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Is the Sky the Limit?

by Tom Tock

With the amount being wagered in Dwight's 28 Video Gaming Terminals rising each month, one has to wonder what the limit may be . . . especially when the latest rumor is that Illinois may soon allow more than five gaming terminals in each registered establishment.

The Village of Dwight's monthly share of VGT receipts for February was \$3,631, a new record amount, as was the \$232,318 played in the 28 terminals at eight different Dwight establishments.

The Paper's first video gaming report for Dwight, in July of 2013, was for 14 terminals and \$129,125 invested.

	Funds In	Funds Out	NTI*	State	Dwight
Aug.	109,962	75,319	34,642	8,660	1,732
Sept.	104,521	74,359	30,161	7,540	1,508
Oct.	114,498	74,486	40,011	10,002	2,000
Nov.	120,794	78,058	42,735	10,683	2,136
Dec.	147,716	105,799	41,916	10,479	2,095
Jan.	201,234	145,417	55,816	13,954	2,790
Feb.	232,318	159,684	72,633	18,158	3,631

*Net Terminal Income

The State of Illinois and Village of Dwight receive a total of 30% of the net terminal income monthly (State 25%, Village 5%). Of the remaining 70%, Scientific Games receives 0.7275% of the NTI as compensation for building and maintaining the Central Communications System, which is monitored by the Illinois Gaming Board. The remaining income is divided equally between the terminal operator and location.

Cabery Easter Egg Hunt April 12

The United Methodist Ladies of Cabery will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 12, beginning at 1:30 p.m. in the west yard of the church.

Children in Cabery and surrounding areas are invited to attend. Cupcakes and drinks will be provided for the children. All children are welcome.

Age Categories

1-4 years

5-8 years

9-12 years

Prizes will be awarded in each category.

Children are asked to bring their own baskets. In case of inclement weather, the hunt will be held inside the church.

Easter Activities in Downtown Dwight April 19

Dwight Economic Alliance will sponsor Children's Easter activities April 19 at the Depot.

Beginning at 10:30 a.m., the Easter Bunny will greet children, hand out treats and be available for pictures.

Games will also be set up with prizes for everyone playing.

Popcorn, juice and water will be available.

This event will take place after the Lions Easter Egg Hunt at Renfrew Park.

Criminal Damage to Property in Dwight

On Thursday, April 3, at approximately 1:50 a.m., the Dwight Police responded to an alarm at Hancock Jewelers on East Main Street.

Upon arrival, Dwight Police noticed someone had knocked out the window of the front door at the business. The business was not entered and nothing was taken.

Damage to repair exceeds \$1,000.

The Dwight Police are asking for your help. Anyone with information is asked to call Det. Gary Beier at 815-584-3132, or you can call the Crime Tip Hotline at 815-584-1975.

Your help will make the community a better and safer place in which to live.

St. Patrick's Spring Salad Luncheon and Bake Sale

St. Patrick Catholic Church, Dwight, is hosting their Spring Salad Luncheon and Bake Sale Tuesday, April 22, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall, 114 W. Mazon Ave.

A fee applies. Children under 12 receive a discounted price. Preschoolers eat for free. Carry-outs will be available. Bridge and euchre will follow.



A PUDDLE like the one above can be attractive to an energetic youngster, but to those of us who suffered through the recent winter it can represent a warning of a fickle spring and its accompanying storms. Almost two inches of rain fell Thursday in areas south of Dwight, and it's a good idea to be prepared for wind, rain, flooding, etc., until Mother Nature moderates her change-of-season tricks.



St. Paul students are prepared for the upcoming Auction.

St. Paul Spaghetti Dinner and Auction April 12

St. Paul School in Odell is having a Spaghetti Dinner and Auction on Saturday, April 12.

Many wonderful prizes are available such as vacations, weekend getaways, sports tickets, a laptop, Samsung tablet, golf packages, American Girl doll, toy tractors, a grill, a fire pit, many restaurant gift certificates and much more.

A silent auction with homemade baked goods and

baskets will begin at noon. There will also be a basket raffle with over 30 baskets and a kiddie auction for the youngsters. A full listing of items can be found at www.stpaulodell.com

A spaghetti dinner with meat sauce, Avanti's bread, salad and desserts will be served from 4 to 7 p.m. The live auction will begin at 6:30 p.m.

All proceeds will benefit St. Paul School students.



Emington Community Association Hosts 3rd of July Fund-raiser

The Emington Community Association hosted a Chicken and Spaghetti supper at the Roadrunner Restaurant on March 30.

Approximately 300 people from the community supported the supper and the silent auction. Volunteers brought 50 items that were also bid on.

The event was a fabulous success and the monies raised will assist with funding the fireworks and the 3rd of July activities.



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SERVERS FOR THE EMINGTON 3RD OF JULY fund-raiser are (from left) Bob Young (seated), Cyndi Shelton, Suzin Fallano, Pat Shelton, Bill Stein, Kris Kubiak and Paul Bruner.



MARCIA AND KATHY WERE IN CHARGE of the Silent Auction at the fund-raiser held at Roadrunner's Restaurant for the Emington 3rd of July Celebration.

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FOR THE RECORD

Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

Mar. 28, 2014: Anna R. Kindle, Kewanee, speeding (radar) 72/55.
 Mar. 30: Tammie L. Lukes, Momence, speeding (radar); Josie E. Russell, Shorewood, speeding (radar) 72/55; Steven W. Hansen, 30, Dwight, speeding (radar) 79/55.

Persons in the Police report are innocent of any charges until proven guilty in a court of law.

15 Warnings Issued by Dwight Police

Speeding (radar) 4; muffler violations 3; no front license plate 1; expired registration sticker 2; improper lighting - one headlamp 3; fail to notify SOS of change/address 1; improper lane usage 1.

Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

Mar. 27, 2014: 6:12 p.m., E. Mazon, fire; 10:16 p.m., Franklin, medical, Morris;

11:14 p.m., Union, trauma, refusal, mutual aid from Dwight Fire; 11:43 p.m., Mazon Ave., medical, St. James, Pontiac, mutual aid from Gardner.

Mar. 28: 6:27 p.m., Main St., medical, Morris.

Mar. 29: 2:41 p.m., Scott Dr., lift assist, refusal; 8:17 p.m., Mazon, medical, Morris.

Mar. 30: 5:29 p.m., Mazon Ave., medical, Pontiac; 5:31 p.m., Franklin, medical, no patient; 6:10 p.m., Bannan, medical, Morris, mutual aid from Gardner.

Mar. 31: 12:33 a.m., Main St., medical, Morris; 2:20 p.m., Blackstone, lift assist, refusal, mutual aid to Allen Twp.

Apr. 1, 2014: 8:48 p.m., Main, medical, MCH.

Apr. 2: 4:17 p.m., Julie, trauma, Morris; 7:40 p.m., Jefferson, fire, mutual aid to Gardner.

Apr. 3: 2:22 a.m., W. Main, medical, Morris.



Temps - 2014

Mar. 27 - high 53°, low 33° .23" precip.
 Mar. 28 - high 42°, low 31°
 Mar. 29 - high 42°, low 22°
 Mar. 30 - high 56°, low 23°
 Mar. 31 - high 65°, low 33°
 April 1 - high 50°, low 31°
 April 2 - high 47°, low 33° .73" precip.

One Year Ago - April 9, 2013 high 77°, low 42° trace precip.



Yes, it's a scam!

This email has the subject line "ADMIN TEAM". It tells you that your mailbox is almost full. It's an easy fix though, it says, just click on the link and fill out the necessary requirements to increase your mailbox quota size automatically.

Included in this email is a graphic which is designed to show you the amount of space your mailbox has to offer, and how much you have used. Naturally, the graphic is showing that you are almost at maximum capacity. In an "Important Note" at the bottom, it also lets you know that you will no longer be able to send or receive any messages with the current amount you have available. In the end, it is signed simply "ITS help desk".



Food and Water Safety Issues for Spring Storms

Despite the problems that winter has presented, sooner or later spring weather will be here and with it comes spring storms. These storms sometimes can be powerful enough to cause temporary power outages. If that occurs, you can take a few steps to increase the potential that the food in your refrigerator and/or freezer will be safe to use when the power is restored.

