, right; Elise Vincent passes the basketball during a strong performance by the Girls Varsity Team.



Dave Gibson
Gilpin County

On Thursday, January 19, the Gilpin Girls Basketball Team squared off for a home game against the Longmont Christian Warriors. Nearly halfway through their season, from the tipoff until the final buzzer, the Eagles showed why they are a force to be reckoned with.

During the first quarter the girls “took care of the ball well and didn’t turn it over,” according to Coach Jeff Schuessler.

They scored 14 points. Longmont Christian didn’t score any. When they finally did make a basket in the second quarter, the Gilpin fans applauded, without a hint of sarcasm, showing empathy for their opponent and relieved that they were at last on the board. The Eagles were never in danger of losing this contest. Score at halftime: Gilpin 21, Longmont Christian 2.

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Ned Ski Team racing at Eldora



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Dave Gibson
Eldora

As the darkness of night began to give way to daytime, Eldora Mountain Ski & Snowboard Club (EMSC) and coaches were already busy setting slalom gates on the LaBelle Dame run at Eldora Mountain Resort in preparation for Nederland Alpine Ski Team’s home ski race. In addition to closing the run to recreational skiers and boarders on Friday, January 20, to accommodate the race, Eldora also provides terrain for the team to train during the season. Without the generosity of Eldora Mountain Resort through these many years, none of it would be possible.

Having already competed in a giant slalom at Keystone and a slalom at

Open Mic Night at Gold Dirt Distillery

Christopher Kelley
Rollinsville

Every third Thursday of the month something special occurs in Rollinsville. After the sun sets people gather into Gold Dirt Distillery in anticipation of this unique occurrence. Some come prepared, armed with the necessary skills and confidence. Others come with their nerves driving them, and they order a strong drink to settle in.

This monthly event is Open Mic Night; an evening of local talent with just a touch of random chaos. And though many gather without

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Under perfect conditions

Delia Kneirim of the Nederland Ski Team tears down the mountain.

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- QUOTE OF THE WEEK -

“In everyone’s life, at some time, our inner fire goes out. It is then burst into flame by an encounter with another human being. We should all be thankful for those people who rekindle the inner spirit.”

~Albert Schweitzer

Gilpin Boys fall a little short



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Dave Gibson
Gilpin County

The girls basketball team, cheerleaders, and fans lined the Gilpin Boys Varsity Basketball Team's entry to the hardwood on Thursday, January 19. They, along with the rest of the hometown fans in the bleachers, had come to offer support and cheer on their team.

Up against the Longmont Christian

Warriors, while feeling each other out, the teams battled through the first quarter to an 11-8 score with the Warriors ahead. Down but determined, the Eagles' offense came alive in the second quarter, hitting their shots and recording 15 points. Score at halftime: Longmont Christian 25, Gilpin 23.

As close a game as could be hoped for, the teams went back and forth sinking buckets and contesting the basket-

In a hard-fought contest

Top: A rousing welcome for our boys as they take the stage. Bottom, right; Freshman cheerleader Kari Hanson. Bottom, middle; Lane Willis gets all ball on defense. Bottom, left: Point guard Trey Lindberg drives to the bucket during the second half.

ball. In the end, the Eagles would fall behind five more points in the third quarter and another three in the fourth. Final score: Longmont Christian 55, Gilpin 45.

Trey Lindberg led the Eagles in scoring with 19 points. Six of his 19 points came from 3-pointers. Included in his totals were five rebounds and two steals. Lane Willis scored 12 points on six for eight shooting and a 75% average. He was also a monster on the boards hauling down nine offensive rebounds and nine defensive rebounds.

Ezra Williams contributed six rebounds and Ellis Lopez five.

Coach Lisa Bolter shared after the disappointing loss, "We play in a tough league – three of the teams in our league advanced to regionals. Our team is progressing every day despite a few setbacks along the way. The effort is there, for sure."

The boys' schedule is the same as the girls' (see page 5 for the next 10 days of school schedules for Nederland and Gilpin) with four home games remaining.

Lady Eagles dominate Warriors



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Coasting to victory

Above, left; Annabelle Aloel at tipoff. Above, right; Skyley Ramsey showing good form. Kenzie Marr contemplates a free throw.

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The Eagles applied relentless pressure to the Warriors in the third quarter. Decidedly overmatched, Longmont Christian's offensive playbook was limited. Mostly, their point guard would bring the ball up the court and pass it into the corner. Once there, the Eagles would apply a trap by double teaming that player which often resulted in a turnover, errant pass, or bad shot. One of the girls' mottos instilled by their coach is, "When you see their back, attack." Although not playing as tight as they might have against a better opponent, the Eagles still poured in 17 more points. Score after three quarters: Gilpin 38, Longmont Christian 4.

With the game well in hand, the coach was able to rest his starters and afford his younger players some valuable experience. Final score: Gilpin 42, Longmont Christian 8.

Kailey Starkey led all scorers with 10 points on five for ten shooting and a 50% average. Sophomore Annabelle Aloel did a solid job of clearing the boards, registering 10 rebounds. Skyley and Faith Ramsey each had five steals and Elise Vincent four. In a well-balanced effort, all nine of Gilpin's girls scored points.

Since their game versus the Warriors, the Eagles added another victory against Clear Creek two days later by a score of 59-6. The girls' record now stands at 7-2. They are 3-0 in league play and undefeated at home, winning six straight. Coach Jeff Schuessler foresees that, "We have a really good chance of going to regionals," but warns, "To guarantee a spot, we have to win the district."

The Lady Eagles' next home games are on January 31 against Denver Christian, February 2 against Heritage Christian, February 6 against Kiowa, and on February 11 versus North Park.



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