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Clerk's Corner by Julie Kriewaldt, Town Clerk

Spring elections

There will be two spring elections in 2017. February 21, 2017 will be the spring primary and April 4, 2017 will be the spring election. The Town positions of Chairman, two Supervisors, and Treasurer will be on the ballot in April. This is an odd numbered year so unless there is a special election, there will be no fall elections.

Tires and White goods recycling

The tire and white goods recycling event will be April 8, 2017. At this event, Town of Erin residents may drop off tires and white goods like refrigerators, freezers, stoves and microwaves, but no dehumidifiers, and pay a fee for it. The Town only does this once a year in April. There will be a notice in the Daily News and The Booster when the fees are confirmed. I will also have it in the Town News At-A-Glance link on the main webpage of <u>www.erintownship.com</u>.

Emerald Ash Borer

The Chairman already mentioned that the municipality was contacted by the State of Wisconsin regarding the Emerald Ash Borer. The following State website has more information on the Emerald Ash Borer: <u>www.emeraldashborer.wi.gov</u>.

Dog Licenses

Don't forget to license your dog(s) for 2017. All dogs are required to be licensed by March 31 each year. Refer to the article from the Winter 2015 Erin Newsletter on dog licensing. You can find it at <u>www.erintownship.com</u> by clicking on the Town Newsletter link on the left side bar and then on Winter2015.pdf.

Town Chairman Report by Dennis Kenealy

It has not been a sleepy winter. We have been informed by the State of Wisconsin of an Emerald Ash Borer infestation within the Town. Washington County is infested with these bugs and the prognosis is not good. We can expect all untreated Ash trees within the Town to be dead in five years. The Town will be removing trees in the public areas and Right of Ways for safety and aesthetic

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reasons but that is the limit of what we can do at the Town level. Our Clerk, in her report, provides further information and contacts to answer questions you may have.

We gathered a great deal of information to share with the appropriate parties due to an investigation regarding the possibility of placing a sexual offender within the Town. The Town, the building inspector, the assessor and the town attorney were all involved. We did find that the proposed location for placement is not permissible for residential use. We passed our concerns and findings along to the investigating parties. I would like to clarify a point that apparently circulated during this process, that being that the Town was at fault for not taking actions to prevent this placement. The Town is not at fault. The Town found out about this in the normal course of this placement process and took immediate action within our ability to do so. The Town cannot halt such placements under law as they are entirely under the control of the State. There are some placements that may be constrained by the Town but those restrictions are currently being challenged, per our attorney. I just wanted to be clear that the Town's ability to interfere with these placements is very limited and in this instance, we did all we could within those limitations.

The U.S. Open is quickly approaching. There will be another public informational meeting on progress being made in February or March. We have a slight glitch in those plans as we are searching for a new building Inspector due to the resignation of Scott Hussinger. I am sorry to see him leave as I think he has been a very good fit for this Town. However, we are looking for another building inspector and with the U.S. Open imminent, we must explore other possibilities to provide building inspection services for that event. We have been in touch with the State and it is possible they can help us to get through this event and have our new service in place for the future.

Plan Commission by Dennis Kenealy

I had thought that the changes we made to the Town Code, allowing more use of accessory structures would decrease the number of meetings needed but that has not been the case. The Commission has been



meeting regularly to consider numerous land splits and conditional uses as well as discussing business operations in the Town. Our Comprehensive Land Use Plan is due for the required 10 year update. That will be a major undertaking of the Plan Commission and Town Board. We are meeting with representatives of SEWRPC to begin that process. The public will have opportunities for input as that proceeds. Of course, we continue with U.S. Open planning, mostly in office work, but the Plan Commission will be receiving updates in the coming months.

Executive Committee by Dennis Kenealy

The Committee worked hard on refining this year's budget. The Town is in a very stable financial situation which allowed the Committee to recommend using some of our reserves for additional road work and the building of a necessary salt shed. Approximately \$300,000 was transferred from reserve funds for those two projects.