The Food and Drug Administration's website encourages the following tips for keeping refrigerated and frozen food safe:

- Keep the refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible to maintain the cold temperature.
- The refrigerator will keep food cold for about four hours if it is unopened
- A full freezer will keep the temperature for approximately 48 hours (24 hours if it is half full) if the door remains closed
- Buy dry or block ice to keep the refrigerator as cold as possible if the power is going to be out for a prolonged period of time. Fifty pounds of dry ice should

hold an 18-cubic foot fully-stocked freezer cold for two days

• If you plan to eat refrigerated or frozen meat, poultry, fish or eggs while it is still at safe temperatures, it's important that each item is thoroughly cooked to the proper temperature to assure that any foodborne bacteria that may be present is destroyed. However, if at any point the food was above 40°F for two hours or more - discard it.

Keep in mind that perishable food such as meat, poultry, seafood, milk, and eggs that are not kept adequately refrigerated or frozen may cause illness if consumed, even when they are thoroughly cooked.

If you have any questions about the safety of your food, you can contact the Environmental Health Division of the Grundy County Health Department for guidance, but "when in doubt - throw it out."

In addition to power outages, flooding can present a problem. If your residence is supplied with water from a private water well, you will

want to make certain your well is properly maintained.

However, even a properly maintained well can encounter water entering the well casing via the vent in the cap. If water does overflow the top of the casing, assume the water in the well is contaminated until you have a chance to have the water supply tested.

Furthermore, until that time:

- Wash fruits and vegetables with water from a safe source before eating
- For infants, try to use prepared, canned baby formula that requires no added water. When using concentrated or powdered formulas, prepare with bottled water if the local water source is potentially contaminated
- Contact the Health Department to obtain water sample bottles and the paperwork needed to submit samples for testing.

If you have questions concerning these topics, contact the Grundy County Health Department's Environmental Health Division at 815-941-3115.

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April is Distracted Driving Month

Illinois State Police District 21 covering Kankakee, Iroquois and Ford Counties are advising motorists of April being Distracted Driving Month.

The Illinois State Police are reminding drivers of the dangers of distracted driving. As of January 1, the use of a hand-held cell phone device while behind the wheel is banned. Bluetooth headsets, earpieces, and voice activated commands are permitted.

The Illinois State Police District 21 will be conducting numerous details throughout the month of April. This initiative will focus on Distracted Driving and "Fatal Four" enforcement. The goal of the operation is to combine education and enforcement to achieve compliance with distracted driving and graduated driver's licensing laws.

Grundy County Crimestoppers Seeking Info on Burglaries

Crimestoppers of Grundy County is seeking information regarding recent burglaries in the area.

There was an incident in the 700 block of Laura Lane in Diamond between March 26 and March 30, where the suspect(s) forced entry into a residence and stole multiple items. A dark Chevrolet truck was observed by neighbors backed into the driveway on the afternoon of March 29, which possibly could be involved.

Another incident occurred at Kinsman Bar and Grill between 1:30 and 8:00 a.m. on March 30. The suspect(s) forced entry into the bar and stole cash and caused damage inside.

Also, an incident was reported regarding Criminal Damage to Property at the Gardner Laundromat. This occurred between the late hours of March 22 and the early hours of March 23. The Pepsi machine was damaged by unknown offender(s) trying to gain access to the inside of the Pepsi machine.

Callers providing information to the Crimestoppers Line at 815-942-9667 will remain anonymous and rewards of up to \$5,000 are eligible for information that leads to an arrest and filing of criminal charges on crime occurring in Grundy County.

April Smart Choice Foods Order, Distribution Dates

The April order day for Smart Choice Foods is Friday, April 11, from 5:00-6:00 p.m. at New Life Assembly of God, 903 S. Old Rt. 66. The distribution day will be Saturday, April 26, from 11:00-11:30 a.m.

All orders must be paid for when order is placed, and must be received by Friday April 11. There is a 3% fee for online orders.

Contact Lin Thrasher for more information at 815-674-2876. You can also visit the website at www.smartchoicefood.com.

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Spring into Action for Patients in Need

With the arrival of spring comes sunnier days, warmer temperatures and a chance at a fresh start. The American Red Cross encourages eligible donors to make blood donation part of their spring ritual and help support patients in need.



Upcoming blood donation opportunities:
 • Grundy County - April 24, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Grundy County Health Department, 1320 Union St. in Morris.

Make a difference this spring by rolling up a sleeve for patients in need. Visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767 to learn more and schedule an appointment. All blood types are

needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High School students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Farmer's Markets Begin May 17 in Dwight

The Dwight Economic Alliance will sponsor Main Street Farmer's Markets beginning Saturday, May 17, and continue until October 4. The only exception will be September 20 during Harvest Days. Hours are 8:00-11:00 a.m.

Market vendors may offer fresh fruits and vegetables, flowers and baked goods. Along with the markets, special events will be held. The first and third Saturdays will feature Junk in the Trunk. These vendors

offer flea market or garage sale type items. The second Saturday of each month will be devoted to home-based businesses to show the variety of products they offer. The fourth Saturday will be Craft Days for all area crafters to show off their talents. Home-based businesses and crafters may also set up at any additional markets they wish.

These markets were previously sponsored by Dwight Main Street. On January 1, Dwight Main

Street, Dwight Area Chamber of Commerce, Impact Dwight and the Dwight Economic Committee became one organization to work together and share resources and volunteers. Anyone wanting to set up is welcome to call the DEA office at 584-1830 or 584-2091 with any questions. Volunteers are always welcome to help with this or any other event of the organization. The same office numbers may be called to volunteer.

Grundy County Health Dept. Celebrates National Public Health Week April 7-13

The public health system that keeps our communities healthy and safe is evolving. Join the Grundy County Health Department as they celebrate National Public Health Week, April 7-13.

The goal is to help make America the healthiest nation in one generation and find out how you can take preventive measures - in ways big and small - in your families, neighborhoods, workplaces and schools to live longer and healthier lives.

Tuesday, April 8, GCHD staff visited Gardner-South Wilmington High School. Multiple divisions discussed various topics of public health and how it relates to teens.

Wednesday, April 9, GCHD will host an open house from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the lobby of the County Administration Building. The day will be filled with vendors that represent all areas of public health. Planning to attend are: Emergency Preparedness, Secretary of State (Donate Life), State of Illinois Treasurer (Found Money and Bright Start), IBCCP (Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer and Prevention), Hound Bound Care, Grundy County Smoking Cessation Task Force, American Cancer Society, and American Red Cross.

Tracy Welch, American Red Cross, will be a guest speaker from 10:00 a.m. to noon and 2:00-4:00 p.m. She will be speaking about the importance of blood donation, dispelling myths, and answering questions. This event is free to the public. Everyone is encouraged to

sign up for the mobile blood drive that will take place on Thursday, April 24.

GCHD will be accepting non-perishable food donations to benefit We Care of Grundy County. From 1:00-4:00 p.m., they will be hosting a Car Seat Safety Check in the Grundy County Administration Building parking lot. Members from the Grundy County Sheriff's Police and Illinois State Police, District 5, will perform car seat inspections, provide education, and teach how to install a car seat properly.

A healthier America begins today. For more information, visit www.grundyhealth.com or www.nphw.org.

Gardner Fire Protection Dist.

March 31: fire, I-55; EMS COQ, mutual aid to Braidwood FD, Main St.

April 2: medical, N. Elm; structure fire, W. Jefferson.

April 3: smoke investigation, S. East; medical, N. Monroe.

April 4: medical, unfounded - no patient, N. East.

April 5: medical, refusal, Pickwick; medical, W. Jefferson; medical, N. Elm.

April 6: medical, N. Monroe; fire, mutual aid to Dwight FD, Aldi Drive.

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Chatsworth Corner

by Mare Reardanz

The American Legion Walter Clemmons Post #613 celebrated their nearly 94-year birthday party Saturday in Chatsworth. There were nearly 30 members of the Legion, Auxiliary and Sons of the Legion plus their guests present for food and fun.

