

# Midland High School Varsity Baseball Team Starts The 2026 Season Strong

The 2026 Midland Varsity Timberwolves have opened the season with a strong start, showing resilience and growth after graduating several key seniors from last year's roster.

Returning players have stepped into expanded roles and are delivering early, highlighted by big wins over Blue Ridge (14-3), Ridgview (8-0), Galva (7-2), and Putnam County (7-3).

The offense has been productive and balanced, with contributions throughout the lineup, while the pitching staff, led by standout performances from Dom Rosa and supported by a developing rotation - has demonstrated the ability to control games and keep opponents in check.

A key storyline early in the season has been the emergence of younger players, like Gabe Pyles, Levi Dorsey, and Preston Call

stepping into meaningful varsity roles. These underclassmen have complemented experienced returners such as Rayden Marliere, Sam Lord, Tucker Bickerman, and Henry Elsasser, helping to fill the gaps left by last year's graduating class.

While the Timberwolves have faced some challenges against tough early competition, the blend of developing talent and veteran leadership has positioned the team well moving forward as they continue conference play.

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### Thank You

The Dorothy McAllister Family want to thank all the family and friends who provided comfort to our family at the time of mom's passing. A special thanks to Lisa Schmitt for her care the past several months, the Lacon-Sparland Ambulance, Lenz Memorial Home and Pastor Will Meacham.

*Nancy & Tom Payne  
 Barb & John Yingling  
 Kathy and Jeff Palm  
 Todd & Susie McAllister*

1p

## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Soak (up)
- 4 "Nova" channel
- 7 South Pacific nation
- 11 Grouch
- 13 Ump's call
- 14 Tehran's country
- 15 Rights org.
- 16 Peyton's brother
- 17 Dweeb
- 18 Spars
- 20 Boast
- 22 Prom outfit
- 24 TV detective Remington
- 28 Shirt parts
- 32 Flynn of film
- 33 Frankfurt fellow

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- 58 Lingerie fabric
- 59 Beloved
- 60 A gazillion years
- 61 Park — -jooon of "The Marvels"
- 35 Tiara jewel
- 38 Service charge
- 40 Capote nickname
- 42 Wartime riveter
- 45 Boy, in Barcelona
- 47 Showy flower
- 48 Scrabble piece
- 49 Singer Ono
- 50 Last letter in London
- 51 Chemical suffix
- 52 Actress Long
- 54 Prohibit

### DOWN

- 1 Con job
- 2 Killer whale
- 3 Buddies
- 4 "The Raven" writer
- 5 Future tulip
- 6 Mixes up
- 7 Crime-solving aids
- 8 Rage
- 9 Pickle holder
- 10 Hoosier st.
- 12 Crunchy candy bar
- 19 Minivan alternative
- 21 Consumed
- 23 Gen- — (baby boomer's kid)
- 25 One of HOMES
- 26 — Linda, Calif.
- 27 Mideast airline
- 28 Tibia's place
- 29 Jared of "Panic Room"
- 30 Cupid's alias
- 31 Droop

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### Engineering Intern

Marshall County Highway Department is seeking a college intern to assist primarily with construction engineering duties. Construction may include seal coating, Hot mix asphalt paving, piles and concrete structures.

### Duties

The primary role will be to conduct construction observation/resident engineering for transportation projects. This includes documentation, measurement of quantities, and materials inspection. Work will comply with appropriate contract types, including Motor Fuel Tax (MFT), Township Bridge Program (TBP), Federal Surface Transportation Funding (STR) and Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).

The intern will work under the direction of the county engineer and with other team members. Training will be available as necessary. Other duties may be assigned including design, hydraulic calculations, and back-up flagger.

### Minimum Requirements

- Valid driver's license
- Verbal and written communication skills
- Basic computer skills.

The ideal candidate will be enrolled in an engineering curriculum or related program.

### Work Hours

This is summer position will provide 40 hours per week during the assignment. Additional hours may be required depending on construction schedules. Start and end dates will depend on class schedule.

### Compensation

Hourly rate will be \$16 to \$21 per hour, depending on qualifications.

### Submit resumes to:

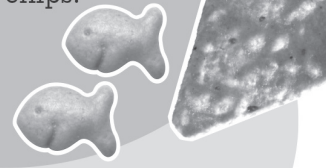
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Source: yougov.com

## Looking For Lifeguards

The Lacon Pool is looking for lifeguards for the 2026 summer season. Certification classes are available at Hennepin Pool, Washington Five Points, and the YMCA to name a few. A full reimbursement for the class will be paid back after a successful season of working. Average cost for first time class is \$200.

Interested individuals can fill out an application on our Lacon Pool Facebook page, pick up an application from the Midland High School, or talk to a board member. Return applications to The Lacon Pool, PO Box 214, Lacon, IL.

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