Emergency Government by Brad Bautz

As I write this article, the town has not declared a "Snow Emergency" this winter. Just a reminder, if the Town Chairman or I declare one, that means no vehicles may be left parked on or along the roadway of any town maintained roads. This is done during larger snowfall total amounts. As a matter of practice during any snow event, please do not park vehicles on or along state, county, or town roadways. There have been some instances of parked vehicles interfering with snow removal. If a vehicle goes in the ditch, it must be removed right away. The Sheriff's Office typically has any vehicles on or along the roadway removed. They also must be removed by a licensed towing service for the safety of all. A "Snow Emergency" does NOT allow for snowmobiles, ATV's, UTV's or any other device to use the roadways. ALL state DNR regulations still apply. There are no designated "Snowmobile Routes" on any roads in the Town.

U.S. Open

With newsletter deadlines, this is likely the last newsletter article before the US Open. The next

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article deadline will be before the tournament, but you will receive this Newsletter after it is over. The town is anticipating having some "Open House" meetings this spring to inform residences of some of the details surrounding the event. The best way to stay informed and find out about the meetings is to monitor the town's website at www.erintownship.com. I will continue to be involved in the public safety aspects of the plan for the event.

Roads Report by Dan Coffey

First and foremost, the Road team would like to thank everyone for putting up with snow and ice on the roads. We strive to keep the roads clear but sometimes nature has other plans. We appreciate it when oncoming vehicle traffic moves over as far as possible when meeting the plows. Twice in the last two years, vehicles have run into our plows causing serious damage to the vehicles and people. The Town of Erin is lucky to have dedicated plow drivers willing to go out at all times of the day or night to keep the roads open with a goal of keeping everyone as safe as possible.

Snow plows need room to push the snow off the road and into the right-of-way. The Town of Erin does have to cut back brush and trees to keep rightof-ways open for snow plowing on a yearly basis. Open right-of-ways are also a safety issue. Everyone has a better chance of seeing that deer if the brush is cut back.

I would like to share with everyone state statutes regarding right-of-ways. This is a quote from the Wisconsin Towns Association December issue. "<u>Wis. Stat. \$ 86.021 (3) requires a landowner to get</u> permission from the town before a person can plant <u>a tree within 10 feet of the right-of-way.</u>" If you would like to read all the state statutes, you can google "Wisconsin State Statues 86" for the complete PDF document. It is important to consider



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the adult size of any tree or shrub when planting near the right-of-way.

We had the following guests attend a special roads meeting on Jan 10,2017 to address the USGA open traffic flow.

Scott Schmidt, Washington County Hwy Commissioner Dale Schmidt, Washington County Sheriff Martin Schulteis, Washington County Sheriff Art Baumann, Wisconsin DOT John Morrissett, Erin Hills Competition Director Eric Steimer, USGA Championship Manager

We do not have all the details regarding traffic patterns and road restrictions for the US open yet. The above group has put together a plan and will be sharing the details soon.

Zoning Office by Patti Weix

We often get calls asking, "How many animals can I have on my property?" By animals we mean livestock or fowl other than pets (dogs and cats) that are typically kept for breeding, boarding, production or agriculture for sale, or for pleasure. The number of livestock animals you may have depends on the size of your property.

The State agricultural code regulates properties of 35 acres or more. The Town allows properties between 5 and 35 acres *one livestock unit for every two acres of land*. No livestock animals or fowl are permitted on properties less than 5 acres except by Town approval with a conditional use permit which may be obtained through the Plan Commission. A *livestock unit* is:

•One cow or steer or horse

•Two pigs or hogs or sheep or goats or llamas •Five fowl

You can see there are a variety of combinations. For example, if your property is 15.5 acres you may have seven horses or 14 sheep or 35 fowl. If you have 4.6 acres you may not have any livestock animals unless by conditional use permit. If you have 5 acres you may have two horses or four pigs or 10 chickens.

Why is there a limit of one livestock unit per two acres with a five-acre minimum? Livestock are supported by the land on which they live. They need room to feed, graze and exercise. Accessory structures are needed to house the animals. The size and number of structures depends on the size of the property. Also, space is needed to maintain clean, safe animal waste management so as not to adversely affect the surrounding water sources. A reasonable limit on the number of animals kept on a property helps to maintain our good property values in the Town.

If you need more information or realize that you currently have more animals than are allowed for the size of your property, please contact the Zoning Office which is open Tuesdays, 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm and Thursdays, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Erin Park, by Maureen Fitzsimmons-Vanden Heuvel

On Saturday November 12, 2016, three names were added to the Erin Veterans Monument in a dedication ceremony at 11 a.m. at the Erin Town Hall. They included: <u>Rueben H. Beine</u> - Army/Cold War, <u>Lenore J. Deerr</u> – Army/WW II and <u>Byron C.</u> <u>M. Deerr</u>, III – Air Force/Vietnam.

