

Knights Of Columbus Annual Free Throw Contest To Be Held Sunday, February 15th



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, had two final eight appearances and his IVC team finished second in Class A to Seneca. Coach Thornton has a wealth of basketball information to share with all participants, families and visitors.

The contest will begin at 4 p.m. All participants should be registered by 3:15 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 (Continued On Page 2)

Midland H.S. To Host Blood Drive

The Midland High School Student Council is hosting a blood drive on Friday, February 27 at Midland High School Gym. The blood drive will run from 9 AM to 1 PM. If you are interested in donating blood, you may either sign up online at redcrossblood.org and enter the zip code of 61375 to find the "Midland High School" drive or simply call the high school office at 309-463-8007 to set up an appointment. If you have any questions, please email Molly Crawley at mcrawley@midland-7.net.

Blood Donors Must:

- Be in good general health and feeling well
- Be at least 16-years-old or have parental consent
- Weigh at least 110 lbs. Additional weight requirements apply for donors 18-years-old and younger and all high school donors.
- There are some additional requirements as to how often you may give blood. To check if you are eligible, please visit the Red Cross website at: redcrossblood.org.

MHS Recognizes January Students Of The Month



Midland High School recently recognized its January Students of the Month. Students were selected by teachers for their positive contributions to the school communi-

ty. Pictured from left to right are junior Kyler Gauwitz, senior Jordyn Pyles, freshman Leah Mooberry, and sophomore Jacob Def-

fenbaugh.

Each student received a Casey's gift card in recognition of their hard work, character, and commitment to excellence.

Marshall County Board Meets In Routine Session

In a brief meeting, the County Board met and discussed routine operations from the highway and zoning departments. The meeting was held one week early to accommodate for Lincoln's Birthday on the 12th.

Also discussed was the possibility of adding a battery recycling box somewhere in the county for public use. This box would be for small batteries commonly used in

household devices. Illinois recently passed the Portable and Medium-Format Battery Stewardship Act. This act will see more regulations and a push for safe collection and recycling of batteries.

County Engineer Catherine Terando told board members she was contacted by a recycling company asking if the county would have a place to put a recycling box. The board was asked if they had any ideas for a location.

Board Chairman Travis McGlasson also talked to the board about the Economic Development Committee. McGlasson suggested including a wide sampling of city mayors, organizational leaders and business owners from throughout the county. These individuals would have a vested interest in maintaining and bringing economic development to the county. McGlasson will be sending out invitations and setting a meeting shortly.

Happy Valentine's Day
Join us Saturday, February 14 from 10:00 to 2:00 as we celebrate Valentine's Day!

Sweet Amy's Dessert Trailer
will be set up in our parking lot! She'll have individual cookies and cakes, plus cookie sets available for purchase - perfect for gifting (or treating yourself!)

We'll also be giving away 5 Valentine's Baskets randomly throughout the day. Every purchase receives a free gift too!



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Soup & Sandwich Supper!

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2026 • 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Enjoy Delicious!

Chili, Vegetable Soup & Potato Soup BBQ Sandwiches & Hot Dogs Egg Salad & Ham Salad Sandwiches

All Are Welcome!

Free Will Donation For Meal

Saint Paul Lutheran Church
80 South Chestnut St., Varna, IL



2026 GOLF CART PERMIT STICKERS

Sticker Renewal is \$25 (If Purchased by April 30. **\$35** After April 30)
Please provide proof of current insurance.
City Hall is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Or put in the mail slot on the west side of City Hall by the Police Department door and we will mail you a permit.
If you have a new golf cart that needs to be inspected, please call 246-6111 between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and we can set up an appointment to have it inspected by the Chief of Police.
YOU MUST HAVE A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE AND BE 18 YEARS OLD TO OPERATE A GOLF CART IN THE CITY.



Help Lacon-Sparland Ambulance Save Lives

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 4:00

We are seeking cash donations and donations of raffle items (baskets, gift certificates, merchandise, etc.) to make this our most successful event yet!

To Donate Raffle items, please drop them off at the Lacon Ambulance Service or contact Kelsey Fitschen at (309) 472-7665 before the event.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- ♦ BINGO will start at 5:00 p.m. and continue through the evening. Please join in at any time
- ♦ Play Bingo to help raise money and win fantastic prizes!
 - ♦ Raffle Drawings!
 - ♦ Pulled Pork and fixings until gone.



FRONT END ALIGNMENTS AVAILABLE!

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