There was a program presenting certificates to Legion Members with 60 years of continuous service. Bill Rebolz was presented to receive his certificate while members not present will be awarded their certificates at a later date. A monetary gift was also presented to Commander Warren Gillette by the Legion President, Lucy Haberkorn.

Mike Kerber shared his recent trip memories of returning to Viet Nam after his original tour in 1969. It was a moving presentation comparing wartime Viet Nam and the present.



The American Legion Walter Clemmons Post #613



Adam Miller

Legion Friday night. He performed "Songs of Our Singing Soldiers" to the delight of everyone.

Miller lives in Oregon and travels about 70,000 miles per year from the Everglades to Antarctica.

Programs like this one bring a community together and help to reconnect families. Miller will perform in Wilmington on Friday, April 11 at both grade schools.

In a world of computer generated everything, the reemergence of a simpler time and quiet beauty is a welcome change.

The Chatsworth Township Library invited Folk Singer/Story Teller, Adam Miller, to share his passion and talents with all of us.

His performance at the Chatsworth Elementary School was titled "Old Songs for Young Folks".

He plays the autoharp and acoustic guitar with a repertoire of over 5,000 authentic folk songs. He

started collecting folk songs when he was in grade school and is blessed with an audio graphic memory (he remembers and can play by ear any song he has every heard). Stories about the songs and their origins, history and music kept the audience mesmerized for the length of his stay.

A second performance was offered at the American

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Easter Egg Hunt
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The hunt will be for Children 2 to 12 years of age

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Odell Townwide Spring Garage Sales



Odell will hold their townwide spring garage sales on Friday, April 11, from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Saturday, April 12, from 8 a.m. until noon.

Kankakee Quilt Makers to Meet April 10

The April 10 Kankakee Quilt Makers meeting will feature the Challenge Quilts.

For those who have finished their quilt, it is asked that you have it to the Calvary Bible Church, 2587 E. Armour Rd. in Bourbonnais, no later than 6:45 p.m. on Thursday, April 10. Voting of the quilts will take place after the meeting has been called to order.

The program will try to answer many of the Guild's questions on the quest of taking this challenge. Each quilter will be interviewed to find out "what makes them want to accept this challenge, and the inspiration and 'how-to's' to complete the project."

Attend the meeting or call Diane at 815-458-6535 for more information.

St. Patrick Altar and Rosary Society Meets

Fourteen ladies of the St. Patrick Church Altar and Rosary Society, Ransom, met at Jerry's Tap at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2.

The meeting was called to order by Peggy Francisco,

Co-chair. Easter flowers, First Communion, May Crowning, church updates and repairs, were among topics discussed.

The next meeting will be held in June.

17th District Joint Winter Meeting in Cullom

The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary held their Joint Winter meeting at the Cullom Post 122 on March 9. With flags in place, a hand salute was given to the colors. The opening prayer was given by Sr. Vice Commander Ron Matheny. All joined in singing the National Anthem. 17th District Commander Richard Anderson and 17th District President Diane Shapland introduced their officers and special guests.

Commander Anderson and President Shapland made their payouts on Membership. The Auxiliary led with 91%, the Legion at 89%. Commander Anderson gave his \$25.00 wager to *The Yanks Who Gave and* President Shapland gave hers to *Operation Warm Troops*. Senior Vice Commander Matheny paid his wager to *Special Olympics* and Vice President Lolling gave hers to *Comfort the Warriors*.

A soup, sandwich, and dessert luncheon was catered by Barb DeMoss.

After lunch, the Legion and Auxiliary split into their individual meetings.

An Auxiliary Board meeting was called to order at 12:45 p.m.

The Call to Reconvene came at 1:00 p.m. by President Diane Shapland. A hand salute and Preamble to the Constitution was led by Roseann Coers. Marsha Haag, Cullom Unit 122 Vice President gave the welcome. The response was given by 17th District Vice President Suzann Lolling.

The courtesy committee was appointed.

Roll Call was taken. Reports were given.

Recognition of Past Presidents of Department, Division, District, and Unit was held and attendees were recognized.

Minutes of the Fall Convention were read. Treasurer's report was given and approved.

New Business:
1) Roseann Coers reported on the 17th District tax status and filing.
2) It was brought up to consider doing away with the Winter Joint Auxiliary meeting.

The Nominating Committee spokesman, Jane Magee, gave the slate of Officers for 2014-15. President, Judy Ehlers; Vice President, Marcia Stalter; Treasurer, Roseann Coers; Historian, Vicki Allen. Jane moved to make this nominated slate be the elected slate. Seconded and carried. President appoints her Secretary, Chaplain, Parliamentarian, Sgt-at-Arms, and two assistant Sgt-at-Arms.

Jane Magee, Washburn Unit representative, gave the Invitation to the Spring 17th District Convention. It will be held at the Washburn Post June 7.

Elsie Tibbs of the Courtesy Committee thanked Cullom Unit for hosting the meeting.

Registration Report showed a total of 25 attendees. Dues: \$25.00 collected.

Closing Prayer by Chaplain Judy Ehlers. All joined hands and sang "God Bless America."

With the flags in place, a hand salute was given. President Shapland adjourned the meeting.



86TH ANNUAL PATRIOTIC CONFERENCE attendees on March 15 were, standing, Luci Haberkorn, Chatsworth Unit; Cullom Unit 122, Linda Vercler, Pat Fagan, Judy Ehlers; seated, Diane Shapland and Marsha Haag.

ALA Patriotic Conference Held

The American Legion Auxiliary 86th Annual Patriotic Conference was held at the Chateau Hotel and Conference Center in Bloomington March 15.

Linda Oakley, Patriotic Conference Chairman, gave the call to order. She turned the conference over to Department President, Judy Zimmerman. The colors were advanced; the invocation was given; the Pledge of allegiance was said, and the National Anthem was sung. President Judy welcomed all and introduced Mayor of Bloomington, Tari Renner. He welcomed all to Bloomington.

A tribute to honor the fallen heroes was held. The Department Officers were introduced.

Department Americanism Chairman, Linda Curtis-Hansen, introduced speakers Richetta and Linda Lovino. They spoke about their father, Neil P. Lovino, sharing his memorabilia and story. He died on October 4, 2008. He served in World War II and was a Fourth Marines Survivor of the Bataan Death March. He was in the movie "The Longest Day" and walked in the last scene before the credits. They are keeping his memory and story alive.

Pam Ray, Illini Girls State Director, introduced Samantha Molly Dominick

and Ellen Cealey, both Illini Girls State Senators. They brought greeting and shared their experiences going to Girls Nation in Washington DC.

Kathy Cisna, Department National Security Chairman, introduced her guest speaker, Matthew Kreeb, a former Tomb guard for the "Tomb of the Unknown Soldier," where he served for three years (2002-2005). After service, he went into the Seminary. He is not ordained but does ministry. He lives in Fisher with his wife and two daughters.

The morning session recessed. After lunch, the entertainment was "Shooting Stars of Southern Illinois."

Introductions and greetings were given from Bernie Stegmuller, Department Commander; Ed Cavanaugh, Detachment Commander of the SAL; Luella Buske, Illinois Department Chapeau.

Fifteen Past Department Presidents were recognized. Department Membership Chairman Tammie Mathis reported there are 110 goal units, and encouraged memberships to keep going in.

The benediction was given by Chaplain Laurinda Kidd. God Bless America was sung by all. The colors were retired and President Judy Zimmerman adjourned the meeting.

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Many of us may ignore the impact of health care costs because we just assume Medicare will pay for everything. But that's not the case. In estimating health care costs during retirement, you may find that \$4,000 to \$6,000 per year per person for traditional medical expenses is a good starting point, although the amount varies by individual. Furthermore, this figure does not include the costs of long-term care, which can be considerable. To illustrate: The national average for home health aide services is nearly \$45,000 per year, and a private room in a nursing home is nearly \$84,000 per year, according to a recent survey by Genworth, a financial security company.