State Commander Michael Eggleston of the Department of Wisconsin Veterans of Foreign Wars led the ceremony and during his remarks stated that there are currently 159 names on the memorial, and that the Town of Erin is the only Veterans Memorial in Washington County that honors both living and deceased veterans. The Wreath Laying was done by Mary Millikin, Retired Lieutenant Commander - Navy. Escort, Honor Guard, Salute and Firing Squad duties were performed by Veterans of Foreign Wars - Hartford Post 8834, American Legion – Hartford Post 19 and United Vietnam Veterans of Hartford and taps was played by Brandon Stachura—a role he has kindly done for several years now. We are so grateful to all who made this ceremony so meaningful, Please see Parks, page 12



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Erin School District, by Kieth

A. Kriewaldt, District Administrator



Per policy 185.1 –

Standing Committees, the Erin School Board has four standing committees: <u>Buildings & Grounds</u>, <u>Policy/Legislation & Bylaws</u>, and <u>Finance-</u> <u>Transportation</u>, and <u>Negotiations</u>. Here is more information about each committee and an update.

Buildings and Grounds—This committee shall consist of at least one but no more than two Board members and three to five community members with building or trade knowledge. It shall be the responsibility of this committee to review the need for improvements in buildings and grounds. This committee will make recommendations for action by the Board. The committee meets 2-3 times a year to assist in project review. While reviewing many possible projects, the committee is looking into some heating and air conditioning upgrades/ replacements for parts of our building. We are dealing with repairs to our heating system of our original building. We are working with a company to assist us in the planning, purchasing, installing, and training of the new system. If all goes as planned, the committee hopes to make a recommendation to the Board by May 2017 and have the project completed by the start of the 2018-19 school year.

Finance Committee—This committee shall consist of at least one but no more than two Board members. It shall be the responsibility of this committee to help prepare the annual budget, discuss financial needs of the District, and to negotiate the transportation contract. This committee will make recommendations for action by the Board. The committee meets 2-3 times a year or more if needed. Currently the committee is working to keep the district on solid financial ground and avoid short term borrowing. The committee oversees the investment strategies of district assets and advises the district administrator on the annual budget details.

Policy, Legislation and Bylaw Commit-

tee—This committee shall consist of at least one but no more than two Board members and not more than three community members. It shall be the responsibility of this committee to propose new or amended policies and become involved in responding to legislative activities. It shall also be the responsibility of this committee to conduct an on-going review of the policy manual. This committee will make recommendations for action by the Board. The committee meets monthly during the school year. The committee is reviewing all Board policies and cross referencing them to state and federal law.

Negotiation Committee—This committee shall consist of two Board members. It shall be the responsibility of this committee to negotiate with the Erin Teacher's Association (ETA). This committee will make recommendations for action by the Board. The committee will meet with the ETA at the end of the school year to negotiate the increase in base wage.

If you are willing to serve on a committee and would like to be considered, please contact the district administrator or school board president.

School Operation by Donna Runte, District Secretary/Administrative Assistant

4K and 5K Registration—4K and 5K registration is now taking place. If your child will be 4 or 5 years old on or before September 1, 2017, and is not currently attending Erin School, please see our website for a registration form, or stop by the office to pick one up. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Runte at 262-673-3720 ext. 4105 or <u>runte@erinschool.org</u>

Open Enrollment – February 1 thru April 28, 2017—The open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend school districts other than the one in which they live. Students in 5-year-old kindergarten to grade 12 may apply to participate in open enrollment. Open enrollment for 4-year-old kindergar-



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ten and early childhood education is limited. Please contact Donna Runte to find out if your preschoolaged children qualify for open enrollment.

How and when parents may apply? The open enrollment application period for the 2017-18 school year is from February 1 thru April 28, 2017. *Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.* Parents may apply on-line during the application period at <u>http://dpi.wi.gov/open-</u> <u>enrollment</u>. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact us.

For more information, please contact Donna Runte, at Erin School at 262-673-3720 ext. 4105 or <u>runte@erinschool.org</u> or visit <u>http://</u> <u>dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment</u>.

