

Gilpin Homecoming: Black and gold fans remain true blue

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Dressed in costumes befitting the Gilpin Eagles' 2023 Homecoming theme "Dinosaurs," students busily prepared their floats in the staging area next to the Teller House for the 10 a.m. parade through Central City and Black Hawk on Friday, October 6. The royal court posed for pictures in front of a patinated lichen-encrusted wall made of rocks that predate when T-Rex ruled the planet. Timberline Fire's meticulously polished vintage 1923 fire engine joined them for their Jurassic journey down the thoroughfare connecting the two historic towns. With school pride and spirit at fever pitch, the high schoolers tossed candy along the route to their cheering supporters. Real-life dinosaurs would be spotted among the alumni at Gilpin's Homecoming football game later in the day.

"Dizzy Miss Lizzy" by the Beatles blasted from the press box for the benefit of Gilpin's earliest graduates who were in kindergarten when the song hit the charts. The bleachers filled with the Eagles' loyal followers and junior Danni Sternlicht sang a lovely rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Two weeks prior, the Eagles played South Park in an exciting away game that was decided on the last play of the contest. Trailing by 14 points with three minutes remaining, Gilpin drove



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Backing their favorite team

Mason Sechler (left) and Justin Johnson wrap up a Byers Bulldog.

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Wildfire detection camera, CWPP in the works

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The Gilpin County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) called their regular meeting to order at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, October 10, 2023. In attendance were Commissioner Marie A. Mornis, Commissioner Susan Berumen, Commissioner Sandy Hollingsworth, County Manager Ray Rears, County Attorney Brad Benning, and Deputy Clerk to the Board Lyndsey Denton.

Chanda Johnson, Human Resources Director, introduced Gabriella Chisholm, who said Parks and Recreation have had five new hires in the past two months. The positions filled include: two Recreation Generalists, two Teen Program Aides, and a Guest Service Representative. An employee who had

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Gilpin girls' volleyball wins homecoming game

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Gilpin County



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Eagles win at home

The Gilpin Eagles set up a shot during their homecoming game against Clear Creek High School.

Home games are always fun, but a rival game is even better. Clear Creek High School and Gilpin County High School have been rivals forever and whenever they compete against each other it's electric. This is especially true during volleyball games.

The crowd was at the edge of their seats and students shouted out chants and words of encouragement for the girls. In the end it was a close game and great volleyball was played. Topher Rouse, one of the coaches for the girls' volleyball team said, "I'm proud of the girls. This is their fifth win in a row."

The team has worked hard building their skills and for these victories. After practicing through the summer and balancing school work with their sports they deserve this win. The team's manager Maddie Lane said, "I

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- QUOTE OF THE WEEK -

"The philosophy of the school room in one generation will be the philosophy of government in the next." ~Abraham Lincoln

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Through thick and thin

Top, left: Ryan Marr goes up for a long pass against Byers. Top, right: Danni Sternlicht performed the national anthem beautifully. Bottom, right: Dacio Pena running the football. Bottom, left: #4 Ryan Hanssen and Darcio Pena putting the clamps on the opposition.

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the ball to South Park's 7-yard line. A touchdown run by Ryan Marr brought them within eight. The ensuing onside kick was fielded by South Park, but fumbled away on the next play.

In possession of the football on their opponent's 45-yard line with a minute and a half left, end runs out of bounds preserved the clock. A wave sweep pass took them to the 1-yard line and Drew Starkey plunged in for the score. With three seconds to go, the 2-point conversion was unsuccessful. Final score: South Park 26, Gilpin 24. Though a defeat, the boys rallied as a team showing extraordinary grit and fortitude, in turn providing inspiration and hope.

Connor Holloway fractured his wrist during the hard-fought battle knocking

him out of the quarterback rotation, but may return to play defense later this year. Starting quarterback Drew Starkey sprained his knee the next week against Front Range Christian and is listed as week to week. In what Head Coach Craig Ball called "quarterback by committee," Landon Church, Mason Sechler, and Ryan Marr would share the position's duties for their Homecoming game.

Overmatched by the perennial powerhouse Byers Bulldogs from the start, Gilpin found themselves down 48-0 at halftime. It would have been nice if the score was close, but the Eagle's faithful had come to support their team through thick and thin. Unlike some NFL stadiums where fair weather fans depart en masse when the game is out of reach, no one went home.

Hanging in there as best they could, Gilpin put together a couple of good

drives in the second half, but if an Eagles' MVP had to be named, it probably would have been punter Landon Church. The Bulldogs chose not to field a return man and most of Church's kicks rolled long. Final score: Byers 62, Gilpin 0.

In a league where they often play bigger schools, the Eagles face another

tough opponent October 12 in Lyons. Their next best chance at victory will be at home against Belleview Christian on October 21 and Justice, October 28, for their last game of the season. Regardless of the outcomes, the Eagles' steadfast supporters will be there rooting for their favorite team.

Gilpin Homecoming Royalty presented



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Top, left: Freshman Duke Taurean Paxton and Duchess Makenna Kowalewski. Top, right: Junior Prince Max Tanner and Princess Joei Sutton. Bottom, right: Senior King Dakota Cowles and Queen Sterling O'Sullivan. Bottom, left: Sophomore Count Mason Sechler and Countess Maddie Sutton.

Rockin' parade brings out local wildlife



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This year's theme was "Dinosaurs." Booster Club member Tami Velasquez taking her tyrannosaurus rex out for a ride.

FALL HOURS

SUNDAY, MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY:

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