So what can you do to help cope with these costs? Here are a few suggestions:

- Estimate your costs. Try to estimate what your out-of-pocket health care costs might be, based on your health, your age at retirement, whatever supplemental insurance you may carry and other factors.
- Know the key dates. Things can change in your life, but try to identify, as closely as possible, the age at which you plan to retire. This will help you spot any coverage gaps before you become eligible for Medicare at age 65. Also, be aware of the seven-month window for enrolling in Medicare, beginning three months before your 65th birthday.
- Review your insurance options. Medicare-approved insurance companies offer some other parts to Medicare, including Part D, which covers prescription drugs; Medigap, which covers gaps in Parts A and B (in-hospital expenses, doctor services, outpatient care and some preventive services); and Part C (also known as Medicare Advantage, which is designed to replace Parts A, B, Medigap and, potentially, part D). You have several options for Part D, Medigap and Medicare Advantage, each with varying coverage and costs, so choose the plans that best fit your needs. (To learn more about Medicare and supplemental insurance, go to www.medicare.gov.)
- Develop a long-term care strategy. To meet long-term care costs, you could self-insure or purchase insurance coverage. To learn about long-term care insurance solutions, contact your financial advisor.
- Invest for growth and rising income. Health care costs typically rise as you move further into retirement, so make sure that a reasonable portion of your assets is allocated to investments with the potential for both growth and rising income.
- Think about health care directives. If you were to become incapacitated, you might be unable to make health care decisions — and these decisions may affect not only your quality of life but also your financial situation, and that of your family. Talk to your legal advisor about establishing a health care directive, which allows you to name someone to make choices on your behalf.

Health care costs during your retirement may be unavoidable. But by anticipating these costs, you can put yourself in a position to deal with them — and that's a healthy place to be.

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High Honors
Third Grade: Erin Anderson, Iris Beier, Harlie Boucher, Jesse Downen, Timothy Ellis, Lola Furbee, Jace Gall, Maya Green, Matthew Greer, Addison Harms, Hailey Heath, Ava Kargle, Jace Kern, Reid Legner, Brayden Long, Amber Moore, Roshni Patel, Xander Pempe, Tyler Pugh, Dylan Ramsey
Fourth Grade: Alayna Airgood, Chase Becker, Landon Brown, Ashton Burkhardt, Carter Butterbrodt, Jack Denker, Kaleb Duden, Kortney Dyer, Emmett Emmons, Daniel Ford, Dalton Galloway, Ava Grskovic, Darien Guyer, Bryce Handzus, Rachel Heath, Jeremy Kapper, Ella Kargle, Avery Kinnamon, Evan Lee, Daniel Petree, Shawn Romanetto, Ella Sandeno, Dillon Sarff, Jordan Schultz, Emily Scott, Justin Seabert, Abbi Smith, Alexis Thetard, Toni Treglio, Ryan Turner, Natalie Weis, Kendahl Weller
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Tri-Point High School 3rd Quarter Honor Roll

4.00 Club and Above
Sophomore: Braden Ifft, Katie Malone, Lindsey Margewich, Abigail Sievert
Junior: Katy Haag, Jared Haeme, Lauren Mohler, Brandon Wilkerson
Senior: Brooke Haag, Dayna Moritz
High Honors
Freshman: Jacob Bruner, Jackilyn Weller
Sophomore: Colryn Beam, Kacie Haag, Jared Haberkorn, Cara Kelley, Anna Kerrins, Ashley LeClair, Elaine Lowe, Kayleigh Miller, Samantha Ritchie
Junior: Gracie Metz
Senior: Kadie King, Benjamin Sievert, Tiera Turner, Andrew Watts
Honor Roll
Freshman: Hunter Brown, Cade Fecke, Alison Flessner, Juliette Harstick, Dylan Hummel, Trevor Kerrins, Glen Margewich, Amber McElroy, Dan Roman
Sophomore: Caitlyn Diefenbach, Lauren Ehlers, Cheyenne Sifrit
Junior: Jacob Dulek, Kelsey Richie, Danielle Shelby, Zackery Stephenson, Joshua Thorson
Senior: Katelyn Feldkamp, Taylor Gaus, Kyle Moritz, Wade Stephens, Zachery Taylor

Braceville Elementary 3rd Quarter Honor Roll

High Honors
Fifth Grade: Aiddan Daugherty, Austin Niccum, Abigail Ozee
Seventh Grade: Zach Klingberg, Karri Latimer, Emily Monbarren, Maddie Schuck, Nik States, Vinny Svoboda
Eighth Grade: Jordan Bartels, Alana Noonan
First Honors
Fifth Grade: Marisaa Dragovon, Nate Hoffman, Jonathan Hooks, Briana McCague, Carter Memmel, Nathan Weese, Kayleigh Wells, Brendan Williams
Sixth Grade: Taylor Bartels, Raistlin Decker, Donovan Herbert, David Nelson, Dezarie Wampler
Seventh Grade: Ben Fatlan, Rylee Gouwens, Zoe Klingberg, Joe Svoboda
Second Honors
Fifth Grade: Autumn Ceconi, Reagan Countryman, Brandon States
Sixth Grade: David Krob, Colton Neu
Seventh Grade: Chris Bement, Nathan Dragovon, Jacob Hoffman, Jowana Nieves, Shelly Svoboda, Hailey Williams
Eighth Grade: Jasmine Lopez

Tri-Point Jr. High 3rd Quarter Honor Roll

A Club
Sixth Grade: Wyatt Dohe
Seventh Grade: Anicah Bruner
Eighth Grade: Elizabeth Houck
High Honors
Sixth Grade: Cady Denning-Kras, Rhianna Brown, Nathan Gauthier, Jackie Houck, Miranda Tortat
Seventh Grade: Tara Hummel, Abby Kerrins, Steven Lamb, Anna Murphy, Hallie Sippel, Sam Webb
Eighth Grade: Jacob Carrera, Jimmy Haag, Randal Ifft, Elijah McDonald, Amyjo Steichen
Honors
Sixth Grade: Nicole Arwood, Brittney Billerbeck, Margie Billerbeck, Brian Curling, Ty Harmon, Sierra Hummel, Jade King, Kiara McDonald, Adam Murphy, McKenzie Priscock, Peyton Richie, Gabby Spangler, Kaylie Terven, Morgan Tortat
Seventh Grade: Ryan Brantley, Brittani Dalton, Kayla Dunlavey, Kailey Ericksen, Linze Haren, Jacob Ritchie, Corey Roach, Narcisa Roman
Eighth Grade: Nathan Berrens, Piers Cardenas, Crystal Coffey, Nina Crowley, Brittany Fanning, Paisley Johnston, Nick Kelley, Raele Lane, Michael LeClair, Mark Miller, Ana Reynolds, Grace Steidinger, Jacob Steidinger, Gabby McDermott-Daily

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High Honors
Sixth Grade: Kelsey Steidinger, Grace Hall
Eighth Grade: Valerie Hurt, Julianna Meier, Hailey Riley, Abby Wargo
Honors
Sixth Grade: Emmie Blaetz, Peyton Cramer, Leighton Gerdes, Bryce Osborn, Trinity Riley
Seventh Grade: Amanda Fox, Karlie Moore, Scott Shelby, Dylan Williams
Eighth Grade: Jeffrey Durham

St. Paul School 3rd Quarter Honor Roll

Straight A
Sixth Grade: Bryson Connor
Eighth Grade: Tyrah Sexton
High Honors
Fifth Grade: Rylee Farris, Randy Groves, Trevor Sexton
Seventh Grade: Danielle Carlson, Josie Noonan
Eighth Grade: Morgan Abry, Morgyn Moyemont
Honors
Sixth Grade: Garrett Severson
Seventh Grade: Tyler Bryant, Madelyn Doran

S. Wilmington Grade School 3rd Quarter Honor Roll

High Honor Roll
Fourth Grade: Ashley Frideres
Sixth Grade: Carson Halpin, Wilton Jackman, Kaitlynn Kavanaugh, Halyn Poore, Shelby Serena
Seventh Grade: Madison Asbridge
Eighth Grade: Luke Henderson, Paige Jackman
Honor Roll
Fourth Grade: Easton Ashley, Taylor Conger, Brock Jackman, Riley Klingler, Melissa Traver
Fifth Grade: Grace Halpin, Kylie Hawks, Caydan Landry
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Haag Receives Ag Scholarship from 1st Farm Credit Services

Brooke Haag of Emington is a recipient of the 2014 First Choice Agriculture Scholarship from 1st Farm Credit Services.