Child Find—Erin School District is required to locate, identify, and evaluate all children with disabilities, including children with disabilities attending private schools in the school district, and homeless children. If you have concerns regarding your child, please contact the school at 262-673-3720.

Athletics, by Andrew Andress, Athletic Director

The Girls basketball season concluded in mid-December. This year, 29 girls in 5th - 8th grade competed on three different teams. Our 7th grade team won the Consolation bracket at Lake Country on December 15th. Erin School successfully hosted the girls AMSAC tournament on December 12 - 15. The tournament held extra special significance as our 8th grade girls were the Conference Champions! They defeated Swallow 32-26 in the final game before a full gym making lots of noise in a great basketball atmosphere. The young ladies finished the season with an 11 - 3 record.

The Boys basketball started up on January 3rd with 40 young men slated to play in grades 5th - 8th. We continue to be proud of all our parents and athletes and their competitive fight and great sportsmanship.

Go Roadrunners!

Building and Grounds, by Debra Fenney, Director

The District is slowly completing projects such as replacing two sections of the rubber roofs that are over 30 years old and a hallway floor replacement. Both projects will be completed in July and August of this year. We are looking at heating and air conditioning upgrades as talked about by the District Administrator in his section. The building and grounds will be used by the USGA during the month of June. While we will contain control of the building and grounds, the property will be closed to the public from June 12th through the 18th. We will be accepting phone calls.

Book Keeper, by Cheryl Johrendt

Erin School District has been fortunate to receive many generous donations consisting of time, monetary and technology. All donations assist in helping to reduce the overall operating expense of the District.

Community members can donate in a variety of ways. Time and talent – we love the extra help in areas such as classroom, copy room or the many school projects that arise throughout the year.

Any monetary donation the district receives is placed into a gift fund. The funds in that account are used specifically for items that are not planned for in the operating budget. Examples include but are not limited to, school wide assemblies, unique materials/projects or assisting a student whose family is unable to pay for a field trip. If you would like to see a classroom receive a specific item(s), we can work with your donation to fulfill that wish.

Did you upgrade your technology over the holiday season? Donated Kindles or Tablets are a wonderful addition and enhance the quality of learning.

All items donated will be acknowledged with a receipt from the district that can be used for tax reporting purposes.



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If you would like further information on how you can donate to our school, feel free to contact either myself or Kieth Kriewaldt.

Volunteer Program by Sophie Matthys

How can you volunteer at your local school?

Stop by the front office and talk with our receptionist. The Volunteer Program at Erin School is being handled by the front office. The program continues to invite parents and community members to volunteer. We have 35 volunteers either doing projects from home or coming into the school. We have many new faces this year along with those who have been coming in year after year. All areas of the school are being helped by the program and the staff is grateful for all the assistance. We welcome the Erin community to volunteer at school. There are many areas to volunteer and many ways to volunteer. For more information, or if you are interested in volunteering, feel free to contact Sophie Matthys – <u>Matthys@erinschool.org</u> or calling 673-3720.

Volunteer Grant Programs

Do you volunteer at Erin School? Did you know volunteer grants are charitable gifts given to nonprofit organizations by corporations in recognition of volunteer work being done by a company's employees? Check with your employer if they participate and consider Erin School as your non-profit organization.

Other Ways to Volunteer?

The district collects various items which we redeem for cash. You can help the school by:

• Dropping off Box Tops for Education

• If you like to shop on amazon.com make sure to shop on amazonsmile.com and select Erin School District as your charitable organization. Amazon donates 0.5% of qualifying purchases to our school. Donation for our playground via our Go Fund Me page, <u>https://www.gofundme.com/</u>

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U.S. Open at Erin Hills by Eric Steimer

During the week of June 12-18, 2017, the United States Golf Association (USGA) will conduct the 117th U.S. Open Championship on the grand stage of Erin Hills and in the State of Wisconsin for the first time. The championship will welcome the world's greatest players vying for the coveted trophy that has been given to the champion since 1895. The USGA will provide the ultimate, most comprehensive test in golf to identify the best of the best, with past champions



including Bob Jones, Ben Hogan, Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Tiger Woods and Wisconsin's own Andy North. The U.S. Open is one of the preeminent worldwide golf events, delivering the most memorable moments in golf history. The USGA and Erin Hills are honored to welcome U.S. Open fans back to the Midwest, as we await Erin Hills' moment to make history!

