

Let's Dance In Lacon Holds Annual Festive Christmas Recital



Let's Dance! in Lacon held its festive Christmas Dance Recital on Sunday, December 14 at the

Metamora High School Auditorium. This joyful holiday showcase features their talented dancers

with ages ranging from 2 to 65 years old! Students performed a lively mix of ballet, jazz, tap, acrobatics, and more, bringing holiday cheer to the audience through their performance. Enroll now to learn to dance and be a part of their next show in May! www.letsdancestudio.org

Pictured above, ready to perform from left to right: Abigail Forrest, Kami Wagenbach, Amy Archuleta, Michaela Synnott, Elli Julius, Peyton Fandel, Vidalia Warner, Rosalie Bochar, Monica Archuleta, Ashlyne Letterle, Raevyn Terry, Elliot Martin, Myra Holmstrom, Aubrey Schoepfer.

Midland Splits Pair Of Games At The Princeville Holiday Tourney

The Midland Timberwolves split their first two games at the Princeville Holiday Tournament, topping 3rd seeded Peoria Heights 71-62, on Friday, then dropped a tough 51-41 decision on Saturday to second seeded Elmwood. The T-Wolves came in as the 6th seed.

On Friday, the T-Wolves avenged an earlier loss to Peoria Heights they pulled away in the final quarter for the 71-62 win.

Midland held a 16-12 first quarter lead and led 31-27 at the half. The Patriots came back to take a 50-48 lead heading into the final quarter. Five different players scored for Midland in the fourth quarter and they converted 7 of 10 free throws down the stretch as they drew away to the 71-62 win.

Dom Rosa led the way for Midland as he tallied 16 points. Matthew Bumber, Landin McFadden and Zach Allen all added to the balanced scoring as they tallied 15, 12 and 11 points respectively.

On Saturday, Midland saw their 5-game winning streak come to an end as they dropped a 51-41 decision to 2nd seeded Elmwood.

The two teams were knotted at 19-19 at the the half. They were still tied at 24-24 midway through the third quarter when the Tro-

jans went on a 9-4 run to take a 33-28 lead into the final quarter. Midland would get within three early in the fourth quarter but that was as close as they would get.

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Midland will play for third place, then return to regular season action on Monday, January 5 when they travel to Galva.

MIDLAND 72, PEORIA HTS. 62				
	FG	FT	PTS	
Brecken Pyles.....	1	2-4	4	
Henry Elsasser.....	3	0-0	6	
Caleb Dorsey.....	1	1-2	3	
Landon McFadden.....	5	2-4	12	
Matthew Bumber.....	6	3-4	15	
Dom Rosa.....	5	3-4	16	
Trent Allen.....	0	0-0	0	
Ian White.....	2	0-0	4	
Zach Allen.....	5	1-2	11	
TOTALS.....	28 (3)	12-20	71	
PEORIA HTS. (7-2)	12	15	23	12-62
MIDLAND (5-5)	16	15	17	23-71

ELMWOOD 51, MIDLAND 41				
	FG	FT	PTS	
Brecken Pyles.....	2	1-2	5	
Henry Elsasser.....	0	0-0	0	
Caleb Dorsey.....	0	0-0	0	
Landon McFadden.....	1	0-0	2	
Matthew Bumber.....	2	2-3	6	
Trent Allen.....	0	0-0	0	
Dom Rosa.....	5	2-2	12	
Ian White.....	3	0-0	7	
Hayden Grandsart.....	0	0-0	0	
Zach Allen.....	2	5-6	9	
TOTALS.....	15 (1)	10-13	41	
MIDLAND (5-6)	8	11	9	13-41
ELMWOOD (8-3)	12	7	14	18-51

Making A List And Checking Plates Twice: Giannoulis Unveils Rejected License Plates

Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulis' office revealed the 2025 list of rejected vanity and personalized license plate requests, highlighting that while Illinois drivers continue to get creative, some plate ideas still go too far.

The office received 55,690 vanity and personalized plate requests this year. More than 550 were denied because the combinations were deemed inflammatory, profane, offensive or too difficult to read – all grounds for rejection under state law.

The list of submissions turned away this year ranged from the crude to the simply outlandish. Among the notable rejects: BBL, BDASMOM, BLUBALN, BRICKED, IBPOOPN, ICUP, PRIUSSY, SNDNUDZ, SYBAU and TYPESHT.

"Illinoisans consistently show off their creativity on customized license plates, but anything that hits the road has to meet the standards of good taste and decency," Giannoulis said. "Our team is fluent in lewd lingo and sneaky swearing – and they catch it all. When a plate crosses the line, it goes straight onto our permanent rejection list."

Under the Illinois Vehicle Code, the Secretary of State's office has the authority to deny any vanity or personalized plate that "creates a connotation that is offen-

sive to good taste and decency." Reviewers flag combinations that reference profanity, hate speech, sexual content, drugs, violence or other inappropriate topics. Some plates – such as MWMWWM or OOQQOO – were rejected not for content, but for legibility. Visually confusing combinations can cause problems for law enforcement and post safety concerns.