Haag, a senior at Tri-Point High School, is the daughter of Michael and Trisha Haag. She has been active in 4-H, FFA and Kankakee County Swine Youth Team.

1st Farm Credit Services recently announced the 24 recipients of the \$1,500 scholarship, which supports students who are pursuing a higher education in an agriculture field or a degree that will contribute to the quality of rural life.

2014 marks the year more than 500 students have received scholarships from

1st Farm Credit Services. The association has been rewarding high school scholarships for more than 21 years.

Recipients were selected from a pool of 145 applicants based on their future commitment to rural America, academic achievement, community activities and agriculture involvement. An independent panel of leaders in farming, agribusiness, youth and education selected the scholarship recipients.

In the fall, Haag plans to attend Illinois Central College to pursue a degree in agriculture education. She hopes to become an agriculture literacy coordinator and be part of the Agriculture in the Classroom program.



Brooke Haag

A banquet and formal presentation of the scholarships will be hosted by 1st Farm Credit Services for the students and their parents in June.

Alicia Runyon Makes Aurora University Dean's List

Alicia Runyon, a junior from Dwight majoring in social work while pursuing a minor in Psychology in the School of Social Work, has been named to the Aurora University's high honors Dean's List for the Fall 2013 semester.

The Dean's List recognizes students who have earned a 3.6 GPA or higher. Students recognized with high honors have earned a perfect 4.0.

Helen Fuchsen to Celebrate 100th Birthday with Open House April 19



Helen Fuchsen

Helen Fuchsen, formerly from Wilmington and a current resident of Heritage Woods, will have an open house from 2:00-4:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 19, in honor of her 100th birthday, which she celebrates on April 22.



Tylie Dean Fearman

A girl!

Brian and Lindsay Fearman of Odell are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Tylie Dean Fearman.

Tylie was born Friday, March 7, 2014 at 12:22 p.m. at Advocate BroMenn Medical Center in Normal. She weighed seven pounds, 3 ounces and was 20 inches long. Tylie was welcomed home by big sister, Haddie Marie, three.

Her maternal grandparents are Jim and Lynn Childs of Aledo; great-grandparents are Alan and Bonnie Richetts of Aledo, and Lucille Childs of Aledo. Paternal grandparents are Randy and Doris Fearman of Odell, and Dennis and Connie Snyder of Pontiac; great-grandparents are Gene and Joyce Fearman of Odell, Kay Hunter of Pontiac, and Carl and Viola Snyder of Odell.

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Herscher Students Participate in KCC Art Exhibition

Students from Herscher High, along with 11 other schools, participated in the 24th annual Kankakee Community College High School Juried Art Exhibition on March 26. The event included a reception and awards presentation, including jurors' critiques, and 31 awards for artistic achievement were conferred. Award recipients from Herscher were:

Merit Award, Color Drawing/Design: Devyn

Devore, "Pineapple"; Julia Luhman, Untitled.

Merit Award, Black and White Drawing/Design: Cody Fleischauer, "Hoot."
 Merit Award, Photography/Electronic Imaging: Josephine Rosenboom, "Captured."

The exhibit featured works by 247 students, and

included paintings, colored and graphite pencil drawings, pastel works, ceramic pieces and mixed media. The exhibit was co-sponsored by KCC's Visual Arts Department and Office of Marketing and Public Relations. The exhibition was open from March 3 through 26.

'And the Winner Is...' Auditions April 13 and 19

In their 50th season, Vermillion Players will be holding auditions for their June show, "And the Winner Is...," Sunday, April 13, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 19, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the VP Storage Facility (Pearl St. and Timber St., Pontiac).

They are looking for a large cast, ages high school to adults (singers, actors, dancers, musicians, etc.) Requirements for the audition are:

- prepare a short song (accompanist will be provided, so provide sheet music)
- be prepared to read (mater-

ial will be provided, however they encourage a prepared monologue)

- be prepared to dance (appropriate shoes)

Final dress rehearsals for upcoming shows will be held on the following dates at 7:00 p.m.:

- "25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" - May 7
- "And the Winner Is..." - June 11
- "Wizard of Oz" - July 9
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DWIGHT ARTIST Barbara DeWaard displayed many of her colored pencil portraits and landscapes at the Pontiac Community Art Center Friday, April 4. DeWaard, at left, is talking about her artwork with Shannon Vincent of Pontiac.

Demonstration Nights to Be Held

The Pontiac Community Art Center will hold artist demonstration nights during the coming months. These free events will be on the second Thursday of the month and will feature one of the member artists working in their medium, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the shop located at 103 W. Madison, Pontiac. Following is the

schedule for these demonstrations:
 Thursday, April 10th - Juli Fraher - calligraphy
 Thursday, May 8th - Cathy Grafton - silk ribbon embroidery
 Thursday, June 12th - Kelly Cochran Cohlman - pulp painting
 No demonstration in July
 Thursday, August 14th - Sue

Drummet - monoprint
 Thursday, September 11th - Connie Kostelc - watercolor
 Thursday, October 9th - Patty Mackinson - stained glass
 Thursday, November 8th - Donna Meyer - watercolor
 The public is welcome to come to the Center to meet these artists and watch them work.

DGS Kindergarten Registration April 17

The registration of kindergarten students for the 2014-15 school year will occur on Thursday, April 17, between the hours of 12:30 and 6:00 p.m. in the Dwight Grade School office.

Registration packets may be obtained by using the DGS website to download the registration packet or you may obtain a packet from the school office.

To determine each student's skills and to balance classes, parents will be asked to schedule their child for a Kindergarten Entrance Exam appointment. This exam will be on Tuesday, August 5, in the grade school office. All 2014-15 registration paperwork must be returned to the grade school office no later than Thursday, June 5.

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Dwight Town-wide Garage Sales

Town-wide garage sales will be held in Dwight during the Red Carpet Corridor weekend of May 2-4. The garage sales are scheduled to run on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (or whenever sale sign is posted).

Forms are available at the Village Hall and are now being accepted for this event. Payment and forms are to be turned in by Friday, April 25, to make the deadline for *The Paper* ad.

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So if generic drugs are identical to their brand-name counterparts, why do they cost less? One of the main reasons can be attributed to the fewer investment costs required in making generic drugs. When

developing a new drug, a company must purchase a patent to protect its investment. The patent gives the company the sole rights to the drug, including all research, development, marketing, promotion and selling of it. When the patent nears expiration, other companies can apply to the FDA to make and sell the drug. Because they don't have to buy the patent or pay as much to develop and market the drug, they can sell their generic versions of the drug at a substantially lower price. Competition among companies keeps the cost of the drug down.

Today almost half of all prescriptions are filled with generic drugs. As patents expire, more and more drug companies jump onto the bandwagon, each making their own generic version of the brand-name drug and dropping the price of it even further. With the senior population expected to increase to 70 million by the year 2030, that's good news.



Tips for Talking with Aging Parents about their Future

Sometimes the most important family conversations can be the most uncomfortable to initiate, especially those concerning the health and well-being of an aging loved one. But such discussions shouldn't wait, say experts.

"Ignoring the inevitable will only leave you unprepared for the future," says Virginia Morris, eldercare expert and author of the new book, "How to Care for Aging Parents."

"Remember, talking about the worst-case scenarios won't make them come true, and refusing to talk about them won't make them go away."

In Morris' new book, she offers a one-stop resource to those caring for an older loved one, with advice on medical, financial, housing and emotional issues. Here are some of her tips for broaching these crucial subjects:

Listen
However you launch the

conversation, start by listening, even when you have specific issues you want to discuss or firm convictions about what should be done.

Don't interrupt. Acknowledge that you've heard what he or she has said.

Your parent likely has previously unvoiced fears and hopes that you haven't even considered. If you listen first, you will probably learn something, and your parent will be more likely to listen to your views.

Things to Avoid

There are several common conversational mistakes to avoid that could leave your parent feeling defensive -- from nagging and lecturing to making promises you may not be able to keep.