The USGA and Erin Hills are mindful that the surrounding communities and region will have many questions about the 2017 U.S. Open Championship relating to ticket sales, volunteering, parking and transportation, lodging and more. Erin Hills and other partnering agencies are collaborating with the USGA Championship staff on these important issues. As plans are completed and implemented, these partnering agencies will report to the public via websites, newsletters, social media platforms and other various media channels including print and broadcast. You will also be able to find regular updates on the spectator and fan experience, and the competition, at <u>usopen.com</u>.

The USGA has developed a Town of Erin resident update to help answer many of the questions Erin Hills, Town of Erin officials and the USGA are receiving on a daily basis within the local community. It is our collective hope that this update provides Erin residents and businesses with a better understanding of the championship's scope and the timing of when pertinent plans and information – such as the parking and transportation plan – will be finalized and fully communicated. A copy of the Town of Erin resident update can be requested by contacting the USGA Championship Office at <u>2017usopen@usga.org</u> or by calling (262) 314-0069.

Erin Hills and the USGA are thankful for the support we have received from the local community and residents within the Town of Erin. As we begin looking ahead to June 2017, we are all very excited to be writing a new chapter in golf history!





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Erin Soccer by Marilyn Litts Secretary/Treasurer

Our soccer players have been hibernating the last few months after a very fun and exciting fall

season and are very eager to get back out on the fields. Erin Soccer's Spring Season will be getting under way with practices starting the end of March (weather permitting) and games will begin Saturday, April 15th.

Looking for something to do on a Saturday morning? Stop up at the fields on a Saturday morning and enjoy a hamburger and a drink from the Snack Shack while catching a game!!

Registration will open for the 2017/2018 season on May 15th, 2017. Erin Soccer Club is a recreational club and is open to ALL children aged 4 to 13 years old regardless of school or community. Soccer has a split season: Fall and Spring. Our U7-U14 players will play 8 games in the Fall (September/October) and 7-8 games in the Spring (April/May). We also have a U6 (Under 6 years old). At this age, the children will have 1 practice a week, but no games. Our coaches are parent volunteers that attend coach training classes. They will teach your child proper soccer techniques to help your child learn the game of soccer, get some exercise and most importantly have fun.

Visit our website for details and to register beginning May 15th.



We are excited to announce

the return of our SUMMER SOCCER CAMP run by Challenger Sports and British Soccer Camps. Camp is open to any child interested in playing soccer. Camp this year will run July 26th through

the 30th. We will be offering the following sessions this year: Mini Kickers 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm - Ages 3-5

Half Day Program 9 am – Noon - Ages 6-14



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Full Day Program 9 am – 4pm – Ages 8-14

More information can be found on our website including a link to Challenger Sports and camp pricing. Signup will also begin on May 15th through our website. We will be offering early drop-off beginning at 7:30 at no extra charge so parents can get to work.

Looking for referees... if you have a child that is 12 years or older, looking to earn a little money and interested in being a referee, please send us an email. We have classes that are held each spring and summer

to get them certified so they can earn a little cash!!

Erin Soccer Contact Information: Website: erinsoccer.com Email: erinsoccerclub@gmail.com Facebook: Erin Soccer Club



Looking forward to another great season and seeing you up at the soccer fields!!!

Erin Baseball by Fran Kerrigan



It's that time of year to thank everybody for last year's participation

and to start thinking about the 2017 season! Registration has begun, and we hope to have teams organized early so coaches can begin to formulate their practice schedules. We're hoping to do more this year with spirit wear options for everyone.

The season will start on May 22^{nd} and be done by the week of July 17th, with the exception of T-ball and the $1^{st}/2^{nd}$ levels, which always start and end later. We will keep you posted on that front. "AAA" (7th/8th) and "A" (3rd/4th) will be playing primarily on Mondays and Wednesdays, and "AA" (5th/6th) and T-ball and $1^{st}/2^{nd}$ will be playing primarily on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Weather/makeup games will be played as the

schedule permits. We will work closely with Erin Soccer and Hartford United to prevent as much schedule conflict with soccer as possible. Due to the U.S. Open at Erin Hills and their use of the park the week of June 12th, there will be away games only that week. Actual game scheduling is out of our hands but we will have the schedules out as soon as possible.

