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# Gold Hill School celebrates 150 years



Omayra Acevedo Gold Hill

Once upon a time, during the early gold mining days of Colorado, gold was discovered in Gold Run Creek near the center of Gold Hill. The year was 1859 when one of the state's gold strikes paved the way for the first settlement of Gold Hill.

Locally owned and operated

The town was more like a city of tents and minimalistic rustic cabins. In less than a decade, the town was devastated by a wildfire, and the economic difficulties of the civil war pushed people out, and local mines dried out.

It wasn't until tellurium was discovered in 1872 that the town came back to life. With a new purpose on the horizon, 20 homes, six boarding houses, a hotel, two stores, a meat market, a blacksmith shop, two stables, two saloons, and a schoolhouse became the town of Gold Hill.

Miss Hannah C. Spalding taught the more than 30 students who first attended the town's school. By 1895,

"There's two times of year for me: football season, and waiting for football season." – Darius Rucker of

The calendar says it's that time of

year again with the pros, colleges, and high schools having begun their respective football seasons. Friday, September 1, at Gilpin County Stadium was already the Eagles' second game of the year. Chances for victory were good against the Soroco Rams following a tough loss against West Grand last week. Without a single bandwagon jumper among

them, a healthy turnout of loyal fans

took their seats in anticipation of the

Wasting little time getting on the scoreboard, Gilpin Eagle Drew Starkey picked up a muffed punt and raced 50 yards into the endzone. A defensive struggle throughout the first two quarters, cornerback Landon

Dave Gibson
Gilpin County

Hootie and the Blowfish

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### Gold Hill School celebrates 150 years

Alumni, students, teachers, staff, supporters, and Gold Hill community members unite for a memorable moment celebrating 150 years of unique mountain education and unity.

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## The most wonderful time of the year



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### Football has returned

An Eagle does his best to avoid a tackler in Gilpin's second game of the season.

Church intercepted a Soroco pass at his own 15-yard line. Racing almost

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"Nobody who ever gave his best regretted it." -George S. Halas

## The most wonderful time of the year







PHOTOS BY DAVE GIBSON

### **Great gridiron action**

Above, left: Drew Starkey rounds the corner on a running play. Above, right: Connor Holloway takes off for a nice gain. Bottom, left: Landon Church concentrates on catching the football during warmups.

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the entire length of the field, a saving tackle was made at the 1-yard line as time ran out in the first half. Score at halftime: Gilpin 6, Soroco 0.

A turnover cost the Rams early

in the third quarter when Connor Holloway intercepted a pass and scampered 20 yards for another Gilpin touchdown. Neither team would register a 2-point conversion

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### At Gilpin County Stadium

Top, left: The varsity cheerleaders during the national anthem. Top, right: A fork in the road. Bottom, right: Daphne Cain applauds her Eagles. Bottom, left: Getting in some reps before the game.

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score their first touchdown on a long run then added more points with :07 seconds remaining in the third quarter. Score: Gilpin 12, Soroco 12.

The fourth quarter is sometimes when the Eagles' opponents get winded from the elevation. It was not the case with the Soroco Rams who hail from Southern Routt County. Finding their rhythm mostly through the outside run game, grinding down

Gilpin's defense that had spent a lot of time on the field, they'd hang 18 during the game. Soroco would points on the Eagles. Final score: Gilpin 12, Soroco 30.

Standout performers included juniors Brennan Lautrup at nose guard, and leading tacklers Drew Starkey (1 TD), Connor Holloway (1 TD), and Andrew Davis.

With positives to build on, the Eagles have a week to prepare for archrival Justice Phoenix at Boulder High School, Saturday, September 9, at 6 p.m.

## Letter to the Editor

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