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## Springtime baseball in the Rockies

**Dave Gibson**  
Bailey

On a blustery Saturday, April 23, the Gilpin Eagles JV Baseball Team took on the Platte Canyon Huskies at Burland Field in Bailey. Wasting no time putting points on the board, Gilpin scored three runs in the first inning to Platte Canyon's zero. In the second inning they each scored a run bringing the score to 4-1 in favor of the Eagles. Gilpin scored again in the top of the third to go up 5-1.

"It ain't over till the fat lady sings" was never truer as the Huskies unleashed a barrage of hits culminating in twelve runs in the bottom of the third inning. Undaunted by the numbers, the Eagles dusted themselves off and one batter at a time mounted their courageous and determined comeback. Having registered five more runs, the score stood at Huskies 13, Eagles 10, with the bases loaded. Just getting warmed up, victory was seemingly within



PHOTO BY DAVE GIBSON

**Nearing the end of the season**

Head Coach Joseph Wuchter (center, left) and Assistant Coach Jeff Schuessler (center, right) lead their teams into battle.

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## Gilpin Historical Society hosts *Weekly Register-Call* tours



PHOTO BY BARBARA HARDT

**Printing Museum**

The Gilpin County Historical Society hosted the opening of the new *Weekly Register-Call* Print Shop Museum. Gilpin County Historical Society President Jim Crawford, above, led the tour of the building and its historic print shop.

**John Scarffe**  
Central City

The Gilpin County Historical Society hosted the opening of the new *Weekly Register-Call* Print Shop Museum on Saturday, April 23, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Gilpin County Historical Society President Jim Crawford led the tour of the building and its historic print shop.

Crawford said this is probably the oldest masonry building still in use in Central City. The first two floors were built during the winter of 1861 to 1862. The first floor housed two storefronts which were occupied by a variety of businesses. Some of the early occupants were H.J. Kruse Groceries, Bon Ton Restaurant, J.H. Schwender Boots and Shoes, J. Collier's Photography Studio, L McClain Photography Studio, Sessler and Sauer Dry Goods and Undertaking, Schlessinger and Lintz Music Hall, Lazares and Morris Jewelry Store

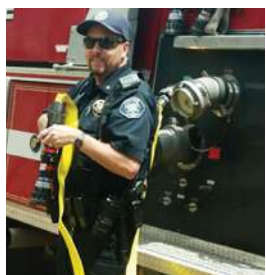
and watch repair, and the E. Goldman Saloon.

In 1877, E. H. Lindsey, who had operated the elevator bar in the Teller House, opened The New State, which was advertised as the most attractive resort in the city. After the 1874 fire, which the building survived and helped stop, merchants who lost their buildings in the fire flocked to this and Raynold's Beehive building, the Dragon Tiger Casino, to set up temporary quarters after the fire while buildings were rebuilt.

The front rooms on the second floor were occupied for many years by Central City lawyers, including Leroy J. Williams, Kenneth Montgomery, and David C. Collier. He was also editor of the *Tri-Weekly Miner's Register*.

The third floor was added to the building in 1864 to create space for the Central City Masonic Lodge. The

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**- QUOTE OF THE WEEK -**

*People ask me what I do in winter when there's no baseball. I'll tell you what I do. I stare out the window and wait for spring. Rogers Hornsby*

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**It ain't over...**

Top, left; The Platte Canyon farm team. Top, right; A Husky lays down a bunt in last Saturday's game. Bottom, right; Dusty Lebeau started at pitcher for the varsity. Bottom, left; Gilpin County Eagle Zach Gebhart crosses home plate.

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their grasp. In another "strikingly" similar baseball quote, Yogi Berra said, "It ain't over till it's over," and this one was anticlimactically finished having reached its two-hour time limit.

Coach Joseph Wuchter noted that his players made good contact with the ball during the contest, attributing it to recent batting cage practice. The coach is encouraged by the progress the varsity and junior varsity squads have made this year. "We have proved to be a team that can play some defense and have become a strong offensive unit who have been able to produce runs against most pitching in the area," said Wuchter.

With only two games left on their schedule, Coach Wuchter continued, "Some bright spots for the Gilpin County Eagles Baseball program this year have been senior captain Alex Rodriguez-Jiminez who is tied for the team lead in hits and has a batting average of .277 and on-base percentage of .350. Alex has also played an essential leadership role for the team as one of two seniors on the roster. Junior Kaeden Lafone is tied for the team lead in hits and sports a strong batting average of

.454 and on-base percentage of .538 (highest on the team).

"Senior Matt Marr leads the Eagles with five walks and has shown he has a great eye and is disciplined at the plate. Junior captain and catcher Bradley Robinson has also been critical in his leadership role and outstanding defense behind the plate. Bradley has been working hard on framing pitches, stopping past balls, and working the strike zone. These aforementioned four guys are committed, leading the team in attendance and effort in practice on a daily basis which has allowed the results of their hard work to carry over to the diamond during games."

Coach Wuchter added, "Junior Ezra Williams has played some impressive center field this season, tracking down many opponents' fly-balls and being a leading presence in the outfield. Juniors William Siegrist, Jameson Lane, and Zach Gebhart have also been contributing to the offensive production by knocking in baserunners and combining for twelve RBIs.

"Sophomore Dusty Lebeau has been a contributor in many stat categories including nearly leading

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### ...till it's over

Top, left; Senior Alex Rodriguez-Jiminez sizes up the pitch. Top, right; Rodriguez-Jiminez warming up his arm. Bottom, right; William Siegrest keeps the runner in check at first base. Bottom, left; Making contact with the baseball.

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in stolen bases (8), runs scored, and has been an anchor for the starting pitching rotation. Dusty has been throwing a lot of strikes and able to get guys out early in the count. He has been a great support behind our

two starting pitchers Alex Rodriguez-Jiminez and Kaeden Lafone who carry the bulk of the pitching load. Other contributors include freshmen Connor Holloway, Brennan Lautrup, and Drew Starkey whose defense in the outfield should be a strength for years to come.”




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