We are looking to replace the Board of Directors after this season so if you're interested, please let us know so you can begin with some involvement in meetings and efforts this season as well.

Check out our website, <u>www.erinbaseballclub.com</u>, for the registration link if you haven't received one already by email for returning players. We would love to have uniforms ordered as far in advance as we can. We're looking forward to seeing everyone at the park this spring and summer!

37th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade by Jeff Kraft

First of all, a big "Thank You" to all the spectators attending last year who respected requests to stay off the road during the Parade. This resulted in one of the smoothest running events ever. This is a HUGH improvement over previous years, very encouraging to organizers/volunteers/police/ sponsors, and critical to ensuring that the Parade can continue. This will be especially important in 2017.

I've been contacted by representatives of Fox Sports World News. They've expressed interest in filming this year's Parade, footage of which would air during the broadcast of the U. S. Open. Details will still have to be worked out, but this is a very real possibility. How wild would it be to have the whole world watch our Parade! As always, the Parade will be on March 17th, a Friday this year, and will start at the intersection of County E and County K at 11:00 am sharp. It will proceed south on County K to the intersection of County K and Highway 167 where it ends.

Parking along County K will be limited to passenger vehicles and light trucks. Recreational vehicles, campers, trailers, motor homes, buses, etc. will be



directed where to park by the Parade volunteers. No temporary structures (tents, etc.) will be permitted along the Parade route.

Prize money may be awarded to the best entrants in each of three different categories: Best Antique, Best Animal, and the all-inclusive Judge's Choice. All participants MUST fill out an entry form no unregistered walk-ins permitted.

Entry forms can be obtained at the Erin Town Hall, 1846 Highway 83, Hartford WI 53027; 262-673-3682, at<u>www.erintownship.com</u> or by calling Jeff at 262-397-6942.

We can always use more volunteers to help with parking, road management and clean-up after the Parade. Help us if you can.

St. Patrick Preservation, by Maureen Fitzsimmons-Vanden Heuvel

In mid-November, Gehl Company started some headstone repair at Old St. Patrick Cemetery. The St. Patrick Preservation Group will also resume its work in spring to upload headstone photos of Old St. Patrick Cemetery for interested genealogists.

When we went to press, no final decision had been made on the annual Mass at 162-year old St. Patrick's Church on March 17, 2017 – the Feast Day of St. Patrick. Stay tuned for postcards and signs.

There are only eight copies of the St. Patrick 150th Anniversary Booklet left—lovingly written by Nancy Collins Henke and her daughter Mary Hasslinger. To secure one of these historic booklets before they are all gone, you can e-mail Mary Hasslinger at <u>mary.weddingday@att.net</u>.

For continued updates on the St. Patrick Preservation Fund, please visit our web site at <u>www.savestpatrick.com</u>.



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State Commander Michael Eggleston and other veterans of the Department of Wisconsin Veterans of Foreign Wars

especially for those families in attendance, and we thank all of our current and former Town of Erin veterans for their service to our country.

If you know of a veteran either living or deceased and a current or former resident of Erin Township, who has not been honored, please contact the Erin Town Clerk, Julie Kriewaldt for information.



Lenore Deerr & Byron Deerr



Rueben Beine's Family





Erin Veterans' Monument



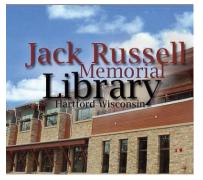
Retired LCDR Mary Millikin



Jack Russell Memorial Library by

Jennifer Einwalter

The Jack Russell Memorial Library at 100 Park Avenue in downtown Hartford invites all Erin residents to visit the Library to check out the variety of materials and



programs that are available to patrons of all ages. The Library is open Monday through Thursday from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm, Fridays from 10:00 am to 5:30 pm, and on Saturdays from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. Library cards are issued free of charge to Erin residents by providing a photo ID and current address.

We are pleased to announce the JRML has a new Assistant Director/Youth Services Librarian. Please give a warm welcome to Jessica Kuderer!! She grew up in the City of Hartford and is a graduate of Hartford Union High School. Her path to librarianship began when she started working for the Hartford Public Library as a Summer Library Program Assistant.

