

# Midland Elementary Celebrates Students' Kindness

Each week Midland Elementary School recognizes students who display positive characteristics. These students are nominated each week by Midland teachers

and staff.

This week we celebrated kindness. We are excited to recognize several students who have shown others in our building acts of kind-

ness.

Congratulations to the latest Students of the Week at Midland Elementary.



K-4 Back Row (L-R) Cole Nelson, Carson Mangold, Lily Kuhl, Peyton Fandel, Harlee Schaefer, Milo Murphy, Terra Nova Dunn  
Front Row (L-R) Charlee Pufahl, Elaine Gauwitz, Reagan Waller, Murphy Dunlap, River Wilson



PAWS- Torin Plummer



Pre-K PM- Coleson Rinehart



Pre-K AM Bryant Behnke & Emerson Roush

## Mobile Home Tax Bills Have Been Mailed To Residents By The Marshall Co. Treasurer

Mobile Home Tax Bills have been mailed out. If you have not received your Mobile Home Tax bill, please contact the Marshall County Treasurer's Office at 309-246-6085 #2, #2. Mobile Home Taxes are due May 1, 2026.

Cynthia A. Nighsonger  
Marshall County Treasurer

## GriefShare Sessions To Begin March 3rd At The Henry Presbyterian Church

The next session of GriefShare is starting soon. You may be nervous about attending the first session or questioning what's in it for me. Maybe you're anxious about how to move forward after losing a loved one.

No matter what you are feeling, GriefShare is a place where you can find comfort and understanding of the multitude of emotions that one faces after a loss.

You will find others who have the same questions. Here you will find guidance, encouragement, healing and a path forward.

This non-denominational, 13 week program is offered at the Henry Presbyterian Church and

starts Tuesday, March 3. Two times are offered for your convenience, 1:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. You can begin at any time during the 13 week session. The church is handicap accessible.

GriefShare.com provides more information. You can register there online or contact one of the following: Connie - 309-238-0432; Jonathan, 1-815-866-0020; Lois, 309-238-3780; Adelaide, 309-264-2266, or Ida, 815-481-2403.

Walk-ins are welcome, pre-registration not required but helpful. We hope to see you there.

There is no substitute for hard work.

-Thomas Alva Edison

# Letters To The Editor

## Where To Find 'Good News': Look To PBS

I was glad to see Mary's 'Three Sheets in the Wind' mention shows on PBS-Channel 47 Peoria. Not only are they entertaining-offering diverse content like farm life, history, murder, mystery, science, travel, and children's programming—but they also provide the most accurate, professional and unbiased news we all desperately want and need to know. When people ask where to listen to the news the choices seem to be biased on a spectrum of strength either to the 'right' or 'left'. Sadly public media (both television and radio) was acted against with public funding removed by the current 'right' administration for not bowing to their bias but instead presenting non-partisan, neutral and fact-based news reporting.

Did you know that anyone can subscribe to be a 'Passport' member for our local Public Broadcast Service (PBS) and have easy access via stream services for \$60 a year. At \$5 per month that is cheap-

er than most streaming services for better family quality programs and news. One can also support FREE National Radio Stations locally for 24/7 program and news services which include international coverage of current events as well as special programs. WGLT Bloomington-Normal and WCBU Peoria are nearby FM stations. Although anyone can listen for free, they gladly receive donations to operate because administration cut their funding.

The Public Broadcasting Act of 1967 (PL 90-129), signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson on November 7, 1967, established the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB). The Act aimed to provide diverse, high-quality, noncommercial programming to the public. If interested in learning more, check out your FREE and PUBLIC TV and Radio stations!

A concerned citizen,  
Donna Augustyn-Sloan

## Letter to the Citizens of Marshall County

In response to the various questions of genuinely concerned citizens, I feel I have a responsibility to be completely transparent.

For the past several years, I have had controlled prostate cancer which has been managed through medication. After filing my petition for candidacy for Marshall County Board, District 1, I went to a regularly scheduled appointment with my health care provider.

It was determined that the need for a different course of treatment was necessary, which will be complete in three months. The general

prognosis is good. The successful winners of the election will not be sworn into office until December 2026. If you have any further concerns or questions, you may call me at 309-238-9378.

Bill Maupin

## OBITUARY GARY BEALL

Gary Beall, of Lacon, died on Monday, February 23, 2026 in Lacon.

Arrangments are by Lenz Memorial Home of Lacon.

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**Varna: 402 Olive Street**  
Great investment property. 3 Bedroom, 1 Bathroom home, 1 1/2 story, 1 stall detached garage, needs some paint & flooring to make it your own. Schedule a private showing today. **\$59,000**



**Varna: 409 Pine Street**  
Great investment opportunity. 2 Bedroom, 1 bathroom home on corner lot. Breezeway with attached single stall garage. Property is being sold AS IS! Cash Only! Schedule a private showing today. **\$35,000**