

Midland Girls Are Regional Champs!



For the first time in 27 years, the Midland Lady Timberwolves captured a regional championship and now advance to the Sectional Tournament at Aurora Christian. The Lady T-Wolves started regional play on Monday when they knocked off Henry-Senachwine by a 52-22 final.

Midland took the game over in the early going as they jumped out to a 14-3 first quarter lead. Jordyn Pyles tallied 11 second quarter points as Midland took a 34-13 lead into the half. It was a 49-17 game heading into the final quarter. Pyles led the way for Midland as she tallied 17 points. Anna McGlasson added 11.

In the championship game on Thursday, the Lady Knights punched their ticket to their first Sectional tournament appearance in 27 years as they held on to a 52-45 win over Yorkville Christian. Midland led throughout the entire game as they took a 10-4 lead after the first quarter and led

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Midland Closes Season With Wins Over Earlville, Putnam Co.

The Midland Timberwolves closed out their regular season this week as they scored convincing wins over Earlville and Putnam County to even their record up at 15-15. On Tuesday, Midland put up a school record 96 points as they cruised to a 96-28 win over Earlville. Midland tallied 64 points in the first half as they took a 64-19 lead. It was an 84-22 lead heading into the final quarter. A total of 10 different players

hit the scoring column, 5 players in double figures, led by the 21 points from sophomore Matthew Bumber. Dom Rosa added 17 points. In their regular season finale on Friday, senior Zach Allen tallied 7 first quarter points sparking Midland to a 17-5 first quarter lead as they cruised to a 56-40 win over Putnam County. Midland led 30-17 at the half and opened up a 49-30 lead heading into the final quarter.

Dom Rosa led the way with 16 points. Brecken Pyles and Landon McFadden added double figure scoring with 15 and 10 points respectively. Midland now heads to the Serena regional where they meet the host team Serena in the regional opener on Monday. A win by Midland would put them into the semi final round on Wednesday against top seeded Marquette at 7:00.

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Midland Hires New Technology Director At Latest Board Meeting February 18th



director for 10 years at Woodland. Borio says he has always enjoyed technology and found working in school districts especially rewarding. He is now hoping to make Midland home, and his forever position.

He has heard Midland is a great place to work where staff becomes family and he is excited for the opportunity to become a Timberwolf.

This position will bring Borio a little closer to home in Granville, and cut his drive time down each day. This will also allow him more time with his family, including his wife and seven kids. They also have one grandchild and another on the way.

Borio says he doesn't want to come in and change a lot at the district when it comes to techology, adding if there are things that are working, there's no need to "rewrite the script," but rather he will seek to grow as the needs come along. Some of the possible needs

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The Midland School District is welcoming a new employee to the district after the board of education approved the hire of Dan Borio as technology director at their board meeting on February 18th. Borio, who's contract begins on July 1, 2026, is coming to the district after serving as technology

Henry Knights Of Columbus To Host Pancake And Sausage Breakfast On Sunday, March 8th

The Henry Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a pancake and sausage breakfast Sunday, March 8, from 8 am until noon at St. Mary's Community Center, 1301 Second Street, Henry. The cost is: adults, \$12.00; children age 7 - 12, \$ 6.00; Children age 6 and under, Free. Profit from this event will be donated to the Women's Care Center, 2606 Knoxville Avenue, Peoria, IL. phone: 309-689-0200. Services available at the Women's

Care Center include: Free (medical grade) pregnancy tests, Options counseling, Free ultrasounds to verify pregnancy viability and dates, Referrals to medical and social services, Prenatal and parenting education, Infant and children supplies. The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal association welcoming men eighteen years of age and older. Deputy Grand Knight Joe Louis is chairman of the breakfast committee.

Varna Fire Department

Annual **FISH FRY**

Friday, March 27
5:00 to 7:00 P.M. \$12.00

Fish (Pollock), Fries, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Dessert, Water, Lemonade, Coffee

♦ Raffle Tickets
♦ Silent Auction
♦ 50/50
♦ Carry- Outs Available

ATTENTION:
LACON CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

Families will have from March 15 to April 1 to Clean Items Off Their Loved Ones Grave Stone. Everything Must Go!
Anything left will be thrown away. On May 1, 2026, items can be put back on the grave stone, base and flower hook. **Thank You!**

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SUNDAY, MARCH 8
8:00 a.m. to Noon

St. Mary's Community Center
1301 2nd Street, Henry

Adults: \$12, Children Age 7-12: \$6.00
Children Age 6 & Under: Free
All proceeds benefit Womens' Care Center, 2609 Knoxville Ave., Peoria, IL 60604

BINGO NIGHT

Help Lacon-Sparland Ambulance Save Lives

WHISKERZ PUB, Lacon
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 4:00

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- ♦ **BINGO** will start at 5:00 p.m. and continue through the evening. Please join in at any time
- ♦ Play Bingo to help raise money and win fantastic prizes!
 - ♦ Raffle Drawings!
 - ♦ Pulled Pork and fixings until gone.

We are seeking cash donations and donations of raffle items (baskets, gift certificates, merchandise, etc.) to make this our most successful event yet!
To Donate Raffle items, please drop them off at the Lacon Ambulance Service or contact Kelsey Fitschen at (309) 472-7665, Mary Mooberry at (309) 238-4761 or Lee Ann at (309) 267-8113 before the event.

FRONT END ALIGNMENTS AVAILABLE!

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