Jessica recently graduated from UW-Milwaukee with her Masters in Library Science. She has worked at the Jack Russell Memorial Library since 2011 when she started off as a Children's Summer Reading Program Assistant. She continued to work at the library each summer until she finished her Bachelor's Degree from UW -Oshkosh in December 2014. Jessica was then hired on as a part-time library aide. During this time, she was still an integral part of the children's department, helping with programming and story times when needed. In October 2016, Jessica took on the role as Youth Services Interim Librarian as the library underwent the process of searching for and hiring

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Schauer Arts Center by Roxanne Daly

Next Generation Leahy Added to 2016-17 Schauer Performing Arts Series

The Schauer Arts Center is excited to announce the addition of the Next Generation Leahy to its 2016-17 Performing Arts Series. This remarkably talented family will perform on Saturday, April 1, 2017 at 2:00 and 7:30 pm as part of the First National Bank Mainstage Series. Though still in



elementary school, the children of the Leahy family are all accomplished multi-instrumentalists, vocalists, and dancers. Led by patriarch Doug Leahy (of worldrenowned Canadian folk group The Leahy Family), live performances are filled with high-energy, infectious, Celtic-based music paying tribute to the Leahy family heritage.



This performance will feature fiddle, cello, French accordion, and piano, along with French-Canadian step-dancing and vocals. Next Generation Leahy will be performing in the place of the Willis Clan, in light of their recently canceled tour.

"We're more than excited to welcome this group to our line-up," says executive director Joe Konrad. "The Leahy Family performed at the Schauer four years ago and it was an instant sell-out. We expect that the



next generation of Leahys will be just as talented." Tickets are on sale now.

Other upcoming shows include:

- Sweet Dreams & Honky Tonks, Music and Lives of Country's Biggest Stars, on Sunday, Jan. 22, 2017 at 2:30 pm & 7:30 pm
- The Wonder Bread Years, Starring John McGivern, on Friday, Jan. 27, 2017 at 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm and Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017 at 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm
- Random Acts of Comicality 2017, The Hartford Players, on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 3-4, & Friday, Feb. 10 2017 at 8:00 pm and Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017 at 2:00 pm
- *The Man in the Arena*, The Story of Teddy Roosevelt, on Friday, Feb. 17, 2017 at 7:30 pm
- Yesterday & Today, An Interactive Beatles Experience, on Saturday, Mar. 18, 2017 at 3:00 pm & 7:30 pm
- The Next Generation Leahy, High-Energy Celtic Song & Dance, on Saturday Apr. 1, 2017 at 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm
- *Four Guyz in Dinner Jackets*, Everything Old is New Again, on Saturday Apr. 8, 2017 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, Apr. 9, 2017 at 2:00 pm

For more information and a full list of shows, visit SchauerCenter.org/1617. To purchase tickets, stop by the Schauer Center Box Office Monday through Friday from 11:30 am to 5:30 pm and Saturday from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm at 147 N. Rural Street in Hartford. You can also order by phone at 262-670-0560, ext. 3 or online at SchauerCenter.org.

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a new Assistant Director/Youth Services Librarian.

Jessica is very excited to start this new role at the library. The Hartford community and the JRML families she has served over the last $5\frac{1}{2}$ years are the ones that inspired her to become a Youth Services Librarian in the first place. In the coming years, Jessica hopes to pay back some of the inspiration, excitement, and joy that the community and JRML families have given her.

Upcoming Programs for Children and their families:

Valentines' Day Party – Wednesday, February 8 – 3:30 pm-4:30 pm – no registration required Prepare for Valentine's Day by making some Valentine's Day related crafts, playing some games and more! Children of all ages are welcome to attend.

Life-Size Games – Monday, March 27 – Wednesday, March 29 – All Day – no registration required We've brought some of your favorite games to life and super-sized them! Play life-size versions of fun games like Jenga, Pac-Man (played in a group) and checkers.

Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt – Monday, April 2 – Friday, April 14 - no registration required Get ready for Easter by going on an egg hunt in the library! Each age group will have their own color eggs to look for. Pick up a scavenger hunt sheet at the Children's desk and start searching!

Please like our Facebook Page, Jack Russell Memorial Library, for program announcements and other information about the Library. The drive thru book return on the East side of the building is always open for dropping materials off. More detailed information on all our weekly programs is available at the Library or on our website at www.hartforlibrary.org . Please call us at 262-673-8240 for more information.

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