

Marshall Co. Democrats Meet Candidates At Wildey's In Lacon

The Marshall County Democrats held an organizational meeting Monday, January 19th at Wildey's in Lacon. Kevin Lamm who is, candidate for the State Democratic Central Committee for the 16th Congressional District sponsored the event.

The 16th Congressional District includes all of Marshall County. Over 50 members of the commu-

nity had the opportunity to meet and hear from statewide and local candidates who will be running for offices in the upcoming March 17th Primary in Illinois.

Reminder to all voters in Marshall County: All are encouraged to vote and individuals can request either party ballot at each primary. An individual is not required to vote for the same person(s) in a

general election.

There will be future meetings for Marshall County Democrats. Watch your local paper and facebook page for more information. Contact the Marshall County Democratic Committee at Marshall. co.il.democrats@gmail.com and fb page "Marshall County Illinois Democrats" for information about activities and planned events:



Pictured are: Left to right back row: Kevin Lamm (of Rock City), vice chair, Stephenson County Democrats + candidate, State Central Committeeman, 16th Congressional District; Patrick Cortesi (of Bloomington Twp.), chair, McLean County Democrats + candidate, State Central Committeeman, 16th Congressional District; Paul Nolley (of Roscoe, Winnebago Co.), candidate, U.S. House of Representatives, 16th Congressional District; Donna Augustyn-Sloan (of Richland Twp., rural Lacon), Democratic Committee Precinct Candidate, Marshall County Democrats; Front-Kim (Babb) Kent

(of Toulon Twp., rural Wyoming, Illinois), Democratic Committee Precinct Pererson and chair, Stark County Democrats; Nicole Dopler (of Rapids City, Rock Island Co.), Illinois House candidate, 73rd State Representative District; Beth Bull (of Byron), First Vice Chair, Ogle County Democrats; Ross Clymer (of Goodfield), chair, Woodford County Democrats; Ron Ellis, business manager, Laborers International Union of North America (LiUNA) Local 996, Roanoke, Woodford County, which also covers Livingston, Marshall, and most of Stark County. (Not pictured but present was Adair Ro-

driquez (of Morton, Tazewell Co.), county coordinator director, Holly Kim for Illinois Comptroller.)

Federal Government Withholds Funding

by Capital News Illinois

The same week the state announced it will withhold nearly \$500 million in spending this year amid federal uncertainty, the Trump administration directed federal agencies to review all funding for the state and more than a dozen others.

The Associated Press reported President Donald Trump's budget office directed the agencies to compile data on federal money sent to 14 mostly blue states with the stated goal to "reduce the improper and fraudulent use of those funds." One week earlier, Trump said he intended to cut off federal funding to states with "sanctuary cities."

A federal judge, meanwhile, ruled the Trump administration must keep funding child care subsidies in five Democratic-controlled states, at least for another two weeks, in an update to a story we covered two weeks ago.

The latest developments underscore the challenges state lawmakers will face this year as they begin their annual budgeting process, which kicks off with the governor's budget address on Feb. 18.

Federal policies already enacted by Congress will likely blow a hole in the state's Medicaid budget in the coming years. And cuts yet to be announced by the Trump administration could have a far more disastrous effect.

Midland Falls To Dwight, Rebounds With Wins Over Wethersfield, L-P Washburn

The Midland Timberwolves won two of their three games this past week, falling in a conference matchup on Monday to Dwight, then rolling over Wethersfield on Wednesday and L-P Washburn on Saturday in the opening round of the Tri-County Tournament hosted by Putnam County High School.

On Monday, the Timberwolves hung with Dwight for three quarters before the Trojans drew away late for a 66-54 win.

Midland led at the end of every quarter except the one that counted. They held a 14-7 first quarter lead, a 29-24 lead at the half and held a slim 43-42 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

It was a battle from the free throw line in the fourth quarter which wasn't good for the T-Wolves who have struggled from the line all year. Dwight converted 6 of their 10 attempts while Midland was just 8 of 18 from the line. They made just one field goal in the fourth quarter as Dwight took the 12-point win. Dom Rosa led the way for Midland as he tallied 19 points. Matthew Bumber added 8 points.

On Wednesday, Midland's Dom Rosa tallied 12 points in the first quarter as Midland jumped out to a 25-15 first quarter lead. It was a 38-30 lead for Midland at the half. The T-Wolves put the game out of reach in the third quarter, scoring 18 of the quarter's 26 points to take a 56-38 lead then coasted home to the 77-50 win.

Dom Rosa led a parade of 9 different players to hit the scoring column as he finished with 23 points. Sophomore Ian White and Landon McFadden added double figure scoring with 11 and 10 points respectively.

On Saturday in the opening round of the Tri-County Tournament, Midland rolled to a 72-52 win over the L-P Washburn Wildcats.

