

L-S Fire Dept.

The first of two fires on Saturday occurred at approximately 12:57 on February 28th. The Lacon-Sparland Fire Protection Dist. & Ambulance was dispatched to a grass fire near a residence located at 1008 Gimlet Creek with no further information.

The first unit on scene was Brush-2, followed by Engine-5. Upon arrival, crews observed fire spread around the residence, fire in the timber progressing up the hill, and a partially involved shed. B-2 deployed a 150-ft 1" attack line to stop the fire extension around the residence. E-5 initially utilized a water can and hand tools to quickly halt the fire's progression up the hill. Once forward progress was stopped, Engine-5 deployed a 200-ft 1 3/4" attack line to extinguish the involved shed. After all visible fire was extinguished, crews remained on scene for approximately 25 minutes conducting overhaul operations. Thermal imaging cameras were used to check the affected structures, water was applied to remaining hot spots, and equipment was picked up and returned to service.

All Lacon-Sparland Fire units cleared the scene and back in service at 2:10 p.m.

The cause of the fire was determined to be accidental in nature with damages being contained to the exterior of the residence and minimal damage to both the interior and exterior of the shed. A burn pit was left unattended and the fire spread.

No firefighter or civilian injuries were reported. Henry Fire Protection District assisted with this fire.

There was a second fire that day requiring assistance by the Lacon-Sparland Fire Department. At approximately 14:45 on February 28th, The Lacon-Sparland Fire Dept & Ambulance was dispatched to a grass fire that was turning into a field fire at 561 CR 1300 E Lacon.

The first unit on scene was Brush-2, followed by Engine-3. Upon arrival, crews observed approximately one acre of grass fire rapidly advancing toward the neighboring property's timber. B-2 deployed two 10-ft 1" attack lines to quickly stop the fire from spreading into the timber and nearby cornfield. E-3 positioned itself at the top side of the property and deployed a 200-ft 1 3/4" attack line down the hill to extinguish the fire spreading towards the residence. Once all visible fire was knocked down, crews remained on scene for approximately 20 minutes and utilized hand tools to break down two burn piles while applying water to ensure complete extinguishment and eliminate any remaining hot spots from reigniting.

All Lacon-Sparland Fire units cleared the scene and were back in service at 16:00

The cause of the fire was determined to be accidental in nature with damage being contained to a 60-ft. fence row. A burning brush pile behind the residence was left unattended and the fire spread.

No Firefighter or Civilian injuries were reported. Henry Fire Protection Dist. also assisted with this fire.

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Three Sheets in The Wind . . . by Mary

It was one for the records. Exciting? You bet it was exciting. Tied. Overtime. The USA fans and the Canada fans all held their breath as their teams went into overtime, tied for the Gold Medal. It was the Girls Team. That's right the USA Girls Hockey Team won against Canada in overtime for the 2026 Milan Cortina Olympics Gold Medal. Hilary Knight scored to send the team to OT and Megan Keller scored the Golden Goal.

The USA Boys Hockey Team did the same thing, different day.

If we simply ignore the controversy that's been fired up by people who don't play the sport and were not there for the games, we will see the cheering, the celebration, the respect, the joy that our two great hockey teams openly displayed and have for each other. That's the best part of the games.

In a recent conversation here at the Journal, we were talking about our school days a long time ago. (No, we didn't go to school on horseback or in buggies. We rode the bus.) Anyway, it was noted that in those days, girls didn't play sports. It wasn't that we didn't know how. We went to the boys' games, sat in the bleachers, and cheered. There was no traveling basketball team for the girls. I guess we probably shot some baskets in P.E., but I don't remember any actual games.

We had P.E. uniforms, and in the spring, we played a little softball with our teammates which was more of a time to be outside laughing, talking, paying absolutely no attention to the game.

A favorite sport for us girls was archery. We shot arrows at a big,

round bullseye target filled with straw, while cows moseyed around the field close to the school.

We played volleyball in the gym, but no one ever took our team on the road. There were no tournaments, no regionals or sectionals for us. I looked through some very old yearbooks - all in black and white, and there were no pictures of the Mid-County Girls basketball team. No Letterman's Club for the girls. We did have FHA - Future Homemakers of America.

Wow, things have sure changed. Borrowing from an old cigarette slogan from the years when smoking was very common, "you've come a long way baby." In addition to grade school, high school and college basketball, there are even pro teams made up of sharp shooting, fast moving, serious playing women.

I shouldn't make fun, because I learned to play my very favorite sport during P.E. at my high school in downtown Varna. It was there that I found tennis, hitting balls in the gym. Those were the days when we hit the ball to each other, tapping it over the net. Over the years, I've played with friends and family. I advanced very little in the game. Now, I watch as the women players can slam their serves over 100 miles an hour.

And so, I say, good for the girls! We have come a long way in so many things - even sports.

And back to our 2026 Olympic Hockey Teams, congratulations to both. They managed to teach us, by example, that the wins are equally important, the boys and the girls.

Lady Timberwolves

(From Lacon Front Page)
niors were freshmen when I took over the program so they were the first class I've gotten to coach from start to finish and to go out the way we did was a lot of fun. The year before I got to Midland, the girls basketball program was winless, so for all of us to be able to go from that to where we were this year has been incredible to say the least. We were Tri-County Conference Champions for the first time in program history, regional champions for the first time in 27 years, the first Sweet 16 appearance for the program, and a program record 26 wins. This group has a lot to be proud of and have set the standard for the future of our program. These girls were great basketball players and even better people and I can't wait to see all they will accomplish going forward."

"All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt."

- Charles M. Schulz

MIDLAND 48, AURORA CHRISTIAN 17			
	FG	FT	PTS
Jordyn Pyles.....	0	5-6	5
Anna McGlasson.....	4	3-5	12
Ella Foster.....	1	0-0	3
Isabelah Rosa.....	1	0-0	3
Lillian Auza.....	0	0-0	0
Sydney Miller.....	0	0-0	0
Adalynn Stickle.....	3	3-4	10
Emma Franks.....	5	1-2	14
Layla Loeser.....	0	0-0	0
Nora Keinath.....	0	0-0	0
Makenzie Horton.....	0	0-0	0
Kaitlyn Schaer.....	0	0-0	0
TOTALS.....	15 (6)	12-17	48

AURORA CHRIST. (12-16)	2	4	9	2	-17
MIDLAND (26-7)	24	6	16	2	-48

ROCKFORD CHRIST. 57, MIDLAND 25			
	FG	FT	PTS
Jordyn Pyles.....	4	0-0	8
Anna McGlasson.....	2	2-2	6
Ella Foster.....	0	2-2	2
Isabelah Rosa.....	0	0-0	0
Lillian Auza.....	0	0-0	0
Lilly Bean.....	0	0-0	0
Sydney Miller.....	0	0-0	0
Adalynn Stickle.....	2	2-4	6
Emma Franks.....	1	0-0	3
Layla Loeser.....	0	0-0	0
Nora Keinath.....	0	0-0	0
Makenzie Horton.....	0	0-0	0
Kaitlyn Schaer.....	0	0-0	0
TOTALS.....	9 (1)	6-8	25

MIDLAND (26-8)	8	5	6	6	-26
ROCKFORD CH. (24-11)	17	18	7	15	-57

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Plaintiff
vs.
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Defendant

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