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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



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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



PHOTO COURTESY OF JENNY LYNN

John Scarffe
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

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Springlike conditions for attendees

Top, left: A good day to toast marshmallows. Top, right; Enjoying the show. Bottom, right; This doggie never takes to the hills without his eye protection.

Dave Gibson Eldora

Eldora Mountain Resort provided VIP parking toward the front of the lot for Subaru owners on February 25 and 26. Since at times it seems half the skiers and boarders there are riding in Subarus, those spaces filled up quickly. The vehicle's occupants had come to enjoy a day on the slopes and to partake in Subaru WinterFest.

A nationwide concert and mountain lifestyle tour for music fans, skiers, snowboarders, and dog-lovers, it promotes sustainable environmental practices and responsible winter recreation. National Ski Patrol members and their rescue dogs held a meet and greet, not only giving people a chance to interact with the canine heroes, but to learn how to get involved with the program. Dogs were welcome at the event on leash. Lacking the rescue

dogs' credentials, but lovable just the same, a couple dozen well-behaved and friendly pooches of every size, shape, and color were in attendance.

Nordica, Mammut, and Arbor offered free demos of their latest gear. Dynamic Wax waxed your skis or boards at no charge. Sensing a pattern, Alpine Start coffee and hot cocoa, Kate's Real Food energy bars, Vafels and marshmallows to toast over the fire didn't cost anything either. More than \$3,000 in giveaways were awarded at the end of the afternoon.

Eight hours of the band Two Runners' journey from Northern California the previous day was through a raging snowstorm. Taking the main stage at 1 p.m., they were relieved to be here under clear skies and warm temperatures. Performing together for two years and composed of

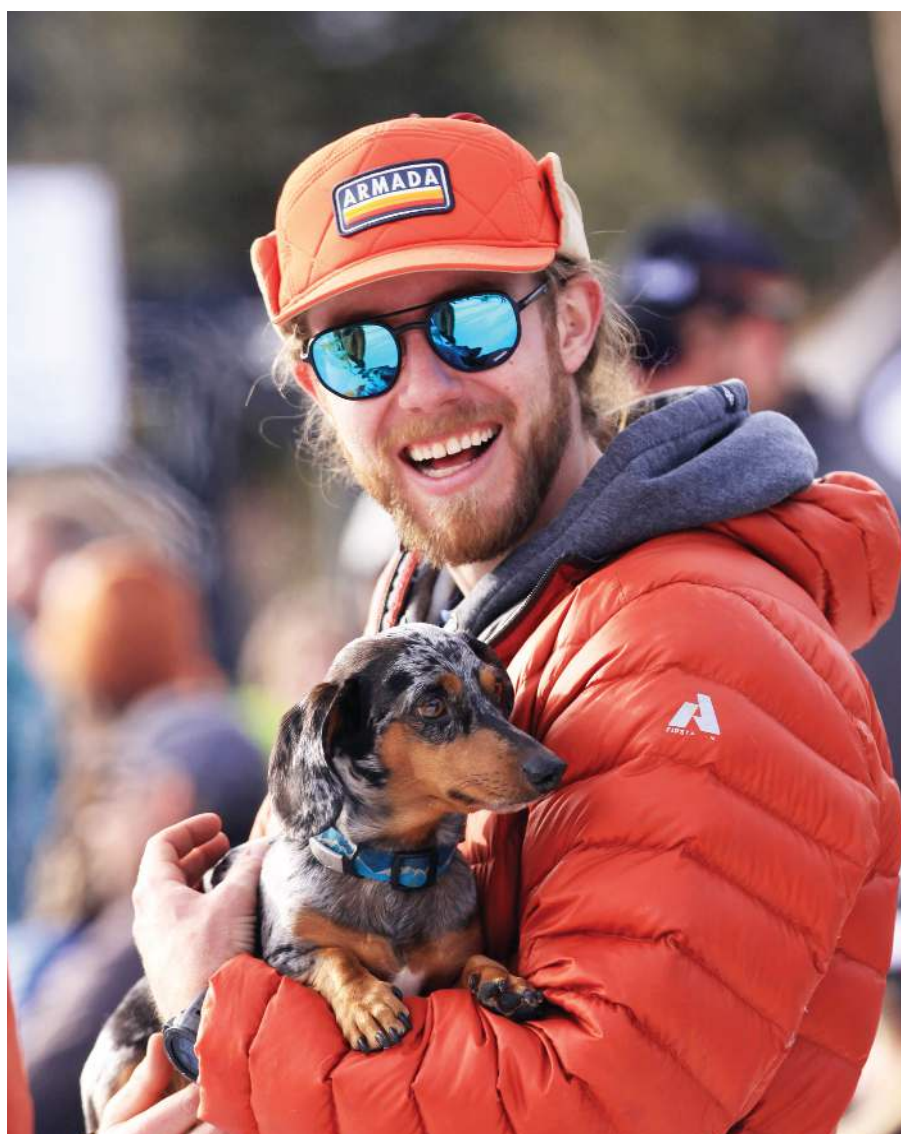
It's Your Turn!



It's that time of year to submit your photos, stories, poems, artwork and illustrations for the next "It's Your Turn" edition of *The Mountain-Ear* coming out March 30, 2023.

To submit, email all content to info@themountaineer.com by March 15, 2023.

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At Eldora's base

Top, left; Everyone already knows the best make of car for mountain driving. Top, right; Paige Anderson on banjo. Middle, right (on left); Emmitt Hoyl and his niece Sloane Madden. Middle, right (on right); Andy Dunnigan on dobro. Bottom, right; A man and his best friend. Bottom, left; Matt "The Rev" Rieger on guitar.

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songwriter Paige Anderson and fiddle player Emilie Rose, their original modern folk music is laced with country and bluegrass influences. Anderson's flatpickin' guitar work and clawhammer banjo complimented Rose's dirt stompin' fiddle. The duo's voices blended beautifully, wafting through the crowd and over the mountain.

Onstage next were The Lil Smokies. Formed over a decade ago in Missoula, Montana, the quintet won the 2015 Telluride Bluegrass Festival Band Competition. Gaining national acclaim since then, they perform 160 dates a year to the delight of their many followers. Inspired by Crosby, Stills & Nash harmonies and David Grisman's "Dawg music," The Lil Smokies' melody-driven sound is infused in their progressive newgrass

numbers. Each known for their musicianship, the band members are: Andy Dunnigan (dobro and vocals), Matt Cornette (banjo), Scott Parker (standup bass), Matt "The Rev" Rieger (guitar and vocals), and Jake Simpson (fiddle and vocals). Comfortable jamming or covering pop rock, Jethro Tull's "Locomotive Breath" was a crowd pleaser.

Brought to us by Eldora and Peak 2 Peak Performance, for those inclined to make the day even fuller or had missed the recreation and festivities, people headed toward the one-night-only showing of the ski and snowboard movies To the Hills & Back and The Approach 1 & 2 at Nederland's Backdoor Theater. Admission was free. Busey Brews Smokehouse & Brewery supplied the food and beverages and prizes were given away at intermission.