With Midland up 10-7 midway through the first quarter, the T-Wolves went on a 16-2 run to take a 26-9 lead. They led 38-19 at the half and 54-34 heading into the final quarter.

As he did all week, Dom Rosa led the way with 12 points. Matthew Bumber added 13 points

while Landon McFadden and Zach Allen added 10 points apiece.

Midland will continue play this week at the Tri-County Tournament. They face 2nd seeded Marquette on Monday. A win would put them into the semi-final contest on Wednesday against the Seneca-Roanoke-Benson winner at 7:00 p.m. A loss would drop them into the consolation round on Thursday at 8:00 p.m. to face the loser of the same game.

DWIGHT 66, MIDLAND 54

	FG	FT	PTS
Brecken Pyles.....	3	1-2	7
Henry Elsasser.....	0	1-2	1
Caleb Dorsey.....	1	0-2	3
Landon McFadden.....	1	4-4	6
Matthew Bumber.....	3	2-4	8
Trent Allen.....	2	1-2	5
Dom Rosa.....	8	1-2	19
Ian White.....	0	0-2	0
Hayden Grandsart.....	0	0-0	0
Zach Allen.....	1	2-4	5
TOTALS.....	19 (4)	12-24	54
DWIGHT (9-8)	7	17	18 24 -66
MIDLAND (8-9)	15	15	14 11 -54

MIDLAND 77, WETHERSFIELD 50

	FG	FT	PTS
Brecken Pyles.....	1	0-0	2
Henry Elsasser.....	1	0-0	2
Jack Deffenbaugh.....	2	0-0	5
Caleb Dorsey.....	2	0-0	5
Landon McFadden.....	4	0-0	10
Matthew Bumber.....	2	1-2	5
Trent Allen.....	1	1-2	3
Dom Rosa.....	10	3-4	23
Ian White.....	5	0-0	11
Hayden Grandsart.....	0	2-2	2
Zach Allen.....	4	1-2	9
TOTALS.....	29 (3)	8-12	77
WETHERSFIELD (7-12)	15	15	8 12 -50
MIDLAND (9-9)	25	13	18 21 -77

MIDLAND 72, L-P WASHBURN 52

	FG	FT	PTS
Brecken Pyles.....	1	0-0	2
Henry Elsasser.....	1	0-0	3
Jacob Deffenbaugh.....	0	0-0	0
Caleb Dorsey.....	1	0-0	2
Landon McFadden.....	4	2-2	10
Matthew Bumber.....	6	0-1	13
Trent Allen.....	0	1-2	1
Dom Rosa.....	13	0-0	27
Ian White.....	1	0-0	2
Hayden Grandsart.....	1	0-0	2
Zach Allen.....	5	0-0	10
Eli Rebman.....	1	0-0	2
TOTALS.....	33 (3)	3-4	72

L-P WASHBURN

Schumacher.....	7	6-7	20
Logan Youngman.....	5	1-2	11
Tristan Burle.....	0	0-0	0
Isaiah Harrison.....	3	1-2	8
Aiden Schumacher.....	3	0-0	9
Derek Grebner.....	1	0-2	2
Matthew Hattan.....	0	0-0	0
Scott Black.....	0	0-0	0
Mason Cochran.....	0	0-0	0
Knox Kennell.....	0	0-0	0
Eli Rebman.....	1	0-0	2
TOTALS.....	20 (4)	8-13	52
L-P WASHBURN (7-12)	11	8	15 18 -52
MIDLAND (10-9)	16	22	16 18 -72

Community Experts Unite For "Aging Well" Event This February At Thrive Studio In Lacon

Local residents looking to stay strong, sharp, and healthy as they age will have a new opportunity to learn from three seasoned professionals during Aging Well: Expert Insight, a one-hour educational session scheduled for Thursday, February 26 at 5:00 p.m. The event will take place in the Thrive Studio, located inside Lacon Fitness and Tan.

The session brings together decades of combined experience from leaders in fitness, physical therapy, and holistic health. Attendees will receive practical, evidence-informed guidance on topics ranging from exercise and mobility to joint protection and supplementation for adults over 50.

Organizers say the goal is to provide clear, actionable strategies that participants can begin using

immediately.

Speakers, Tim Collins, Amanda Barnett, and Malin Ellison will address several key questions relevant to adults entering their 50s and beyond, including: What factors influence the rate at which we age, how to slow the aging process through lifestyle choices, strategies to protect joints and maintain mobility, and which supplements offer the greatest benefits for people over 50

Community members interested in attending Aging Well: Expert Insight are encouraged to register early due to limited space. The event is free and open to adults seeking reliable, practical guidance on maintaining health and vitality later in life. Residents can register by texting 309-463-3348 to receive a sign-up link.

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