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Lourdine Florek  
editor

## just the facts

Wednesday, March 1, 1995

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Susan Comstock  
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## Local youth enters new, difficult fight against brain tumor

A Hoopeston youth is entering a new and dangerous phase in his fight against cancer.

Dustin Powell, 16, who suffers from glioblastoma, a malignant brain tumor, is currently a patient at St. Jude Hospital in Memphis, TN., said Dustin's uncle, Dan Harper.

Dustin is beginning six weeks of radiation therapy. Following that, the youth is expected to return home for a month.

He will then return to St. Jude, where doctors will harvest some of his bone marrow before Dustin receives approximately three days of intensive chemotherapy. After the chemotherapy,

Dustin's marrow will be reimplanted, Harper said.

The treatment is fairly new, Harper said, because the previous treatment - surgery to remove the tumor - was ineffective.

Whether the new treatment will work is unknown. "Basically, they say there's no long-term experience they have to fall back on," Harper said. "With what they know to do, this is the best chance he's got."

The planned course of action is a dangerous one because the chemotherapy is designed to drop the  
**See FIGHT on other side**

## Briefly

### Centennial Farms announced

The Illinois Department of Agriculture certified 136 Centennial Farms in 1994.

Among them are farms belonging to: Elizabeth and Robert Long, Watseka; LaVerna Rehborg Luecke, Milford; Norbert Luecke, Cissna Park, and Jody and Larry Munsterman, Onarga, all in Iroquois County, and Gary Allan Catlett of Fairmount in Vermilion County.

To qualify for Centennial Farm status, a farm must be owned by the same family of lineal descendants for 100 years or more. The program was established in 1992.

To apply for Centennial Farm status, write to: Illinois Centennial Farms Program, Illinois Dept. of Agriculture, Bureau of Marketing and Promotion, P.O. Box 19281, Springfield, IL. 62794-9281.

### Suit filed in accident

The family of a rural Danville man is suing a trucking company and truck driver over a fatal motorcycle accident last May.

The executor of the estate of Charles E. Gilbert, is requesting a minimum of \$30,000 in damages from John Wilson of Independence, Mo., driver of the truck which killed Mr. Gilbert, and an additional \$30,000 from Wintz Companies, the company for whom Wilson was hauling grain.

Mr. Gilbert died May 24, after the motorcycle he was riding was struck by Wilson's semi. The accident occurred on Route 9 at Route 49 in Rankin.

Wilson, who was traveling 55 to 65 m.p.h. at the time of the accident, pleaded guilty last July to failing to obey a stop sign. He was fined \$95.

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Saturday, March 4

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**Hoopeston American Legion**

502 E. Penn, Hoopeston



## Fannie May

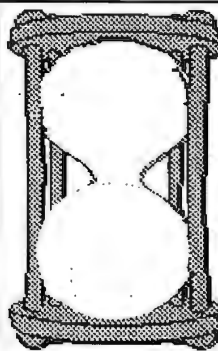
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## Fight continued from other side

components of Dustin's blood to dangerously low levels, Harper said. "He's going to have a two-week window where his blood count's at zero," he said.

The level of drugs used will be extremely high. "The protocol is too aggressive for adults," Harper said. "They usually don't live through it."

Dustin's ordeal began Christmas Day, when he experienced a headache, Harper said. On Jan. 24, he was diagnosed with glioblastoma, classified as a grade 4 tumor on a scale of one to four.

Since then, Dustin and his mother, Cindy, have made the rounds of hospitals, from United Samaritans Medical Center in Danville, to the St. Jude affiliate in Peoria, to the Memphis hospital.

And, while St. Jude does not charge for its services, the cost of being away from home is weighing heavily.

Also, Dustin's mother, who was employed at FMC, lost her job last summer and had just been hired at Schumacher Electric before Dustin became ill, Harper said.

She has since taken time off to be with Dustin during his treatment, he said.

To offset medical and personal expenses, a 50/50 drawing will be held during the WHPO Business Expo March 18-19, Harper said.

So far, 1,500 tickets have been sold and more are being printed, Harper said.

Also, a special fund has been established at Palmer Bank to accept donations for the family and donation canisters are available at several local businesses.

Despite his ordeal, Harper said Dustin remains in good spirits. "I've never seen anyone as tough as this boy," Harper said. "This boy has not said 'ouch,' and there hasn't been one tear. He's been amazing through this."

Dustin would enjoy hearing from friends and neighbors. His address is: Dustin Powell, #207 Ronald McDonald, 535 Alabama Ave., Memphis, TN., 38105.

## Up & Coming...

### Tax assistance

The AARP will offer tax assistance for low to moderate income residents from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Wednesday at the EIMPC, 206 S. First Ave. For more information, contact the center at 283-9351.

### At the library

The Hoopeston Public Library will be serving peanut butter cookies all day Thursday, National Peanut Butter Lovers Day.

### Neighborhood Watch meeting

The Hoopeston Police Department is sponsoring a Neighborhood Watch meeting at 7 p.m. March 15 at the Hoopeston Municipal Building.

### Police News



Linda S. Collins, 35, of East Lynn, was ticketed for disobeying a stop sign following an accident at 2:56 p.m. Monday.

Collins, in a 1987 Chevrolet, was eastbound on Thompson. She allegedly did not stop at the intersection and struck a 1987 Pontiac driven by Richard A. Metz, 1118 N. Dixie Hwy., Hoopeston.

No injuries were reported.

Jayne Birch, room 41, Baer's Motel, reported Tuesday that someone kicked in the door of her room and took a 19-inch television.

### In the hospital



**Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital**  
**Feb. 27, 1995**

**Admitted:** Michelle Davis, East Lynn, Bonnie Fouse and Birdelle Schwartz, Hoopeston.

**Discharged:** Myra Rabe, Lovell Wood and Clyde McElhane, all of Hoopeston.

### Weather



Partly cloudy, colder today. High in the mid 20s. Tonight, increasing clouds. Low 10-15. Tomorrow, snow showers. High near 26, low near 15.

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**Candidates**

**Night**

**7 p.m.**

**March 9**

**Hoopeston Municipal Building**



Just the Facts is sponsoring a Candidate Night and we'd like readers to submit questions to be asked of the 13 candidates for the Hoopeston city council during a panel discussion.

Send questions to Candidates, Just the Facts, P.O. Box 441, Hoopeston, IL. 60942