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## Gilpin Girls' win district



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**Dave Gibson**  
Littleton

The Gilpin Girls' Varsity Basketball Team didn't lose a single game in Gilpin County this year, going 11-0 at home. Their 16-4 overall record was the best in their district which translated into a #1 seed at the 2A District 7 Basketball Tournament at Dakota Ridge High School in Littleton February 24.

Following a first round bye, Gilpin's game against the Golden View Classical Academy Sentinels was merely a warmup for the next round. Dominating every aspect of the contest, the Eagles ended up winning by a score of 53-11. Freshman Elise Vincent was named Player of the Game with 11 points that included two 3-pointers. The statistic that stood out most was 21 steals; every member of the Eagles squad took the ball away from the Sentinels at least once.

The next day they would square off against the #2 ranked Denver Christian Thunder for the championship. The girls had faced the Thunder earlier in the year and were able to secure a 57-54 victory in Gilpin. Coach Jeff Schuessler called it "the best played game they participated in all year." Setting a goal at the beginning of the season of winning the District Championship, the Eagles would have to be in top form against a tough opponent in order to prevail.

The first quarter was far from their best, finding themselves down by a score of 16-6 at its conclusion. The Eagles buckled down defensively in the second and started hitting their shots. Outscoring Denver Christian 17-4 in that period, they took a 23-20

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## Subaru WinterFest comes to Eldora



PHOTO BY DAVE GIBSON

### A dog-friendly event

Melonheads and cat-lovers were also welcome. Eldora Mountain Resort provided VIP parking toward the front of the lot for Subaru owners, since at times it seems half the skiers and boarders there are riding in Subarus. The vehicle's occupants had come to enjoy a day on the slopes and to partake in Subaru WinterFest. See story page 28.

## Gilpin schools locked down



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Gilpin County

The Gilpin County School District was one of a number of Colorado schools that received an unsubstantiated threat of school violence on Wednesday, February 22, 2023. The school was locked down later that day and was closed on Thursday. All preschool through grade 12 students and staff returned to school on Monday, February 27.

Sheriff Kevin Armstrong hosted an in-person meeting for school parents, students, and staff members on Monday, February 27, at 5:30 p.m. in the school auditorium to review the event at the school. A link for virtual meeting attendees was sent to students, staff, and parents by email on Monday.

Sheriff Armstrong also updated the Gilpin County Board of County Commissioners on the event at the regular Board meeting on February 28. The commissioners thanked the staff for their quick response.

### Reunification process

Students were bussed to the Gilpin Rec Center, where they were reunified with their parents after the school lockdown.

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### - QUOTE OF THE WEEK -

"Life is a series of natural and spontaneous changes. Don't resist them - that only creates sorrow. Let reality be reality. Let things flow naturally forward in whatever way they like" ~Lao Tzu



# Gilpin girls win their district



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### Now on to the regionals

Top, left; An introductory fist bump. Top, right; Skyley Ramsey drives to the basket. Bottom, right; A jubilant Gilpin Eagles squad celebrates their well-earned championship. Bottom, left; Neither team gave an inch in a close contest.

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into halftime.

Not as high scoring as the first meeting between the teams, with so much on the line, every possession was hotly contested. Never have I seen a game where so many players hit the floor going after the basketball. The teams played to a virtual standstill in the third quarter with the Thunder scoring six points and the Eagles four. It was anyone's guess as to who would win up until about two minutes remaining. At that point, Gilpin continued tightening the screws on defense and hit big buckets when it counted. Final Score: Gilpin Eagles 39, Denver Christian 31.

Senior Abby Smith received Player of the Game honors. Smith led all scorers

with 17 points, shooting lights-out from 3-point range, going three-for-three in the second quarter. Skyley Ramsey contributed 12 points (6-for-6 at the line), 4 assists, and 4 steals. Younger sister Faith had 7 points, 4 rebounds, 4 assists, and 3 steals.

Tears of joy flowed down the cheeks of some of the girls, having toiled day after day for months refining their skillsets with laser-like focus on the prize. Congratulations to the Girls Basketball 2023 Colorado Class 2A District 7 Champions!

There are now 32 teams left in 2A Girls Basketball that move on to the Regionals. On the merits of the Eagles' impressive #5 seeding, they will be playing at home Friday, March 3, at Gilpin County High School. Tipoff is at 5:30 p.m.



# Gilpin boys advance to semifinals



PHOTOS BY DAVE GIBSON

**Saving their best for last**

Above, left; Ezra Williams wins the tipoff in the semifinals. Above, right; Point guard Trey Lindberg. Bottom, right; Another hard-fought game.

**Dave Gibson**  
*Lakewood*

The Gilpin Boys Basketball Team traveled to Addenbrooke Classical Academy in Lakewood, February 21, to compete in the first round of the Colorado 2A District 7 Basketball Tournament. A slight underdog, the Eagles were seeded fifth and the Mustangs, fourth.

It had been an up and down year for the Gilpin Eagles, often facing bigger schools with larger programs. Battling through it all without an ounce of quit in the Eagles' squad, the teams in this particular contest were fairly evenly matched and Gilpin felt they had a real shot at victory. In essence, this game was to be their Super Bowl.

An energized and determined Eagles came out firing on all cylinders in the opening quarter. All of their hard work and preparation throughout the season paid off handsomely as they poured in 22 points. It was the most Gilpin had scored in

a single quarter of play all season. Throughout the game, the Mustangs couldn't find a solution to the Eagles' Ezra Williams. Williams had the best game of his high school career, leading all scorers with 29 points. For good measure, he added 14 rebounds, 5 steals, and 2 blocks to his superlative stat sheet. Trey Lindberg scored 14 points, including a couple of three-pointers and 2 steals. Lane Willis added 10 points, 5 rebounds, 2 blocked shots, and 2 steals. Final score: Gilpin 64, Addenbrooke Academy 59.

You can talk about moral victories all you like, but there is nothing quite like adding a game to the win column. Congratulations to the boys on their exciting playoff win! The next round would get tougher, but for now, it was time to savor a great performance and victory.

Coach Lisa Boulter stated after the game, "Our players definitely fought to the very last second of every game this year. They never gave up. I'm very proud of them."