"There are few more effective ways of blocking any further conversation than by making decisions and presenting them as a master plan to a parent," says Morris.

Additionally, don't arrive



CONCERNED ABOUT AN AGING LOVED ONE? Opening up the lines of communication is the first step toward preparing for his or her future. So don't sweep difficult conversations under the rug.

armed with paperwork. Pages of legal documents and brochures about retirement homes will likely overwhelm your parent.

Get Specific

Talk -- really talk -- to your parents about their medical states and wishes concerning aggressive medical care. Get them to sign a living will and health care proxy, but realize that these

documents are just a starting point.

Don't accept vague comments like "don't drag it out." Push the conversation further. It may not be pleasant to discuss end-of-life scenarios, but knowing your parent's wishes could help save your family from future untold agony and grief.

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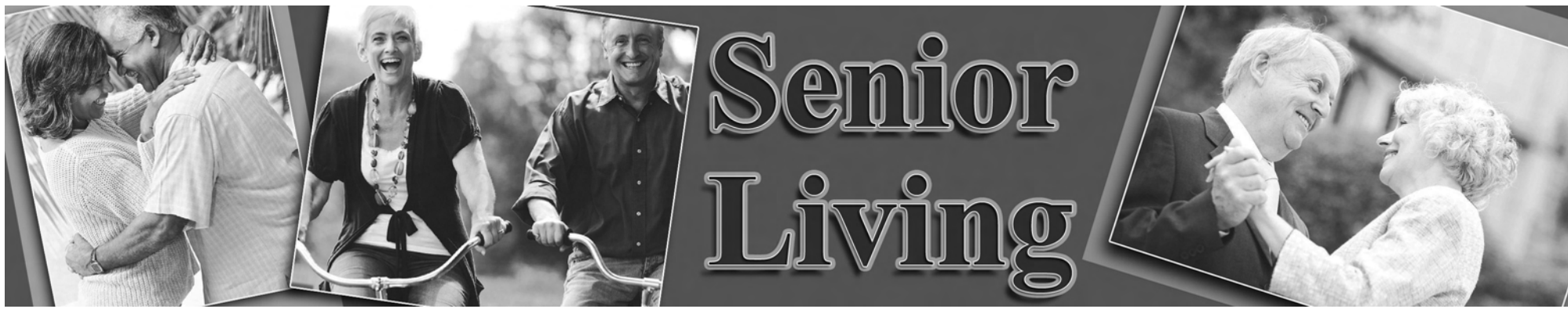


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time with their children because they're busy caring for their parents and vice versa. Combat this issue with intergenerational activities, such as cooking dinner, taking a walk and watching a movie.

- Caring for another human being for an extended period of time can take its toll on even the most caring and nurturing of people. Don't be afraid to ask for help. It may mean alternating days with a relative or bringing in a professional caregiver.

- Watch out for these red flags that could mean your aging relative is in need of additional assistance: mismatched, wrinkled or soiled clothing, weight loss or gain, trouble remembering names or an unclean home.

- Discuss the possibility of hiring a professional caregiver to relieve some strain on you. A caregiver can help your loved one age safely and comfortably in his or her own home by providing a wide range of non-medical home care services, including help with bathing, hair-styling and dressing, incontinence care, medication reminders, chores and light exercise assistance.

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Every so often, take the time to address the challenges facing you and your aging loved one.

An estimated 15 million Americans are sandwiched between two generations and working to support both, according to the Pew Research Center. Known as the "Sandwich Generation,"

these adults struggle to balance caring for their children and their elderly parents.

"Staying organized is important to ensure that loved ones aren't ignored in the hustle and bustle of a hectic family schedule," says Mark Armstrong, founder and CEO of ComForcare Senior Services and At Your Side Home Care, an international senior care franchise that provides in-home, non-medical care to seniors and others in need of assistance.

Dwight Seniors Duplicate Bridge Results

Duplicate bridge was played April 3 at the Dwight Senior Citizens Center.

North/South:

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2. Darlene Drechsel/Mary Ann McNamara
3. Janet Kresl/Ellen Galeaz

East/West:

1. Norma Rodosky/Glen-da Kutos
2. Evelyn Lydigsen/Joan Francis
3. Pat Townsend/Barbara Christensen

The next duplicate bridge play at the senior center will be Thursday, April 17.

Armstrong is offering some juggling tips for family caregivers:

- Map out doctor's appointments, prescription pick-up dates, school talent shows and other planned events on a calendar or on your smart phone to avoid double booking and overextending yourself.

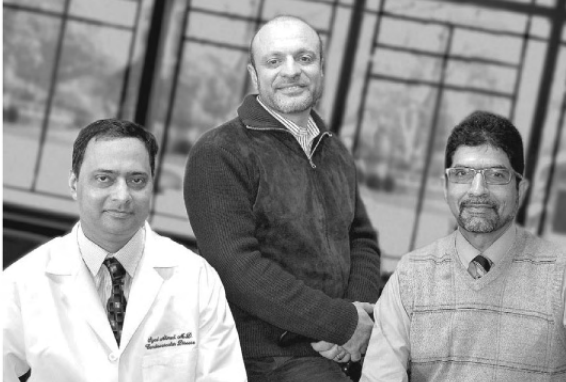
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DTHS LADY TROJANS SOFTBALL



Libby Beyer

led to tie the score at six. But Hannah Trainor led off the bottom of the inning with a double, advanced to third on a passed ball, and brought home by Libby Beyer's game-winning single.

Trainor, Beyer, and Dezi Leonard each had two hits on the day. Ashley Fox, Amy Ruder, Summer Schuler and Amber Curl also registered hits on the day. Fox had two RBI. Hannah Trainor, Libby Beyer and Summer Schuler tallied RBI.

Trainor got the win on the mound against a very tough El Paso team.

"I was proud of the way we responded in the seventh inning to get the win," Coach Black stated. "We gave up the lead and the girls focused and produced to pick up the win. I am very proud of their effort on this very cold and windy day."

The Lady Trojans fell in game two, 5-1, despite a solid outing from Dezi Leonard, who struck out ten in five innings of work.

Kapri Krople, Dezi Leonard and Jessi Butterfield all registered hits in the game, with Butterfield also earning a RBI and Leonard a run scored.

"I felt the girls played hard today," Black said. "And I am very proud of their effort."

Wednesday, April 2 Dwight vs. Lexington Varsity -

Hannah Trainor allowed just three hits in five innings, striking out five, as Dwight sailed to an 11-0 win over Lexington on April 2.

Ashley Fox had two hits and three RBI on the day. Dezi Leonard and Quinn Bossert each had two hits and two RBI. Amy Ruder knocked in two, as did Trainor with two on the day.

"We played very good defense, and were disciplined at the plate and had a good day hitting the ball," Black said. "What is great to see as a coach is the girls improving each time we stop on the diamond."



Above: DTHS Softball varsity player Libby Beyer throws for an out as Hannah Trainor ducks. At left: Amber Curl tags out an opponent.

Monday, March 31 Dwight vs. Prairie Central Varsity -

Dwight's Lady Trojans got a win in their home opener on March 31, defeating Prairie Central 9-5.

"The girls played well today, both at the plate and on defense," stated Coach Black. "We didn't leave many girls on base, which was nice to see."

Jessie Butterfield came out hot, getting three hits in the game, including two doubles, three RBI, two runs scored and a stolen bag. Quinn Bossert also had a big day with three RBI on three singles. Libby Beyer, Amy Ruder, Ashley Fox, Hannah Trainor, Amber Curl and Dezi Leonard all added hits on the day. Curl and Trainor each had doubles and an RBI. Also scoring runs were Beyer, with two, Ruder, Fox, Trainor and Curl.

Leonard pitched a complete game, striking out eight and allowing just three earned runs on three walks.

Tuesday, April 1 Dwight vs. Joliet Township

JV -

Dwight's JV girls beat Joliet Township 15-0, behind the arm of Syd Christensen, who pitched a perfect game.

Christensen struck out 14 of the 15 batters she faced and was a force on the mound.

The Lady Trojans pounded out 19 hits, with Megan VanAmburgh leading the charge with four hits, including a triple. Becky Ruder went 3-3 with a triple and a double. Hailey Transou and Kailey Hahn had two hits each.