The office continues to maintain an ever-growing rejection list, which now contains more than 8,558 combinations.

Demand for customized plates remains strong in Illinois. Today, 799,245 vehicles statewide display vanity or personalized plates. Of those, 291,327 are vanity plates, which use only letters, and 507,918 are personalized plates, which combine letters and numbers. Motorists pay an additional \$94 for a new vanity plate and \$47 for a new personalized plate.

Most Illinoisans begin the application process through the office's popular Pick-a-Plate feature on the website – apps.ilsos.gov/pickaplate – which allows users to test various combinations to see if they are available before applying.

Nothing takes the taste out of peanut butter quite like unrequited love.

- Charles M. Schulz

Knights Open The State Farm Classic With A Pair Of Wins

The Fieldcrest Knights got off to a great start at the State Farm Classic in Bloomington on Friday, getting by Lanark-Eastland 46-39 in the tournament opener, then rolled to a 47-32 win over Rock Falls in the quarterfinals on Saturday.

In the opener on Friday, the Knights overcame a 29-26 deficit heading into the fourth quarter, to post a 46-39 win over Lanark-Eastland. The Knights converted 7 of 10 free throws down the stretch and connected on four 3-pointers in the critical fourth quarter.

Layten Gerdes led the way for the Knights as he tallied 12 points. Drew Overocker and Kash Klendworth added double figure scoring with 11 and 10 points respectively.

On Saturday, the Knights jumped out to a big first half lead, then coasted home to the 47-32 win over Rock Falls.

Kash Klendworth had 15 first half points as the Knights took a 28-11 lead at the half, holding the Rockets to just four first half field goals.

Rock Falls would pull within 12 points late in the third quarter, but that was as close as they would

get. With those 15 first half points, Kash Klendworth led the way for the Knights as he tallied 23 points. Layten Gerdes added double figure scoring with 11.

After concluding play in the State Farm Classic, the Knights will get back to the regular season on Tuesday, January 6 when they host Fisher.

FIELDCREST 46, EASTLAND-LAN. 39				
	FG	FT	PTS	
Braden Hahn.....	3	1-2	7	
Lucas Anson.....	0	0-0	0	
Kash Klendworth.....	2	5-7	10	
Layten Gerdes.....	3	4-8	12	
Eli Gerdes.....	2	0-0	6	
Drew Overocker.....	4	1-2	11	
Kayden Eilts.....	0	0-2	0	
TOTAL.....	14 (7)	11-19	46	
EASTLAND LAN. (7-2)	10	7	12	10-39
FIELDCREST (7-2)	10	8	8	20-46

FIELDCREST 47, ROCK FALLS 32				
	FG	FT	PTS	
Braden Hahn.....	1	1-2	3	
Lucas Anson.....	0	0-0	0	
Kash Klendworth.....	9	0-0	23	
Layten Gerdes.....	5	1-2	11	
Eli Gerdes.....	1	1-2	4	
Drew Overocker.....	1	0-0	2	
Lucas May.....	1	0-1	2	
Kayden Eilts.....	1	0-0	2	
TOTALS.....	19 (6)	3-7	47	
ROCKFALLS (5-8)	6	5	12	9-32
FIELDCREST (8-2)	14	14	15	4-47

Lady Knights Split Final Two Games At The Ottawa Tourney

The Fieldcrest Lady Knights closed out action at the Ottawa Thanksgiving Tournament, splitting their final two games to finish the tournament with a 2-2 record.

On Monday, The Lady Knights avenged an earlier loss to the IVC Lady Grey Ghosts as they took the 57-54. Fieldcrest held a 16-11 first quarter lead but found themselves trailing 26-23 at the half and 43-42 heading into the final quarter. It was back and forth in the final quarter before the Lady Knights escaped with the 57-54 win.

Macy Gochanour led the way for the Lady Knights with 34 points. Pru Mangan and TeriLynn Timmerman added double figure scoring with 11 and 10 points respectively.

In the battle for 5th place on Tuesday, Joliet Catholic Academy used a balanced scoring attack to take the 62-38 win.

It was close early on as Joliet Catholic took a 14-10 first quarter lead. They stretched that to 33-19 at the half and 47-24 lead heading into the final quarter.

Macy Gochanour led the way once again, this time with 14 points. Pru Mangan added 7 points and TeriLynn Timmerman had 5. The team shot just 13% from the floor.

Fieldcrest, now 8-8 overall and 2-3 in conference play will be off until Monday, January 5 when they travel to face Eureka.

PUBLIC NOTICE TOLUCA COMMUNITY SURFACE WATER PROTECTION DISTRICT

The following statement shows the amount of funds received and expended during the fiscal year beginning 07/01/2024 and ending 06/30/2025.

Starting Balance.....\$5,828.07
Funds received from

Property Taxes.....1,497.38

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Ending Balance.....\$6,711.45

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