

L-S Fire Dept. Responds To Three Brush Fires

The Lacon-Sparland Fire Protection District responded to three brush fires over two days throughout the area. One fire occurred on February 27th and two fires were responded to on February 28th.

At approximately 2:20 p.m. on February 27th, the Lacon-Sparland Fire Dept & Ambulance was dispatched for an out of control grass fire spreading towards the timber at 693 County Rd. 1375 E Lacon.

The first unit on scene was Brush-2, followed by Engine-3. Upon arrival, crews observed that the grass had already burned and the fire had extended into dense timber. B-2 extinguished fire near the residence using a 1" attack line, while E-3 assisted by refilling brush units and deploying a 1 3/4" attack line to suppress additional fire spread. Crews quickly determined that the fire had advanced into difficult-to-access terrain. At that time, MABAS Box 201 was requested to the box alarm level, bringing in the previously listed mutual aid companies. All responding agencies were requested to bring brush trucks and UTVs. Upon arrival, mutual aid companies were given assignments and primarily operated using UTVs and hand tools, working on foot due to the challenging terrain. Several neighboring residents also assisted with leaf blowers to help prevent further fire spread. Once the fire was brought under control, crews remained on scene for approximate-

ly 30 minutes conducting overhaul, checking for remaining hot spots, and returning equipment to service. The fire burned an estimated 8-10 acres.

The Marshall County Sheriff's Office also responded with a drone to help determine fire locations.

All Lacon - Sparland Fire units clear the scene and back in service at 16:50

The cause of the fire was deter-

mined to be accidental, caused by a metal burn barrel that was used previously in the week.

No firefighter or civilian injuries were reported. Other area departments who assisted with this fire included, Henry Fire Protection Dist., Varna Community Fire Protection Dist., Toluca-Rutland Fire Protection Dist., Washburn Fire Protection Dist., and the Marshall County Sheriff's Dept.

Lady T-Wolves Fall To Rockford Christian In Sectional Finals

The Midland Lady Timberwolves saw their season come to an end in the round of the Sweet 16 on Thursday when they dropped a 48-17 decision to Rockford Christian in the championship of the Shabbona Sectional.

Midland earned that berth into the Sweet 16 on Monday when they rolled to a 48-17 win over Aurora Christian in the Sectional opener. It was their 13th consecutive win of the year.

Midland reeled off the first 11 points of the game and took a 24-2 first quarter lead. The lead grew to 40-6 at the half and 46-15 heading into the final quarter.

Senior Emma Franks led the Lady Timberwolves with 14 points. Juniors Anna McGlasson

and Adalynn Stichel added double figure scoring with 12 and 10 points respectively.

In the sectional championship on Thursday, the Lady T-Wolves ran into a very tough Rockford Christian team as they fell 57-25.

Midland never did lead in this game as they trailed 17-8 after the first quarter and 35-13 at the half. It was 42-19 heading into the final quarter.

Jordyn Pyles led Midland with 8 points.

The loss closed out the season with a record setting 26-8 record.

"I couldn't be more proud of this group and all they've accomplished," stated Midland head coach Xavier Warren. "The se-

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Republican Central Committee Hosts Meet & Greet for Marshall County Board Candidates

The Marshall County Republican Central Committee is hosting two Meet and Greet events on Saturday, March 7, 2026.

Chairman Dave Lueders said "There has been unprecedented interest by individuals wanting to run for the Marshall County Board. In order for citizens to meet and actually talk to those running, we are hosting the Meet and Greets."

District 1 voters of Marshall County (Townships of Henry, Hopewell, La Prairie, Saratoga and Whitefield) are invited to Henry American Legion, 303 Main St., Henry, from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 7.

District 3 voters of Marshall County (Townships of Lacon, Richland and Steuben) are invited

to NEW Marshall County Highway Department building, 552 State Route 26, Lacon, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 7.

District 1 Republican Candidates: are David Minnick, Troy Parlier, Bill Maupin and Margaret Tonny

District 3 Republican Candidates are Malachi Cox and Justin Meierkord.

Primary elections are very important. This is the election that sets the candidates for the General Election in November. You need to vote in the Primary to send the best candidates at all levels to the General Election. Early voting, and vote by mail are happening now.

Vote at the polls on Tuesday, (Continued On Page 5)

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS SUNDAY, MARCH 8



It's been a long winter, but one of the first rites of spring is upon us this weekend. It's time to turn those clocks ahead and get that extra hour of daylight in the evening, even though it comes at the cost of one hour of sleep. Before you go to bed on Saturday night, turn your clocks ahead one hour. Daylight savings time officially starts at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 8th.

Varna Fire Department

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

1954 John Deere 50 Tractor
Will Be Auctioned Off!

MIDLAND FFA LABOR AND TRACTOR AUCTION

Thursday, March 19th
Pork Chop and Ribeye Dinners Available for Purchase
Starting at 5:00 PM - Auction Begins at 6:00 PM
Kennedy @ Joyce Poignant Farm - 1530 Feazel Road in Lacon

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!**

Henry Knights of Columbus Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

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

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