"We are just hitting the ball hard right now," said Coach Harms. "I couldn't be any prouder of the girls."

The JV Lady Trojans are now 2-0 on the season. Dwight vs. El Paso Varsity -

Dwight earned their second win of the week with a 7-6 win over El Paso in game one of a double-header on April 1.

The Lady Trojans were leading going into the seventh inning, but El Paso bat-



Jessi Butterfield

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GSW LADY PANTHERS SOFTBALL

Monday, March 31
GSW vs. Beecher
Varsity -

A ten-run third inning for Beecher helped them take out the Lady Panthers, 13-2, on March 31.

"We had too much indecision," said head coach Jon Posing. "You can't give a team like Beecher extra outs: they will kill you!"

Emily Foley took her second loss of the season, giving up eight earned runs on ten hits and four walks, striking out two.

Offensively, Foley tried to help her cause by going 2-3 with a double and an RBI. Lexi Posing had an RBI triple and a run scored.

Posing added, "Our offense definitely looked better tonight. We will fix these issues during the course of the season."

Wednesday, April 2
GSW vs. Grant Park
Varsity -

Emily Foley picked up her first win of the season as GSW defeated Grant Park, 10-4, on April 2.

Foley allowed four earned runs on six hits and three walks, striking out four in seven innings of work.

"Emily did a great job of battling today," Coach Posing commented. "She generally has four to five different pitches, but only the fastball was consistent today. She did a great job of locating it. She did come up with four or five good change-ups late, which were effective."

At the plate, Lexi Posing knocked a grand slam, a bases loaded triple and a single en route to a six RBI game, with a run scored. Sydney Perkins also went 3-4 with a run scored. Emily Hopwood was 2-4 with an RBI and two runs scored. Sophie Barna went 2-3 with a run scored.

GSW PANTHERS BASEBALL

Monday, March 31
GSW vs. Beecher
Varsity -

The Panthers were tied up with Beecher 3-3 after five innings, but a rough relief outing for Blake Marks allowed Beecher to take the lead, and eventually the win, 8-3, on opening day.

Brendan Elens pitched five quality innings, but was taken out after five because of a high pitch count.

"If it was not the first game of the year, I would of let Brendan go longer," his head coach Todd Grieff said in the post-game. "Blake threw the ball well and will rebound only to get stronger."

At the plate, Jeremy Kunz crushed a home run. Jordan Wilkey doubled and singled. Kyle Robison had two hits. Elens, Riley Miner and Connor Hays each added hits.

"The team did a great job fielding the ball and this is a tough conference loss against a team I know we could have beaten," Grieff added. "Opening day jitters are gone with my young team and if we can keep hitting the ball it will all work itself out."

Tuesday, April 1
GSW vs. Peotone
Varsity -

Peotone took out GSW by a score of 11-3 on April 1.

Freshman Connor Hays pitched well, but took the "L" in his first varsity outing. Hays allowed nine runs on four hits, four walks, and four hit batters, striking out

three.

Jeremy Kunz had two hits and an RBI on the day. Brendan Elens also had two hits. Nate Seabert and Jack Davidson each added hits.

"More experience will strengthen this team," Coach Grieff stated. "We are showing signs of breaking the bats out with some good, quality hits. Hitting can be contagious and we will pull it all together and hopefully start to win some games."

Wednesday, April 2
GSW vs. Grant Park
Varsity -

The Panthers took their third loss in as many games, falling to Grant Park, 3-1.

Brendan Elens pitched a complete game, giving up two earned runs on seven hits and three walks, striking out five. He takes his first loss of the season.

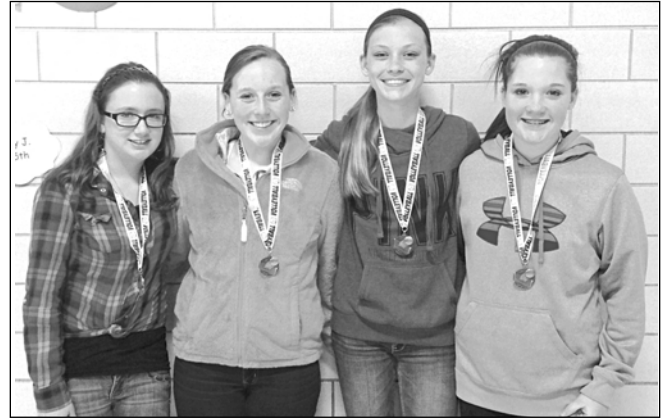
"Despite not getting the win, Brendan pitched an awesome game, not allowing Grant Park to score again after the second inning," head coach Todd Grieff said of his starter. "Brendan is a workhorse and kept us in the game."

Offensively, Jack Davidson, Kyle Robison, Jeremy Kunz, Nate Seabert and Connor Hays all had a hit on the day.

"Our baseball team improved and played seven strong innings," Grieff added. "These kids don't give up and we just need to get that first win and get on a roll."

The Panthers begin the season 0-3.

GSWB Volleyball Awards



GSWB's VOLLEYBALL TEAM held their Awards Night on April 2. Eighth graders receiving special awards are pictured, 1 to r, Jordan Bartels (Most Improved), Kelsie Urbasek (Tiger Award), Kaylee Steichen (Offense Award), Delaney Miner (Hustle). Not pictured are Mariah Anderson (Defense) and Lizbeth Sanchez (Serving Percentage).



AT THE GSWB VOLLEYBALL AWARDS NIGHT April 2, seventh grade players who received special awards were: Kimberly McDaniel (Most Improved), Maddie Schuck (Offense Award), Carson Halpin (Serving Percentage), Mady Asbridge (Defense Award), Cadee Grieff (Tiger Award), Tori King (Hustle).

TRI-POINT LADY CHARGERS SOFTBALL

Monday, March 31
Tri-Point vs. Illinois Lutheran
Varsity -

The Lady Chargers were

able to hold off an Illinois Lutheran comeback to grab a 10-9 win on March 31.

Tiera Turner pitched a complete game, allowing four hits and five walks, while striking out eight. It was her first win of the season, as well as the team's.

Amber Crouch came up with three hits at the plate, including a triple, two RBI and four stolen bases. Morgan Hindman also had three hits. Turner had two RBI on two hits.

"A good win after freezing on Saturday," said Coach Krause. "The girls held together and played well."

DTHS TROJANS TRACK

Tuesday, April 1

Dwight's track squads went up against Sandwich, Indian Creek, Somonauk and Serena on a cool, windy April Fool's Day. Results are as follows:

- Girls -**
 3200 relay: Dwight, 2nd, 11:51.98.
 400m relay: Dwight, 3rd, :57.85.
 Long Jump: Kirk, 3rd, 14'2".
 3200 run: Galloway, 1st, 11:36.86.
 100m run: Richie, 2nd, :13.65; Kirk, 3rd, :14.00; Ferrari, 5th, :14.11.
 High Jump: Ferrari, 3rd, 4'8".
 Shot Put: Ledwa, 5th, 26'4".
 Discus: Ledwa, 5th, 81'1".
 400m run: Richie, 1st, 1:06.57; Rodriguez, 5th, 1:10.31.
 1600m run: Baldauf, 1st, 6:21.89; Scoggin, 3rd,

- 6:52.78; Hayner, 5th, 7:06.49.
 200m dash: Richie, 2nd, :28.0; Kirk, 4th, :29.02

- Boys -**
 3200 relay: Dwight, 1st, 9:01.23.
 400 relay: Dwight, 3rd, :48.87.
 3200m: Evans, 4th, 12:08.11.
 High Jump: Mankowski, 2nd, 5'4".
 800m run: Harris, 2nd, 2:18.01; Mankowski, 5th, 2:25.63.
 800m relay: Dwight, 3rd, 7:42.70.
 400m dash: Bennett, 1st, :53.07; Riccolo, 3rd, :55.27.
 200m dash: Beier, 5th, :25.25.
 1600m run: Ruffatti, 1st, 5:04.11.
 "We are getting stronger and much more race sharp," said Coach Lane afterwards. "It was a wonderful meet for the teams."

