

Lacon City Council Approves Equipment Donation To L-S Ambulance

The Lacon City Council agreed to purchase some needed equipment for the Lacon-Sparland ambulance at the City Council meeting on Wednesday, April 15th.

Former Lacon Mayor and TIF Administrator Ron Schoof addressed the Council pertaining to a fundraiser recently held by the Lacon-Sparland Ambulance. The Ambulance had sent a letter to the Council requesting a donation for the fundraiser. The City in return asked the Ambulance if there was any equipment they do not have but could use. The Ambulance responded with a list of equipment that included an IO Drill, IV Warmer, Video Laryngoscope and a Medic IV bag. The Council agreed to purchase the equipment which came in right at \$6,500. The ordinance to execute the donation

will come via an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Lacon-Sparland Fire Protection District.

The Council also approved live music requests from Stacy Paige of Whiskerz Pub to hold regular live music requests through October. The music requests are for Fridays and Saturday up to midnight and on Sundays up to 7:00.

The Council also approved a request from Paige to close the alley between Whiskerz Pub and River Valley 119 on the Friday and Saturday nights of Old Settlers for outdoor live music. The City agreed to close the alley around 2:00 to allow for set up.

The Council also approved a \$250 donation to the Marshall-Putnam Fair family fun night, the same amount that was given last year.

Midland School Board Meets, Approves Landscape Project

The Midland School Board conducted regular business and heard reports from the district administrators, relaying business as usual at their regular board meeting on Wednesday, April 15th.

At the meeting the board approved the resignation of Rebecca Hesh as the MHS National Honor Society Advisor. They would go on to hire Brianna Sherrill as the MES Night Custodian.

The board also approved a Landscape Project quote submitted by McMahan Landscape. The work to be done is at the elementary playground. The district has worked with the local business in the past on several projects and the work will be able to begin right away this summer.

Henry Presbyterian Church Welcomes Brent Vernon And Sam To Share Music And Stories



The Henry Presbyterian Church is inviting Brent Vernon and Sam to share heartfelt music and storytelling on Friday, May 8 at 6:30 p.m. Sam, his ventriloquist puppet, will join him with Bible stories, music and adventures.

Brent's music blends hopeful melodies with deep spiritual truth, resonating with audiences in churches, schools, and many other

venues.

Sam brings joy and shares life lessons to children and adults alike. Brent writes children's books and is also a song writer.

Come and join the event, laugh, and hear a message of love. Bring the family for a night of entertainment and laughter. A love offering will be taken. The church is handicap assessable.

Midland FFA Meats Evaluation Team Finishes As Undefeated State Champs

The Midland FFA Meats Evaluation team finished their 2025-2026 season in March with a State Championship at the University of Illinois.

The team went undefeated this season at all Illinois events which included the following series: Rabbers Invitational at Peoria, Eickmann Invitational at Peconica, Wenneman Invitational at St. Libory, Slagel Invitational at Forrest, Section 5 Contest at Peoria, and the State 4-H contest in Champao-

ign.

So to finalize the season, the team won all 7 contests this year and will represent Illinois at the American Royal in Nebraska and the National FFA in Indianapolis this fall. They will also represent Illinois at the National Western at Fort Collins, Colorado in January of 2027.

As part of the event, students must evaluate several classes of beef, pork, and lamb carcasses and wholesale cuts, estimate yield

and quality grades of beef, identify retail meat cuts, complete an industry related meat formulation problem solving activity, complete an industry related exam, and learn the skeletal and muscle systems for all livestock species.

In addition to the team success, Skylar Hohstadt, Maleigha Blunier, and Kyler Gauwitz were ranked as 3 of the top 5 students in the state Meats judging series. Congratulations and best of luck at the National level.

FFA Horticulture Team Springs To Success Before State Competition Later This Month

The Midland FFA Horticulture team has been busy this spring learning over 300 varieties of plants, practicing floral arrangements, learning horticulture tools, and learning how to evaluate plants.

The team placed 6th at the Parkland State Invitational contest

and then won the Section 5 and 12 combined contest at Illinois Central College. The team is set to compete now for the State title at the end of the month.

A huge thank you to Two Friends Flowers in Lacon for their assistance training the team for the floral arrangement practicums.



Pictured (l-r): Gavin Weide, Skylar Hohstadt, Kyler Gauwitz, Maleigha Blunier, Cooper Hattan and Lane Kocher.



Picture names: (L-R): Morgan Blunier, Kiryn Schaer, Tyranny Parker, Leah Mooberry, and Skylar Hohstadt.

ILLINOIS VALLEY HERB GUILD GARDEN FAIRE

Saturday, May 9

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
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