

MMS Softball Team Celebrated By Midland Board



During the Board of Education meeting on January 21st, the Midland Board of Education celebrat-

ed the outstanding achievements of the Midland Middle School softball team.

Marshall Co. Historical Society

(From Lacon Front Page) there are two floors of exhibits that are constantly changing as more artifacts are received.

Our role in Marshall County includes preservation of cemetery records, family histories, schools and many other historical records.

Our volunteers work on various projects to educate the public on businesses and the pioneers of Marshall County. Various displays showcase each community of the County as well as other items of interest.

We are planning an Annual

Meeting Sunday, February 15, 2026 at the American Legion Hall in Toluca at 1:00 p.m.

All members and those interested in becoming a member are invited to attend. The afternoon will include dinner catered by Steve's Boardwalk and a short business meeting.

Entertainment will be provided by Bob Watkins and Dave Erickson of "Bob and Barney".

Please respond by February 9 to tnimages318@gmail.com. or 815-326-1179 or barnlady61537@yahoo.com. 309-238-00432.



Bob Erickson and Dave Erickson Of "Bob and Barney"

The Timberwolves capped off a historic season as the undefeated Little Tri-County Conference Champions. Throughout the season, the team outscored their opponents by a staggering margin of 64-14.

The Timberwolves were coached by Sam Martin and Summer Traver. Congratulations, Ladies, on an incredible season! #twolvespride

Court News

(From Toluca Front Page)

John J. Murphy, Patrick J. Murphy, Sarah M. Pearl. Section 34, township 12N, Range 8E, Govt Lot: --NE, Notes Ex pt. Section 26, 12N, 8E, Govt Lot: --SW, Notes PT. Section 35, 12N, 8E, Govt Lot --NW. Trust Deed.

Grantor: Susan M. Bruegge, Teresa J. Cassidy, Daniel T. Murphy, John J. Murphy, Patrick J. Murphy, Sarah M. Pearl. Grantee: Landpro LLC. Section 34, township 12N, Range 8E, Govt Lot: --NE, Section 26, 12N, 8E, Govt Lot: --SW, Notes PT. Section 35, 12N, 8E, Govt Lot --NW. Warranty Deed.

Grantor: John W. Phillips, Margaret Lynn Phillips. Grantee: John W. Phillips Co. Tr. Margaret Lynn Phillips Co. Tr. Section 6, Township 30N, Range 1W, Govt Lot: --SW, Notes PT. Section 6, 30N, 1W, --SE, Notes PT. Varna (Original Town) Block 21, Lot 21. Lake Wildwood Development Lot 1192. Deed Trust.

Grantor: Janelle L. Vogel, Steven P. Vogel. Grantee: Janelle L. Vogel Co. Tr., Steven P. Vogel Co. Tr. Hopewell Estates Lot 13. Henry (Original Town) Lot 201, Notes S 48'. Lake Wildwood Development Lot 1117, Lot 1118. Deed Trust.

Knights Of Columbus Free Throw Contest To Feature Guest Speaker Coach Jim Thornton



The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a youth free throw contest for 9-14-year-old boys and girls on Sunday afternoon, February 15th. Doors open at 3:00 p.m. for registration and practice. This year's contest will be held at the Midland Elementary School in Lacon. There will be a chance to win door prizes for all participants.

This year's contest will feature speaker, Coach Jim Thornton. Coach Thornton has over 30 years of coaching experience. He was the head coach at Illinois Valley Central High School from 1990-2012. His teams at IVC won 3 regionals, 2 sectionals, two final eight appearances and his IVC 2006 team finished second in Class A to Seneca.

The contest will begin at 4 p.m. All participants should be registered by 3:30 p.m. Coach Thornton will be speaking at 3:40 to all participants, parents and visitors. All boys and girls 9 to 14 years of age are invited to participate in this free event.

Each participant will shoot 15 free throw attempts. The winner of

each boy and girl age group with the most made free throw attempts will be presented with a plaque or trophy. In the event of a tie for the number of free attempts made the participants will be awarded a series of five attempts until the tie is broken.

Winners in each boy and girl age group will be given the opportunity to advance to the next round of competition, the district free throw contest. This contest will be held at the St. Jude Gym, 10911 North Knoxville, Route 40 Peoria, Illinois on Saturday, March 7th. Check-in is 1:15 and competition starts at 2:00 p.m. Age eligibility is determined by the age of the participant as of January 1, 2025.

For any additional information about this event call Richard DuBois at: 309-361-4807

Local D.A.R. Chapter To Meet Fri., Feb. 6

The Chief Senachwine Chapter NSDAR will hold its Friday, Feb. 6 meeting at the Henry Public Library with refreshments at 1:30 and gavel at 1:45. Chairmen are asked to inform the chapter regent if they will have reports to give during the business meeting.

The program will be "Barn Quilts of Bureau County, the Barn Quilt Trail" by Valerie Jensen of Tiskilwa.

"Hard work never killed anybody, but why take a chance?"

- Edgar Bergen

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