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Legends to Expand in 2015

Following years in which the Legends baseball program grew from one team, to five teams, to nine teams, the Legends program announced today that they will field "Elite" teams at the 15u, 16u, and 17u levels in 2015, that will play national schedules.

The outreach and "foot-print" of the program has grown significantly in two years. Legends players will number around 125 in 2014, representing over 40 Jr. Highs, High Schools, and Colleges throughout the state. With the addition of the Legends Elite teams, program administrators

believe 2015 will have nearly 175 players in the program in Illinois, making the Legends arguably the largest travel organization in Central Illinois for 14u-18u players.

Elite team roster spots will be a difficult position to obtain and will be offered based on recommendations of high school coaches throughout the state. Players that have the skills to participate at the NCAA DI level, or professionally, will play a schedule of seven national tournaments that will tentatively take place at the following locations:

15u - Western Michigan

University, University of Louisville, Oklahoma State University, Butler University, TCU, Eastern Kentucky University, University of Michigan.

16u - Western Michigan University, University of Louisville, Oklahoma State University, Butler University, Ohio State University, Northwood (TX) University, University of Michigan, Butler University, Illinois State University.

Invitations for tryouts will be sent in May. Tryouts have tentatively been scheduled for August 2 and 9, with locations and times to be announced.

More information will come later this Spring. Contact centralillinoislegend@gmail.com for more information.

DGS REDBIRDS TRACK

**Thursday, April 3
Dwight vs. Lexington, Limestone and Saratoga
8th Grade Boys -**

The Dwight Redbirds boys' track team kicked off their season with a quad-meet against Limestone, Lexington and Saratoga on April 3. The eighth graders came in second with 49 points. Individual results are as follows:

Mason Imhoff: four points; 4x100(2nd), 200(4th), long jump(5th).

Dan Muller: 12 points; 1600(1st), 800(1st).

Ben Myzia: 15 points; hurdles(1st), discus(1st), 4x100(2nd), shot(4th).

Kade Ohlendorf: three points; 100(3rd).

Jaxson Tarnowski: one point; 4x100(2nd).

Payton Sulaica: one point; 200(5th).

Matt Weismann: 13 points; 100(1st), shot(2nd), 4x100(2nd), discus(4th).

7th Grade Boys -

The seventh grade Redbirds scored 46 points, good enough for third place. Individual results are as follows:

Peyton Byerly: 7.25 points; 4x100(1st), shot(1st).

Payton Christoff: 5.75 points; 400(2nd), 4x400(3rd), long jump(5th).

Caleb Granby: one point; 200(5th).

Blake Hill: 1.75 points; 4x400(3rd), 100(5th).

Elijah McCullough: ten points; discus(1st), shot(2nd).

Dane Rodosky: 5.5 points; 4x100(1st), discus(2nd).

J.C. Santos: 12.25 points; 4x100(1st), 400(1st), high jump(2nd), 4x400(3rd).

Anthony Dinelli: 2.5 points; 4x100(1st), 800(5th).



DGS LADY REDBIRDS TRACK

Thursday, April 3
Dwight's girls competed on April 3. Individual results are as follows:

7th Grade Girls -

Hurdles: McCloskey, 3rd, 19.89; Butterbrodt, 4th, 20.90.

100m: Schlabowske, 4th, 15.55; K. Edwards, 5th, 16.0.

1600m: Bond, 3rd, 7:13. 4x200: Dwight, 3rd, 2:17. 4x100: Dwight, 3rd, 1:03.

400m: Mortenson, 2nd, 1:19.

200m: Edwards, 4th, 32.87; Schlabowske, 6th, 33.41.

800m: Bond, 3rd, 3:32.11; Berta, 4th, 3:37.21. Shot: Butterbrodt, 5th,

18'10 1/2". High jump: K. Edwards, 5th, 3'10".

8th Grade Girls -

Hurdles: Ramsey, 2nd, 17.93.

100m: Ramsey, 5th, 15.42.

4x200: Dwight - A. Edwards, Hale, Morales, Ramsey, 1st, 2:08.93.

400m: A. Edwards, 1st, 1:09; Cummings, 3rd, 1:17.27.

200m: Ramsey, 2nd, 31.90; Hale, 5th, 33.57. 4x400: Dwight, 3rd, 5:27.

Shot: Rieke, 3rd, 27'4 1/2"; Bregin, 4th, 22'11". Discus: Rieke, 1st, 65'4". High jump: Cummings, 4th, 4'0".

SPORTS week at a glance

WHAT	DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Dwight Varsity Baseball	April 9	Heyworth	Heyworth	4:30 p.m.
	April 10	GSW	Dwight	4:30 p.m.
	April 11	Coal City	Dwight	4:30 p.m.
	April 12	Ridgeview	Dwight	10:00 a.m.
	April 14	Herscher	Herscher	4:30 p.m.
	April 15	Herscher	Dwight	4:30 p.m.
Dwight Varsity Softball	April 10	GSW	Dwight	4:30 p.m.
	April 11	Coal City	Dwight	4:30 p.m.
	April 12	Ridgeview	Dwight	10:00 a.m.
	April 14	Herscher	Herscher	4:30 p.m.
	April 15	Herscher	Dwight	4:30 p.m.
Dwight JV Baseball	April 10	GSW	GSW	4:30 p.m.
	April 11	Coal City	Coal City	4:30 p.m.
	April 14	Herscher	Dwight	4:30 p.m.
	April 15	Herscher	Herscher	4:30 p.m.
Dwight JV Softball	April 11	Coal City	Coal City	4:30 p.m.
	April 14	Herscher	Dwight	4:30 p.m.
	April 15	Herscher	Herscher	4:30 p.m.
Tri-Point Baseball	April 9	CPCI	Cissna Park	4:30 p.m.
	April 10	Christ Lutheran	Buckley	4:30 p.m.
	April 14	St. Anne	St. Anne	4:30 p.m.
Tri-Point Softball	April 10	Kankakee Trinity Academy	Kankakee	4:30 p.m.
	April 14	St. Anne	St. Anne	4:30 p.m.
GSW Baseball	April 9	St. Anne	GSW	4:30 p.m.
	April 10	Dwight	Dwight	4:30 p.m.
	April 11	Watseka	Watseka	4:30 p.m.
	April 14	Illinois Lutheran	GSW	4:30 p.m.
GSW Softball	April 9	St. Anne	GSW	4:30 p.m.
	April 10	Dwight	Dwight	4:30 p.m.
	April 11	Watseka	Watseka	4:30 p.m.
	April 14	Illinois Lutheran	GSW	4:30 p.m.
	April 15	Bishop McNamara	GSW	4:30 p.m.
Dwight Boys Track	April 11	Seneca Invite	Seneca	4:00 p.m.
	April 12	JV - Prairie Central Invite	Prairie Central	9:30 a.m.
	April 15	Prairie Central-Herscher	Prairie Central	4:30 p.m.
Dwight Girls Track	April 11	Seneca Invite	Seneca	4:00 p.m.
	April 12	JV - Prairie Central Invite	Prairie Central	9:30 a.m.
	April 15	Prairie Central-Herscher	Herscher	4:30 p.m.

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DTHS Basketball/Competitive Season Awards



LEXI HAUERT, left, received the Most Improved award and MVP HONORS went to Mjellma Asllani at the DTHS Basketball/Competitive season awards banquet on April 2.



DWIGHT TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC ALL-CONFERENCE awards went to Mjellma Asllani, Emily Soto and Kapri Krople at the Basketball/Competitive season awards banquet on April 2.

Braceville Students Participate in Living Museum



NATE HOFFMAN as Paul Revere



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On Friday, March 21, the fifth grade students at Braceville Elementary School participated in a living museum.

The students had been studying the Revolutionary War and the famous people associated with the war. For their final project, the students picked one person and researched their contributions to the war. They wrote a report and then created a poster of their person. On March 21 the students came to school as their Revolutionary hero and spent the morning talking to other students and parents about why they were an important person from the Revolutionary War.

5th Annual Liberty 5K Run/Walk

On Thursday, July 3, the fifth annual Liberty 5K Run/Walk will be held in downtown Morris, beginning at 7:30 p.m. and finishing on Liberty Street.

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