

L-S Fire Dept. Has Busy Week With Brush Fires, Porch Fire & Accident

The Lacon-Sparland Fire Department had a busy week as they were called to a timber fire and grass fire on Tuesday, March 24, a porch fire on Wednesday, March 25 and a vehicle accident in Sparland on Friday, March 27.

On Tuesday, March 24 at 4:06 p.m., the L-S Fire Department and Ambulance was dispatched for an out of control brush fire that was spreading towards a neighbor's property at 45 Bayhore Drive in Lacon. When firemen arrived, they found less than one acre of timber burning in the river bottom. Due to limited manpower, a water can extinguisher was used to knock down a large portion of the fire until additional units arrived. Crews operated for approximately 15 minutes, extinguishing remaining hot spots and cleaning up. All units cleared the scene and were back in service at 4:58 p.m.

The cause of the fire was determined to be accidental. A burning brush pile was left unattended and the fire spread. No injuries were reported.

Just a couple hours later, at 7:51 p.m., the Fire and Ambulance was called to a brush fire at 500 County Road East in Sparland. The first arriving units reported that the

fire was only accessible by ranger and on foot, utilizing hand tools. A request was made for the Chillothe Fire Department to provide a brush truck and tender. The fire was contained within approximately 30 minutes. Crews then worked the remainder of the incident extinguishing hot spots and conducting overhaul operations. All Lacon-Sparland Fire units cleared the scene and were back in service at 9:45 p.m.

The cause of the fire was determined to be unknown, burning approximately 8 acres. No firefighters or civilian injuries were reported.

The following day, on Wednesday, March 25 at 6:23 p.m., the L-S Fire Department was called to a porch fire at 670 County Road 1375 East, Lacon.

The first arriving reported no active fire, however, further investigation revealed multiple melted deck boards. Crew operated for approximately 45 minutes extinguishing remaining hot spots beneath the deck, utilizing the homeowner's garden hose.

All fire units cleared the scene and were back in service at 7:30 p.m.

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Down Syndrome "Fun Day" Held At Johnson's Park



Extra Love, a local not for profit, founded by Jordan Marcacci and Tara Probyn organized a party in the park at Johnson's Park in Lacon to celebrate World Down Syndrome day. The event was free to the public and included rock painting, coloring games, books, dolls and kite flying and so much more.

At the "Fun Day," a check for

\$1,039, raised by the Henry High School students was presented to World Down Syndrome.

World Down Syndrome day is on March 21st each year and is celebrated globally with the goal of celebrating individuals with Down Syndrome and how worthy, capable and amazing they are!

Pictured from left to right: Maya Johnson, Sam Nauman, Brooke-

lynn Thompson, Tara Probyn, Sutton Probyn, Jacob Miller, Kolton Villiger, Decker Marcacci, Jordan Marcacci, Carson Rowe, Carter Williams and Rachel Eckert.

New Monthly Flea Market At The Lacon Marina Looking For Vendors To Participate

There's going to be a flea market at the Lacon Marina this year. Perfect location and opportunity to shop, sell things and enjoy the riverfront scenery.

Currently we are looking for vendors to participate. This is no charge and plenty of space to sell or showcase your crafts, collections, junk, arts and garage sale like items. Nothing is forbidden except for illegal and offensive stuff. This is a family oriented event.

It will be a monthly event held on the 1st Saturday of each month through October. The exception being Easter weekend being moved to Saturday, April 11th.

Join our Facebook group page, LACON MARINA FLEA MARKET or by texting Connie Nagel @ 309-238-3556

State Rep. Dennis Tipword Recognized As 2025 Public Official Of The Year By ILACP

State Representative Dennis Tipword (R-Metamora) has been recognized as the 2025 Public Official of the Year by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (ILACP). Rep. Tipword received the award during a ceremony at the State Capitol yesterday.

"I am very humbled and honored to have received this award from the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police," Rep. Tipword stated. "Af-

ter spending 30-plus years in the industry, it's an incredible honor to receive this award from a group of my peers. Thank you and congratulations to the other public officials who were recognized as well."

Rep. Dennis Tipword serves Illinois House District 105. For more information, contact Rep. Tipword's District Office in Pontiac at 815-844-9344, or visit his website at reptipword.com.

Marshall County Democratic Meeting and Town Hall Event Planned For April 16th At The LACC

The Marshall County Democrats will have a meeting on Thursday April 16th at 6:00-PM at the Lacon Area Community Center, 405 N. Washington Street in Lacon. A brief meeting will be convened by the new Democratic County Committee Chair- Donna Augustyn-Sloan. We will be discussing the first steps in rebuilding the Democratic Party in Marshall County.

There will also be a town hall where Paul Nolley, the Democratic candidate for the 16th Congressio-

nal District, will attend via Zoom to answer questions and take comments about his platform. Paul Nolley is seeking to unseat the Republican incumbent who has not faced opposition in recent years. Paul Nolley offers voters a real choice.

This event is sponsored and paid for by Marshall County Illinois Democrats. This event is NOT a fundraiser. For more information contact Marshall.co.il.democrats@gmail.com. Follow us on Facebook: Marshall County Illinois Democrats.

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