

## Lacon Park District To Acquire Weers Lake

The Lacon Park District announced last week that they have reached an agreement with Ozinga Bros., to purchase Weers Lake, an old gravel mine located on the north side of Lacon, just to the east of the Illinois River.

According to Lacon Park Board President Matt Qualls, the 139 acre site has been appraised at \$700,000, but Ozinga has offered to sell it to the Lacon Park District for \$70,000 with payments to be made over the next 15 years.

"There are many plans that we have for this property," Qualls stated in a post on Facebook. While this undertaking will take some years to fully complete, we are confident that we will be able to add many exciting options for outdoor recreation."

Among the improvements, Qualls stated that they would eventually like to do include putting in some boat docks, opening up the lake to fishing and maybe a swimming beach. Other plans down the road could include some tent camping, RV camping and maybe a playground.

Qualls is hoping to get some community involvement with the project to make this all a reality.

The Park District has not yet taken ownership, and according to Qualls, it is in the hands of the attorneys, but they hope to take possession by mid-summer. However, Qualls cautioned that when they do take possession of the

property, some things will have to be done before it can be opened to the public, referring to a lot of junk, trash and ravines that are on site. Qualls is hoping that this too is something that the public can help them with.

"None of this would be possible without the amazing help of Ozinga Bros. and we want to thank them for their amazing part in making this a reality for our town," Qualls noted on Facebook.



Future possibilities for Weers Lake



## Midland High School Bass Team Finishes Second In Conference At Lake Evergreen



by Coach Doug Gudat

Our team finished in 2nd place at our Conference this year at Lake Evergreen, with 2 of our boats having limits of 5 fish each.

Our latest tourney was again at Lake Evergreen with severe cold conditions to start the morning for the Lintfighter event put on by oth-

er schools.

The team of Beau Hattan and our senior Tucker Bickerman won the event with over 11 pounds with a 5 fish limit. Two of their fish were over 4 pounds each, taking home trophies and 2 fishing combos apiece. This will be the second year running for winning that event.

Our next tourney will, once again, be at Lake Evergreen for our Regionals where the top 6 teams will go to Sectionals at Clinton Lake. The top 10 from Sectionals will go to State.

## Annual Sparland Alumni Banquet Set For Sat., May 23

The Sparland Alumni Banquet will be held on Saturday, May 23rd at the former Sparland High School.

Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and meal will be served at 6:00 p.m. There is no cost to attend as a generous Alumnus have volunteered to pay for all the meals.

Please call Michelle Monier Searle at (309) 238 4633 or Carol Moreland Schultz at (309) 361 5576 with your name, year you graduated and name of any guest attending with you.

PLEASE HAVE RESERVATIONS IN BY MAY 15 IF POSSIBLE.

## Real Estate Tax Bills Have Been Mailed

Tax Bills were mailed out Tuesday May 5, 2026. They are due June 5, 2026 & September 4, 2026. If you have not received your tax bill, please contact this office at (309) 246-6085 #2, #2, or go to [www.marshallcountyillinois.gov](http://www.marshallcountyillinois.gov) to print a bill. Once the website loads click on Elected Officials then click on Treasurer. Then click on the link Perform a Treasurer Inquiry.

**HEADS UP! First National Bank of Lacon will be closed on Saturday, May 16th for system updates.**

Online banking, ATM, and other mobile services may be down briefly. Back in action Monday, May 18th!

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 <p><b>Rita's Kitchen &amp; Bar</b> 1217 5th Street, Lacon, IL (309) 246-FOOD (3663)</p>	<p><b>DAILY SPECIALS</b></p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> Wild-Wacky Wednesday 2 Meals - \$20 1/4 Chicken (Dark) - 2 Sides Popcorn Shrimp - 2 Sides Large Spaghetti - w/Bread &amp; Fritter</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY</b> Wing Night</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY</b> Fish Night</p>	<p><b>SATURDAY</b> Steak Night</p>
		<p><b>THURSDAY:</b> Ground Sirloin Wrapped with bacon and grilled onions with 2 sides, bread and fritter</p>	<p>HOURS: Tues. - Fri.: 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday: 4:30 to 9:30 Closed Sun. and Mon. Except For Private Parties</p>		

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